

# Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship NORTH AMERICA 2021 Official Rules

**1. To Enter.** The Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (the “Program”) is open to PhD students at (i) Carnegie Mellon University, (ii) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (iii) Princeton University, (iv) Rutgers University, (v) Stanford University, (vi) UC Berkeley, (vii) UC Los Angeles, (viii) UC San Diego, (ix) UC Santa Barbara, (x) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (xi) University of Maryland, College Park, (xii) Columbia University in the City of New York, (xiii) University of Southern California, (xiv) Cornell University, (xv) University of Michigan, (xvi) University of Washington, (xvii) California Institute of Technology, (xviii) Georgia Institute of Technology, (xix) University of Texas at Austin, (xx) University of Wisconsin–Madison, (xxi) University of Montreal, (xxii) University of Toronto, (xxiii) Virginia Polytechnic Institute and (xxiv) Purdue University

**2. Sponsor.** The Program is sponsored by Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. headquartered at 5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego, CA 92121 (“Sponsor”).

**3. Application Process.** Fellowships will be awarded to two or more teams of two students with the most innovative proposals and Presentations. Both members of each team must be enrolled in a PhD program for the entire Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 academic year (the “Program Year”). At least one member of each team must be from the Electrical Engineering or Computer Science department or a related department (each an “Entrant”).

To apply for a Fellowship, each team must submit the registration materials described on the Program website at: <http://www.qualcomm.com/innovationfellowship> (the “Website”) by the date specified in the North America region timeline on the Website. Entrants must fully complete the registration materials specified on the Website including, but not limited to, an abstract of the proposed research (collectively, the “Application”). No other method of registration will be accepted.

**4. Selected Teams.** A subset of teams will be selected to move forward to the next phase of the Program. These teams will submit a detailed description of their proposed research which will become part of that team’s Application. Sponsor may request that one or more selected teams respond to written questions seeking clarification regarding that team’s Application (“Clarification Request”). A team receiving a Clarification Request will have one week to respond to the request via email. All responses will become part of the Application of the responding team.

**5. Warranty.** Each Entrant warrants that his/her team’s Application, and Presentation (defined in Para. 4 below), if applicable, will not violate or infringe the rights, including, without limitation, copyrights, trademark rights or rights of publicity/privacy, of any third party, and that all pre-published material used in preparation of the Application and/or Presentation is properly cited.

**6. Intellectual Property.** Preparation of the Application and Presentation may produce ideas that are the intellectual property (“IP”) of the Entrants and/or their universities. Participation in the Program may require disclosure of these ideas to persons who are not under a duty to maintain confidentiality (including Sponsor and the judges). Sponsor reserves the right, but is not obligated, to publish information about the winning Applications and Presentations on its Website or in any other media. If any Entrants are concerned about confidentiality or the protection of IP, they are urged to consider these issues with qualified advisors to make an informed decision before applying.

Any IP generated by the Entrants in the preparation of their Applications and Presentations will be retained by the students and/or university according to the winners’ university policies. The projects of Fellowship winners may be re-evaluated after one year for future funding by Sponsor; however, Sponsor shall have no obligation to provide any future funding or assistance.

Each Entrant acknowledges that Sponsor has a large research and development program with many projects currently in active development or on roadmaps. Each Entrant further acknowledges that Sponsor may already be conducting, or may in the future conduct, research that is similar to the research described in an Application and/or Presentation, and that Sponsor’s right or ability to sell, license, use, exploit, develop or otherwise deal anywhere in any product, technology or service of any kind including those which may be similar to any product, technology or service described in an Application or Presentation shall not be limited or restricted in any way related to or resulting from the Program.

**7. Materials; Transmission.** Application and Presentation materials will not be returned. Sponsor is not responsible for technical, hardware or software malfunctions, lost or unavailable network connections or failed, incorrect, inaccurate, illegible, incomplete, garbled, lost, misdirected, intercepted, late, or delayed Applications, or Applications or other communications not otherwise received by Sponsor, or other technical problems related to Applications or the Website. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant who tampers with the entry process, or who otherwise violates these Official Rules.

**8. Selection and Notification and Finalist.** A subset of teams will be selected as Program finalists (“Finalists”) and notified by the date specified in the timeline on the Website. In Spring 2021, all Finalist teams will be invited to a group event at a designated Sponsor location during which each team will make a presentation of the research described in their Application to a judging panel attended by other Finalists (“Presentation”). Teams may be asked by the judging panel to provide further clarification of points raised during their Presentations. Sponsor will arrange and pay travel expenses for the Finalists’ attendance at the presentation. The date and location will be posted on the Website. Finalists will be asked to sign and return a publicity release in the form provided on the Website.

**9. Selection and Notification of Winners.** All Applications and Presentations will be ranked by a panel of experts consisting of Sponsor researchers whose decisions are final on all matters relating to the Fellowships. Winners will be announced on the Website following the Finalists’ presentations, and notified by email sent to the email addresses specified on each winning team’s Application. The date and location of an awards ceremony will be announced later. Sponsor will arrange and pay travel expenses for winners’ attendance at the awards ceremony.

**10. Fellowship Awards.** Cash awards of \$50,000 per Entrant will be awarded to the university academic departments of the winning students, not to the winning Entrants directly (each a “Fellowship”). These awards may be used to fund the student’s research expenses starting during the Program Year. Sponsor will also provide mentors to the Fellowship winners. Winners may also have the opportunity to participate in collaborative activities and/or internships with Qualcomm Research.

**11. General Conditions.** Sponsor has the right to modify or cancel this Fellowship competition if it cannot be completed as originally contemplated due to a lack of funding or conditions beyond Sponsor’s reasonable control. Sponsor is not responsible for any policies, rules, or actions of the universities that may prevent any student from entering, participating in and/or being selected at any stage of the Program.

By applying to the Program, each Entrants agrees: (i) to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, (ii) to be contacted by Sponsor by telephone, mail or email regarding this Fellowship, (iii) that personal data submitted, including name, mailing address, phone number, email address or any other data provided by the Entrant that can be used to identify or locate a person (“Personal Information”), may

be collected, processed, stored and otherwise used by Sponsor for the purposes of conducting and/or administering the Program and (iv) that the Personal Information may be transmitted, processed, disclosed and/or stored by Sponsor and its affiliates and subcontractors. All personal information that is collected from the Entrant is subject to Qualcomm's privacy policy at <https://www.qualcomm.com/site/privacy>.

All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. The Program is governed by the laws of the state of California. All matters or disputes arising or related to these terms shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts located in San Diego, California.

All Entrants should confirm their acceptance of these Official Rules. If Entrants do not accept any of the terms of the Official Rules contained herein, they should not submit an Application.

By signing below, we accept and agree to abide by the rules for participation in the 2021 Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (North America).

Entrant 1:	Entrant 2:
Name	Name
University	University
Signature	Signature
Date	Date