Benjamin Ph.D. Fellowship

The College of Engineering at Montana State University is pleased to request applications for Ph.D. fellowships made possible by the generosity of the William Benjamin Estate Gift. Mr. Benjamin's donation provides for up to three annual fellowships to new or continuing Ph.D. students in any discipline of engineering or computer science. Award amounts are $15,000 per year from the endowment, with an additional $5,000 match to be provided by other sources, which may include the student's advisor or home department.

**Eligibility:**
Students must be new or continuing Ph.D. students within any discipline at MSU's College of Engineering, and their time must be dedicated primarily towards pursuing their degree. Awards are made for one year only. Students may apply for a second year, but no student will receive more than two awards. If the applicant is a new Ph.D. student, receipt of the fellowship is contingent upon admission into the College of Graduate Studies and a COE Ph.D. program.

**Application Process:**
Students who are new to the program must submit a complete graduate school application (includes TOEFL, GRE, transcripts, 3 letters of recommendation and required fees) prior to or along with the fellowship application. Continuing students should submit only the fellowship information. All applicants must prepare and submit the following information:

1. Essay of up to 4 pages describing your research interests, prior research activities (if applicable), and career goals. Include information on how you became interested in your research topic. If you have no direct research experience, list the experiences and activities you have that you believe have prepared you to undertake research. List any publications and/or presentations made on your research.

2. A CV or resume describing your prior background.

3. A letter of support from an MSU engineering/computer science faculty member. This letter must include the source of the $5,000 match to the fellowship. If at all possible, it should also identify the source and amount of funding for the remainder of the student's graduate program.

For awards to be made in academic year 2007-2008, applications must be received by March 17, 2008. Students should submit their materials to their faculty contact. The packets should then be delivered to Nicole Simon, College of Engineering, 212 Roberts Hall.

**Selection Process:**
Applications will be reviewed by a committee representing the Ph.D. program options with the college and prioritized based upon the material provided. This will take place within two weeks of the above deadline. Students selected will then be notified, and will have two weeks to accept or decline.