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SURA Awards Nine Fellowships for JLab Research

Washington, DC – The Southeastern Universities Research Association recently announced the award of nine fellowships to graduate students at SURA member universities for research at the Department of Energy's Jefferson Lab for the nine-month academic year beginning in September 2005. The awards are presented to eight students enrolled in nuclear physics programs and one in accelerator physics at the following universities: Duke, Florida State, Maryland, MIT, North Carolina State, Old Dominion, South Carolina, and William & Mary.

In presenting the recommendation on awards, the Fellowship Selection Committee chairman, Dr. Thomas Clegg of the University of North Carolina, stated in his letter to SURA President Jerry P. Draayer: "The Committee noted with pleasure that the overall quality of the applicant pool was very high, which speaks well of the attractiveness both of JLab and of its users for such high-quality student talent." He went on to say, "We are confident that the students recommended for awards will carry the SURA and JLab flags well. SURA can be pleased to have its name associated both with them and their research."

SURA fellowships pay one-half the stipend of a graduate student at his/her home university plus \$2,000 and a travel allowance of an additional \$2,000.

Applications were received this year from twenty one students and evaluated by the SURA Fellowship Selection Committee chaired by Clegg. Other members of the committee included Gordon Cates, University of Virginia and Chair-elect of the Jefferson Lab User Group Board of Directors; Gerard Gilfoyle, University of Richmond; John Sutherland, University of East Carolina; and Robert Welsh, William & Mary and Head of the Jefferson Lab Student Affairs Office.

Dr. Clegg took over chairmanship of the Fellowship Selection Committee this year from James Lambert, who recently retired from Georgetown and served as chair for many years. This is a second term as chair of the committee for Dr. Clegg, who previously headed the committee in the early days of SURA. In noting the exceptional talent pool considered, Clegg added, "This year, for the first time, one of our awardees is deeply involved in R&D at the Free Electron Laser, indicating that it too is becoming a focus of student research."

While SURA normally awards eight fellowships, based on the strong recommendation of the Fellowship Selection Committee, Dr. Draayer agreed to fund an additional fellowship for the 2005-06 academic year.

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The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) is a consortium of over 60 leading research institutions in the southern United States and the District of Columbia established in 1980 as a non-stock, nonprofit corporation. SURA serves as an entity through which colleges, universities, and other organizations may cooperate with one another, government and industry in acquiring, developing, and using laboratories and other research facilities and in furthering knowledge and the application of that knowledge in the physical, biological, and other natural sciences and engineering. For more information, visit www.sura.org.