



## **Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Joel Cooper Awarded NSF Fellowship**

**TAMPA, Fla. (April 2, 2012)** – Doctoral student, **Joel Cooper** (Mechanical Engineering), **was** selected to receive National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) awards to support their doctoral research. Nathan Gallant is his major professor.

The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to ensure the vitality of the scientific and technological workforce in the United States and to reinforce its diversity. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in the relevant science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines who are pursuing research-based masters and doctoral degrees.

The NSF GRFP provides funding in the amount of \$30,000 per year and full tuition and fees for three years over a five year period. Additionally, fellows are eligible for international research and professional development opportunities, and TeraGrid Supercomputer access. Annually, NSF GRFP applications are submitted in November with awards announced in April the following year.

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