



2024 JOHN L. BRYAN GRA AWARD

Call for Application

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP POSITION FOR INCOMING MASTER OF SCIENCE STUDENTS VIA JOHN L. BRYAN CHAIR

The John L. Bryan Chair endowment provides support for one or two Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA) every year. The support is provided to outstanding, incoming Master of Science (MS) students, domestic or international, in the UMD Department of Fire Protection Engineering (FPE) and is awarded on a competitive basis. Incoming students are defined as **students who start their MS program in Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Winter 2025 or Spring 2025.**

In 2024, we anticipate offering one John L. Bryan GRA Award. The support will go to one individual who has already applied or will be applying to the FPE MS program. Identification of a research project and a MS Thesis Faculty advisor is welcome but is not required. The recipient of the John L. Bryan GRA Award is expected to complete his/her proposed research project under the supervision of members of the Faculty of the FPE Department. Because of a possible delay between the time of the announcement of the Awards (March 2024) and the start of the MS program (possibly as late as Spring 2025), changes to the original plan submitted by the Awardee may be allowed (*e.g.*, changes in the proposed research area, the start date of the MS program, *etc*); in that case, changes need to be authorized by the FPE Director of Graduate Studies.

The John L. Bryan GRA Awards include standard tuition credits (up to 25), health benefits, and a stipend (\$42,566). The duration of the support is up to 12 months. Mandatory fees are not covered by the Awards (see <http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/> for details regarding these fees). A requirement in the Award is that the Awardee agrees to serve as Teaching Assistant for one course during both the Fall and Spring terms (1/2 TA positions).

Interested applicants should provide a one-page statement of purpose explaining their interest in the MS degree program in general and in fire research in particular. Applicants should also provide an updated résumé. Applications should be submitted via email to Dr. Arnaud Trouvé, Professor and Chair in the FPE Department (atrouve@umd.edu). The deadline for application is **Friday February 23, 2024**. A decision on the recipient of the 2024 John L. Bryan GRA Award will be made by March 4.