

# Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship 2015

## Official Rules

1. **To Enter.** The Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (the "Fellowship") 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) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (x) University of Maryland, College Park, (xi) Columbia University in the City of New York, (xii) University of Southern California, (xiii) Cornell University, (xiv) University of Michigan, (xv) University of Washington, (xvi) California Institute of Technology, (xvii) Georgia Institute of Technology, and (xviii) University of Texas at Austin.

Fellowships will be awarded to eight or more teams of two students for submitting the most innovative proposals. Both members of each team must be enrolled in the PhD program for the entire 2015-16 academic year (acceptance into the PhD program starting Fall 2015 is adequate). Thus, each student needs to have begun the PhD program by Fall 2015 and will graduate with PhD after the Spring 2016 semester. At least one of the two team members must be from the Electrical Engineering or Computer Science departments (or related departments).

To apply for the Fellowship, each team must submit the registration materials described on the Fellowship website at: <http://www.qualcomm.com/innovationfellowship> (the "Website") by November 3, 2014 (registration will close at 11:00 pm Pacific Time). Entrants must fully complete the registration materials specified on the Website (collectively the "Application" or "Applications"). No other method of registration will be accepted.

Entrants warrant that their Applications do not violate or infringe the rights, including, without limitation, copyrights, trademark rights or rights of publicity/privacy, of any third party, and that any pre-published material used in the Applications are properly cited.

Preparation of the Application may produce ideas that are the intellectual property ("IP") of the entrants and/or universities. Participation in the Fellowship competition 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 on its Website or in other publications. If any entrants are concerned about the protection of IP in such a setting, they are urged to consider these issues with qualified advisors to make an informed decision before submitting an Application.

Application materials will not be returned. Proof of submission of an Application is not considered proof of delivery or receipt of such Application by Sponsor. 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. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any person who tampers with the entry process, or who otherwise violates these Official Rules.

2. **Sponsor.** This Fellowship is sponsored by Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. headquartered at 5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego, CA 92121.

3. **Cash Awards.** Funds will be awarded to the university academic departments of the winning students, not to the winning entrants directly. The department of each winning student will receive \$50,000 to fund the student's Fellowship and other research expenses starting in the academic year of 2015-2016. Sponsor will also provide mentors to the Fellowship winners, and the winners may have the opportunity to participate in collaborative activities and/or internships with Qualcomm Research.

Any IP generated by the projects of Fellowship winners during the Fellowship period will be retained by the students and/or university according to the winners' university policies. The projects of Fellowship winners will 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 Applicant acknowledges that Sponsor has a large research and development program with many projects currently in active development or on roadmaps. Each Applicant further acknowledges that Sponsor may already be conducting research that is similar to the research described in an Application, and that Sponsor's sponsorship of this Fellowship shall not restrict Sponsor's right or ability to sell, license, use, exploit, develop or otherwise deal anywhere in any product or service of any kind.

Only the advertised number of Fellowships will be awarded. All taxes, including, without limitation, all federal, state and local taxes, and international tariffs, are the sole responsibility of each individual winner.

4. **Winner Selection and Notification.** Finalists will be notified in late December, 2014. Subsequently, each finalist team will make a presentation of their proposals to a judging panel at a Qualcomm location in Santa Clara, San Diego or Bridgewater in Spring 2015. Qualcomm will arrange and provide travel to support the cost of the student finalists' attendance at the presentation of final proposals. The finalists' presentations will be part of the judging criteria. Exact dates will be posted on the Website.

All Applications will be ranked by a panel of experts consisting of Qualcomm R&D researchers whose decisions are final on all matters relating to the Fellowships. Winners will be announced on the Website following the finalists' presentations, and by an email sent to the email addresses specified on each winning team's Application. The date and location of a subsequent awards ceremony may be announced later. Qualcomm will arrange and provide travel for winners' attendance at the awards ceremony. Fellowship winners may be required to sign and return a publicity release, in the form provided by Sponsor.

5. **General Conditions.** Sponsor has the right to modify this Fellowship competition if it cannot be completed as originally contemplated due to conditions beyond Sponsor's control.

By applying for the Fellowship, entrants agree: (i) to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the judges and (ii) to be contacted by Sponsor by telephone, mail or email regarding this Fellowship. All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. The Fellowship competition is governed by the laws of the state of California.