

### **CREOL Student of the Year Award 2009/2010**

CREOL, The College of Optics & Photonics is pleased to sponsor the Student of the Year Award Program to recognize outstanding academic and scientific achievements of the graduate students at CREOL. The winner of the award will receive a Graduate Fellowship Enhancement in the amount of \$500 provided by the College and a certificate. Other finalists will receive a fellowship enhancement of \$100.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants for this award must be full-time graduate students currently enrolled in the MS or the Ph.D. Program in Optics, or full-time graduate students currently supervised and supported by CREOL faculty, pursuing an MS or Ph.D. degree in an optics related area.

#### **Required materials**

The application documentation should include:

- List of all the classes attended during the previous two academic years, including the grades obtained. If no classes were attended, include the overall GPA.
- List of publications including papers published, b) accepted for publication or c) submitted; list of oral or poster presentations at conferences; and list of patents: issued and/or pending. Your contribution to the work should be identified.
- List of any professional activity in the previous two academic years (organization of activities, tours, display projects, OSA, SPIE, IEEE, CAOS, Committees and Boards etc.).
- Self-assessment statement describing your commitments and accomplishments in the academic, research, and professional activities in CREOL, The College of Optics & Photonics.
- Up to three recommendation letters from individuals who can evaluate your academic/scientific activity.

#### **Award Process and Evaluation**

The applications are due to the Associate Dean for Academic Programs by 5 pm, **February 19, 2010**. The Associate Dean will appoint a selection committee, which will select up to three finalists based on the submitted materials. The selection should be based on academic performance, contributions to the research activities, and commitment to professional service. Each of the finalists will make a short presentation, on or around **March 4, 2010**, open to all CREOL students and faculty, on their research activity. The committee will select the winner (or winners) based on the submitted material and the presentation.