HITACHI CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
2020 GRADUATE STUDENT CAPSTONE RESEARCH GRANT

The Hitachi Center for Technology and International Affairs at the Fletcher School announces funding opportunities for Fletcher student research. In accordance with its mission to sponsor research on the role of innovation and technological change, the Hitachi Center seeks to provide funding to advance student research in these fields.

The Center will fund student research projects that will be conducted over the summer of 2020 for current and future capstones on the role of technology in international affairs.

Research proposals that focus on the following areas will be given priority:

- Technology and economic development, in particular ICT4D and financial inclusion.
- Technology and agriculture, communication, democracy, diplomacy, the environment, education, financial services, gender, health, human security, cybersecurity, security and terrorism
- Information and communication technology policy
- Technology related political risk
- Global technology industries, innovation, and technology policy
- "Next Generation" Infrastructure: Global trends in the evolution of social infrastructure (infrastructure that supports migration of data/information across platforms, and dependability)
- Data privacy
- Computational propaganda
- Artificial intelligence effects on democracy, diplomacy, security and development.
- Technology and diversity, inclusion, or decolonization

Students must be enrolled in a degree program at the Fletcher School and plan to use the funds for research related to a graduate program capstone project, dissertation or the equivalent. Priority will be given to projects that are the most closely related to the Center's areas of interest. In addition, grantees should be willing to write up a brief summary and do a presentation (or brief) of their research by early fall 2020 to be shared with the Hitachi Center Board.

Students interesting in applying for this funding should provide:

- A research proposal of no more than three pages
- A timeline of the summer research plan
- A proposed budget (including any other expected or potential sources of funding)
- A transcript of graduate studies to date
- A current resume or Curriculum vita
- A letter of support from a faculty capstone project advisor

Please submit all materials by April 13, 2020, 5p.m. to Lupita Ervin at lupita.ervin@tufts.edu. Late and incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Grant determinations will be made by the end of April.