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JSA Awards Graduate Fellowships for Research at Jefferson Lab

Washington, DC – Jefferson Sciences Associates announced today the award of seven JSA/Jefferson Lab graduate fellowships. The doctoral students will use the fellowships to support their advanced studies at their universities and conduct research at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) – a U.S. Department of Energy nuclear physics laboratory managed and operated by JSA.

The 2013-2014 fellowship winners include:

Shloka Chandavar, Ohio University; Kenneth Hicks, Advisor
Melissa Cummings, College of William and Mary; Todd Averett, Advisor
Chao Gu, University of Virginia; Nilanga Liyanage, Advisor
John Hardin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Michael Williams, Advisor
Christian Shultz, Old Dominion University; Jozef Dudek, Advisor
Ye Tian, University of South Carolina; Ralf Gothe, Advisor
Yong Zhao, University of Maryland; Xiangdong Ji, Advisor

The students' research proposals cover a broad scientific spectrum, including experimental physics and theoretical physics. Shultz is a repeat JSA fellowship recipient who currently is completing the 2012-13 academic year at Jefferson Lab.

JSA/JLab fellowship recipients attend universities that are members of the Southeastern Universities Research Association, a consortium of more than 60 leading research universities. SURA built and operated Jefferson Lab, before becoming a partner of Jefferson Science Associates.

The SURA Board of Trustees first established the fellowship program in 1989. Since the program's inception, over 170 fellowships have been awarded to students from 20 different SURA member universities. The JSA/JLab Graduate Fellowship Program, which is managed by Elizabeth Lawson, SURA/JSA, is now supported by the JSA Initiatives Fund.

Each \$12,000 fellowship award contributes to the student's research assistant stipend and is matched by support from the home institution. An additional \$2,000 is available for research-related travel for the student during the fellowship period.

The committee that reviewed and selected this year's fellowship winners was chaired by JSA Board Director Elizabeth Beise from the University of Maryland. Other committee members included: Hari Areti, Jefferson Lab;



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Edward Brash, Christopher Newport University; Paul Eugenio, Florida State University; Jerry Gilfoyle, University of Richmond; George Lolos, University of Regina; and, Zein-Eddine Meziani, Temple University.

“We are pleased with the quality of the proposals submitted by students who are focused on the experimental and theoretical research programs at the Jefferson Lab as they continue their coursework. The fellowship program provides opportunities for these young researchers to enhance their academic studies with direct experience with mentors and scientists at the Lab,” said Beise.

JSA President and Jefferson Lab Director Hugh Montgomery noted, “We are pleased that we continue to attract the best and brightest students in our field to spend time at Jefferson Lab. During the year, these young researchers will become fully immersed in their research and will tap into the unique capabilities of the Lab. JSA’s continued support for the Graduate Fellowship Program has contributed to the Lab’s achievement of producing about one-third of the U.S. Ph.D.’s in nuclear physics each year. Also, importantly, we are helping to educate and train the next generation of science leaders and increase science literacy in society and to advance knowledge of the structure of matter.”

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*About the **JSA Initiatives Fund**. JSA established the JSA Initiatives Fund to support programs, initiatives, and activities that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab in ways that complement its basic and applied research focus. Initiatives Fund awards are for those projects that benefit the Lab user community and that leverage commitments of others. The annual commitment is administered by SURA for the JSA Programs Committee. For more information, visit <http://www.jsallc.org/index.html>.*

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