

# Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering First Year Graduate Student Research Fund

Thanks to a generous gift made by alumnus Stu Hodgson '67, the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering has recently established the "First Year Graduate Student Research Fund."

"In their first year of study, graduate students must take a heavy load of academic courses and prepare for qualifying exams," says Konstantinos Konstantopoulos, professor and department chair. "As a result, they have limited time and cannot contribute as significantly to faculty research as they will later on. The establishment of this fund helps alleviate some pressure that is placed on faculty during this critical first year of study."

The fund, which is designed to provide stipends and help cover a student's tuition during the first year, is particularly important in the current research funding climate. In many departments within the Whiting School, first year students are supported with departmental funds. However, the ChemBE department does not have the resources needed for such a structure and the funding of first year students usually falls on the individual faculty who must, instead, assign portions of their research grants to cover the costs of the students. With the First Year Graduate Student Research Fund in place, professors will be able to use their federally-supported research grants to support students who are finished with classes and able to fully focus on research. This is particularly critical for our young professors who are still establishing their sources of research funding.

Whiting School alumni and friends are encouraged to make a donation to support this newly established, and much needed, First Year Graduate Student Research Fund. The department has a goal to see at least two thirds of its alumni, or 1,200 alums, join Hodgson in supporting the fund. "I personally would like to see every alum become involved," said Hodgson. "I do believe this effort is of critical importance to the success of the department."

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