# Internal Grants & Awards
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## JAMES L. CARMON SCHOLARSHIP

**Award Description and Eligibility**
- An academic year scholarship awarded to a graduate student whose dissertation/thesis research reflects state-of-the-art utilization of computer and/or networking technology in the sciences or creative arts. The scholarship is intended to support the recipient's education at UGA.
- In memory of Dr. James L. Carmon, a UGA faculty member for 36 years, who helped advance computer research and development at the university.
- Prize: $4,000 scholarship
- Eligibility: Full-time graduate students in good standing will be considered. The recipient must have completed two semesters of graduate school and have selected a thesis/dissertation research project at the time of application.

**Nomination Procedures**
- Departments may nominate up to two candidates through their graduate coordinators.
- Graduate coordinators should submit nominations via UGA's InfoReady Portal using the James L. Carmon Scholarship Nomination Form.
- Final nominations must be submitted to the Office of Research by **the third Tuesday in September annually, 11:59 p.m.**

**Required Nomination Materials**
1. Nomination abstract constructed as follows: **1)** Summary statement of project in layperson terms (1-2 sentences); **2)** Succinctly describe the computational aspects of the research and how they go beyond the state-of-the-art in computer or networking technologies (1-3 sentences); **3)** Succinctly describe the significance to both the field specifically and society in general (1-3 sentences).
2. A letter of nomination from the departmental graduate coordinator.
3. Brief description of thesis/dissertation research. Each candidate will write a one- to two-page description of his/her proposed thesis or dissertation research that should clearly identify the innovative computational use involved and *must explain why it is particularly innovative in the applicant's field.* Candidates need to make their proposal clear to a large audience of non-experts in the field. **Important:** The review committee is comprised of members with broad expertise *so applicants need to explain their research in layperson terms that those outside the field will understand.*
4. Two letters of recommendation, including a letter from the research director committing the resources to complete the proposed research.
5. Nominee's curriculum vitae
6. Graduate transcripts. Copies/unofficial accepted. *(Uploaded separately in the submission form.)*

**Evaluation and Selection Process**
- Nomination packages are reviewed by a committee of faculty.

- The selection committee will look for originality, creativity and productivity.  Factors to be considered will also include the scope and difficulty of the research, degree of innovation and independent thought, development of new ideas, techniques and methodology, and the significance of the candidate's research to his or her field.
- In particular, a novel application of hardware/software or significant design/ development of software/hardware are both equally valued and given much greater emphasis than a conventional use of off-the-shelf products.
- Preference is given to applicants who are beginning their core thesis/dissertation work and have adequate background or previous relevant experience to conduct their research.

**Contact for questions:** ovprip@uga.edu

*Office of Research strongly supports diversity in all its programs. Nominations of women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged. Nominators should ensure that nominees reflect unit diversity.*