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The Virginia Tech – Wake Forest University Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Student Chapter hosts an annual Graduate Student Research Symposium to provide students with the opportunity to interact and exchange research ideas with colleagues and industry leaders. This symposium promotes research collaboration between the two campuses and cutting edge facilities, such as the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, the Virginia – Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute.

This event is 100% dependent on corporate sponsorship. Through a corporate sponsorship of the Symposium you will have the unique opportunity to support and attend this collaborative event and contribute to the development of future leaders in the biomedical engineering community. Please consider the enclosed information about the Symposium and the benefits of each sponsorship level.

We look forward to confirming your attendance at this exciting meeting this Spring.

Sincerely,

The VT-WFU Biomedical Engineering Society Executive Officers

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We extend our sincere thanks with regards to your consideration.

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May 11, 2016
Alex Hyler has been awarded a J. William Fulbright Grant to the Technical University of Denmark in Copenhagen where she is continuing her investigations into the impact of fluid motion on ovarian cancer progression with Dr. Henrik Bruus. In conjunction with her interdisciplinary approach under Drs. Eva Schmelz, Rafael Davalos and Mark Stremler at VT, Alex’s research develops theory to optimally engineer testing platforms for use in understanding biological changes in ovarian cancer metastasis in response to biophysical stimuli.

The award will support Alex’s year abroad in Denmark and foster future collaborations between the two universities. The Fulbright Program aims to increase bilateral understanding and exchange valuable ideas between the U.S. and other countries to find solutions to shared international concerns.
125 students and faculty in attendance at the symposium
20 oral presentations from graduating Ph.D. and M.S. students
50 poster presentations from non-graduating students

Topics include injury and musculoskeletal biomechanics, biomedical imaging, cell and tissue engineering, and nanotechnology for medical applications.

"I like the SBES symposium because it's a great chance to show off my research, see some very interesting talks, and hang out with my friends and coworkers."
- Joel Garrett
VT Comparative Biomechanics

"The most enjoyable part of the SBES Symposium was the student talks and poster presentations. With the wide variety of fields encompassed by biomedical engineering, there is always an opportunity to learn about something completely new!"
- Fanny Wang
WF Nanoengineering

"The SBES Symposium always provides an excellent opportunity for me to network and exchange ideas with my fellow graduate students and professors. Interacting with industry representatives is a highlight of the Symposium that has enabled me to explore different career paths and develop an appreciation for new engineering technologies."
- Michele Waters
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