The University of Virginia has been invited by Google to participate in the Google US/Canada PhD Fellowship Program for 2016. Nurturing and maintaining strong relations with the academic community is enormously important to Google, and they will award approximately 15 named fellowships from amongst the following areas:

- Google Fellowship in Computational Neuroscience
- Google Fellowship in Human Computer Interaction
- Google Fellowship in Machine Learning
- Google Fellowship in Machine Perception, Speech Technology and Computer Vision
- Google Fellowship in Market Algorithms
- Google Fellowship in Mobile Computing
- Google Fellowship in Natural Language Processing (including Information Retrieval and Extraction)
- Google Fellowship in Privacy and Security
- Google Fellowship in Programming Technology and Software Engineering
- Google Fellowship in Structured Data and Database Management
- Google Fellowship in Systems and Networking
- Google Fellowship in Operating Systems

The University of Virginia has been invited to nominate 2 students for specific fellowship consideration. Note that the subject areas have changed from recent years to reflect areas of high priority for Google.

**Fellowship Details**

Google will award two-year fellowships consisting of:

- tuition and fees
- $34K yearly stipend (paid over 9 months of the academic year)
- Google Research Mentor
- third year extension possible at Google's discretion

*Applications are not accepted directly from students. Each eligible university is invited to submit a maximum of two student nominations for fellowship consideration.*
Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered for the 2016 Google U.S./Canada PhD Fellowship Program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Full-time graduate students pursuing a PhD in the research areas represented by the fellowships
- Must attend one of the eligible schools and universities. Student must remain enrolled in the PhD program or forfeit the fellowship award
- Must be nominated by their department
- Must have completed their graduate coursework in the PhD program and be embarking on or continuing their graduate research in the fall of 2016
- Students who are already receiving another fellowship are not eligible

Application Process and Requirements

Application Materials to Include with Submission:

For each student nomination, the university will be asked to submit:

- name of fellowship for which student is being considered (can be found above)
- student CV
- transcript of current and previous academic records
- research/dissertation proposal (recommended length 4-5 pages, no longer than 8)
- 2-3 letters of recommendation from those familiar with the nominee's work (at least one coming from the thesis advisor)

Internal Review:

An internal review committee will evaluate the materials submitted for the University’s internal nomination process and select a nominee based upon the relevant application review criteria.

Deadlines:

Materials for the internal nomination process are due to VPR by Nov. 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Electronic submission to http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/upload.html is required. Applications received after the 11/15/15 deadline will not be considered. We anticipate announcing the selected nominee by Nov. 30, 2015.

Final Submission:

The Universality of Virginia will then submit the application materials Directly to Google U.S./Canada by 5:00 p.m. December 01, 2015.

Each eligible university is invited to submit a maximum of two student nominations for fellowship consideration. Note that given that the fellowship areas overlap, we may choose a different fellowship for your nomination.

Committees of distinguished engineers and researchers from within Google will be reviewing all applications. Students may be invited for an in-person interview following the initial review.
Fellowship recipients will be announced in **February of 2016**. For more information on previous Google Fellowship recipients, please see [Google U.S./Canada PhD Fellowship Recipients](http://gradstudies.virginia.edu/).

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