

The Hulick Serving Spirit Graduate Award (2017-18)

Dear Virginia Tech Center for Autism Research (VTCAR) Affiliated Graduate Student,

The Hulick Serving Spirit Award (2017-18) funds a continuing outstanding Graduate Student in the disabilities field. The award is intended to support 2 years of professional and academic training of a graduate student seeking to pursue a service or research career that will positively impact special needs populations and their families, primarily those born with congenital disabilities, both intellectual and/or developmental, and with a special emphasis on autism spectrum disorders or related conditions. Broadly defined, the field includes areas such as autism, learning and developmental disabilities, and intellectual challenges. Related work in the field includes normative or atypical development, work with individuals or families, prevention or treatment, and basic or applied research. The 2-year award will also include a plan for a service or research internship experience with VTCAR in the second year. The award criteria are based upon statement of eligibility and 2-year plan as well as accomplishments in research, teaching, service, and/or leadership/outreach. The 2017-18 scholarship is awarded to a graduate student whose work is affiliated with VTCAR. Submit: (a) Statement of eligibility and 2-year plan (maximum: 1 page), (b) accomplishments (maximum: 1 page), and (c) Curriculum Vitae on or before April 21, 2017. Application should be submitted as noted below.

Award Amount: Funds for 2017-18 will be \$2425 and will continue in Year 2 pending satisfactory progress of the student in Year 1. Exact amount of the award in Year 2 will depend on availability of funds.

Eligibility: The 2017-18 award is intended for graduate students who will be on campus for at least 2 years, with GPA over 3.2, and whose work is affiliated with VTCAR to advance our understanding or treatment of autism and related conditions.

Selection Criteria: Award will be based on fit with the mission of this award as well as prior scholarly productivity.

Application Document (please single space)

1. Statement of eligibility according to the award criteria (maximum: 1 page)
 - A. Name, email address and phone #, Year in graduate study, Mentor
 - B. Continuing graduate work on campus for 2018-19
 - C. GPA over 3.2
 - D. Affiliation with VTCAR
 - E. Must include statement of interest in the field of special needs (as defined in the announcement), career goal, how you hope to positively impact people with special needs and/or their families, and a brief 2-year plan that documents intended professional and academic training in Year 1 and VTCAR internship work in Year 2. The VTCAR internship can include training, research, service, or any combination thereof, that is consistent with VTCAR's mission to merge science with service in any of VTCAR's four core areas (biomedical, educational, technology, or clinical/translational). The plan should also include how the funds will be used to further your professional or academic training (e.g., books, conference travel, specialized trainings, research projects).
2. Statement of accomplishments, especially (but not limited to) in relation to special needs (maximum: 1 page)
 - A. Research
 - B. Teaching
 - C. Service and/or leadership/outreach
3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (maximum: 2 pages)

Submission Procedure (Due before 5pm on Friday April 21, 2017)

1. Email your **Application Document** as a PDF to **Angela Scarpa** at ascarpa@vt.edu
 - A. In the subject line: **Hulick Serving Spirit Award**
 - B. PDF named in this format: **Serving Spirit - LastName, FirstName** (E.g., Serving Spirit – Doe, Jane)
2. **After you submit your application via email**, go to the following link to verify the date/time when you submitted the application to Angela Scarpa:
https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eRn4Y6D2kfFvB53.
3. **Notification of award** will be made on or around May 8, 2017