

## 2012 Graduate Research Excellence Awards

Graduate Research Excellence Awards (GREAs) promote scholarly research publications of graduate students in peer-reviewed main-stream scientific journals and conference proceedings. To ensure a fair and transparent selection process, The GREA Selection Committee consisting of seven faculty members with expertise covering the major research areas of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering conducted a rigorous assessment of all applications. A selection criterion was developed and used to assess all applications. Each application was assessed by all GREA Selection Committee members *independently* and the seven scores from the seven GREA Selection Committee members on each application were compiled by administration staff members of the Department to generate the final averaged score of the application. To avoid the conflict of interest, committee members were not allowed to rank their own students. The applications were then ranked based on their final score.

It is my great pleasure to announce the winners of 2012 Graduate Research Excellence Awards:

1. 2012 GREA winners in MAsc. category (alphabetical order)

- 1) **Guangyu Zhu**
- 2) **Richa Siddavaatam**

2. 2012 GREA winners in PhD. category (alphabetical order)

- 1) **Alaa Abdullah**
- 2) **Barry Vuong**
- 3) **Chandrabhanu Kankanamagle**
- 4) **Chengliang Huang**
- 5) **Joseph Santarcangelo**
- 6) **Mohamed Elalem**
- 7) **Mohammadreza Balouchestani**
- 8) **Mehrnaz Shokrollahi**
- 9) **Ning Zhu**
- 10) **Naimul Khan**
- 11) **Peter He**
- 12) **Peng Yu**
- 13) **Reza Ghaffari**

- 14) Sattar Hussain**
- 15) Venkata Yaramasu**
- 16) Xiaoming Nan**
- 17) Yushi Zhou**
- 18) Zhibing Xie**

Each winner will receive \$2500 from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

On behalf of the Department, I thank you and your research supervisor(s) for your hard work and contributions to the Department and the University!

Congratulations to all 2012 GREA winners and keep up the excellent work in research!



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