

2026 R. Bruce Thompson Fellowship in CNDE Application

(Application Deadline: December 1, 2025)

Scholarship requirements and information—Please Read Carefully:

1. Incomplete/late scholarship applications are subject to disqualification.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Degree pursuing: _____

Fulltime: ☐ Part time: ☐

Start date: _____ Expected date for completion of degree: _____

Advisor (current or prospective)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

CNDE Research appointment/information. This information must be provided by the advisor (see eligibility criteria below*).

Applicant Signature Date

Please submit with your application the following.

- Relevant transcript – current degree program or if a starting graduate student, previous degree transcript – a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher is required.
- Statement of demonstrated financial need on the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to complete the FAFSA and view and submit your SAR after the FAFSA is filed. International Students (are unable to complete a FAFSA) must submit a paragraph describing your financial hardships.
- CV – no more than 3 pages, listing information such as: professional activities, internships, Co-Ops, list of published papers and conference proceedings, scholarships, fellowships, other awards, etc.
- A maximum of 500-word statement of interest, academic/professional goals and

- current or expected engagement in NDE research at CNDE.
- Letter of recommendation from advisor (current or prospective), which must *specifically* address nominee's research appointment at CNDE (as per the requirements of the fellowship), see eligibility criteria below* and include the number under which research eligibility criteria is met.
 - Additional letter of recommendation (required only for the initial application and not required for a renewal application)
 - Agree to present student poster at a CNDE Industry Advisory Board meeting (unless dissemination of the work is contractually restricted).

Email your application packet to Susie McBirnie: susiem@iastate.edu

Deadline for Spring 2026 semester – December 1, 2025

- * Research appointment minimum eligibility criteria – one of the following must apply:
1. A student is currently funded on a CNDE-administrated (i.e., through CNDE) research project, or
 2. a student who has been on a CNDE research appointment during a period within the most recent academic year, or has been on a TA appointment in that span due to gap in CNDE research funding, or is a new student who is appointed as a TA in a department, is eligible so long as the student is engaged in research with one of the closely-aligned/associated CNDE faculty members on a clearly NDE-related research project. This provision is limited to one year ONLY. Or,
 3. a closely-aligned/associated CNDE faculty member has a pending proposal (through CNDE) that they plan to put the student candidate on when/if funded, and the disposition of the proposal is to be determined during the immediate term (Fall, Spring or Summer) following the submission of the Fellowship application, then the student is eligible for that term only, or
 4. a student was on a CNDE research appointment during the immediate previous term (Fall, Spring or Summer) and is graduating at the conclusion of the next immediate term, the student is eligible for that one term only, or
 5. a student has been on a CNDE research appointment in one of the previous terms (Fall, Spring or Summer) within the most immediate academic year, and will be appointed as a GRA through other sources (such as PI incentive) the student is eligible during the appointment.
 6. If eligible, recipients will be evaluated based on consideration of merit, as demonstrated by the academic transcript and performance in the program, letter of recommendation(s), statement of interest, and past performance in the fellowship (if seeking renewal).