



**Virginia Council of Graduate Schools
Sixth Annual Graduate Student Research Forum**

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The Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) is accepting nominations, of graduate students, to participate in the *Sixth Annual Graduate Student Research Forum* sponsored by the Virginia Council of Graduate Schools (VCGS). Held at the Library of Virginia, in Richmond, the purpose of the forum is to showcase graduate student research and scholarship across the Commonwealth of Virginia and to highlight the benefits of graduate education to the state. Attendees include members of the General Assembly and their staffs, industry representatives, and faculty/administrators from universities across the Commonwealth. The *Sixth Annual Graduate Student Research Forum* will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2011 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Criteria: Faculty members may nominate graduate students from any field or discipline. Nominees should possess the ability to present their work *effectively* to a non-technical audience and be able to articulate how such research may benefit the Commonwealth. Nominees need not be residents of Virginia.

While nominees may be from any field or discipline, VCGS is especially interested in research related to the following sectors, which align with the priorities of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP): (1) aerospace, (2) automotive, (3) plastics & advanced materials, (4) energy, (5) food processing, (6) global logistics, (7) life sciences, (8) technology, (9) modeling & simulation, and (10) wood products. VCGS also is interested in research that can effectively make the case for the importance of the humanities and social sciences to the Commonwealth. A maximum of six U.Va. graduate students will be selected to participate in the forum.

Nominations: Nominations should be sent, via e-mail, to David Wolcott at wolcott@virginia.edu. Nominations should include the following: (1) name of nominee, (2) degree and major (e.g., Ph.D. in chemical engineering, etc.), and (3) a *brief* paragraph describing the nominee's research. Nominations should be submitted no later than Dec. 15, 2010. Notifications will be sent to nominators and selected students the following week.

Programs and photographs from previous research fora may be found at www.vacgs.net.