

## AFRL/DAGSI Ohio Research Fellowship Program – Fact Sheet

Reference: [www.dagsi.org](http://www.dagsi.org)

### BACKGROUND

- The AFRL/DAGSI research program has been funded by the state of OH through the Board of Regents' budget since 1999. State funding for FY14/15 is \$1.74 million per year.
- The program fosters research ties between OH research universities and the Air Force Research Laboratory Technical Directorates at WPAFB.
  - AFRL Directorates develop research topics
  - OH university graduate students and faculty members in engineering and other technical disciplines develop research proposals, which are competitively reviewed and ranked by AFRL
  - Students undertake research, which becomes the basis for their dissertations, in AFRL labs
  - Students receive tuition support and stipend
  - University cost share commitment averages \$250-300K in total per year

### IMPACT

- The program has statewide impact. Teams from 11 OH universities have received support: DAGSI partners AFIT, UD, and WSU; DAGSI affiliates OSU and UC; DAGSI associates Miami U and Ohio U; also Case Western, Akron, Toledo, and Bowling Green.
- Since 1999 over 200 projects have been funded out of over 400 applications.
- 76% of participating students are employed in Ohio upon graduation.
- At least 15 graduates have been hired by AFRL upon graduation.
- Faculty members build durable research connections with AFRL, strengthen their cases for tenure, and attract increased funding from AFRL and other sources.

### AFRL COMMITMENT

- Beginning in 2012, AFRL has made a financial commitment to the program. The AFRL/DAGSI Cooperative Agreement, signed in August 2012, provides a vehicle for AFRL to add funding to existing and new projects. To date, \$390K has been obligated by AFRL for the partial or whole support of 12 projects.

### INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Competitive Challenge Grants of up to \$20K are available to companies committing matching funds to support ongoing research efforts. To date, 5 companies have participated.