BACKGROUND
The Link Trainer, invented by Mr. Edwin Link in 1929, was the first successful flight simulator and truly a pioneer engineering effort that started a whole new field of endeavor. Simulation is on the brink of further major developments in many new fields where operators use complex systems.

The Advanced Simulation & Training Fellowship Program was put in place by the foundation in 1990.

For 2021, Fellowships of $30,500, with a renewable option, will be awarded by a selection committee to qualified doctoral students.

Through 2019, the foundation has awarded over $17 million for graduate fellowships.

OBJECTIVES
- Foster advanced-level research in areas related to modeling, simulation, and training
- Enable Ph.D. students the freedom to work on their research full time
- Disseminate the results of that research through conferences, journals

DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARDS
Each year, the Link Foundation awards up to four fellowships to qualified doctoral students in academic institutions. Each grant awarded provides $30,500 to be used as a stipend while completing the doctoral degree that may be renewed for a 2nd year.

POSSIBLE DISCIPLINES
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- Computer Science
- Education
- Engineering
- Human Factors
- Medicine
- Psychology
- Serious Gaming
- Aviation/Space
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- Medical
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RESEARCH EMPHASIS
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- Modeling and simulating interactive, real-world environments in which people function
- Developing or applying technologies that enable modeling and simulation
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ELIGIBILITY
- Enrollment in an established Ph.D. program at either a U.S. or Canadian academic institution
- Full-time student working full time on dissertation research

TIME TABLE
- January 15: Initial Applications due
- February 15: Renewal Applications Due
- Late March: Notification of awards
- July: Financial award sent to home institution
- July 1 to June 30: Fellowship Year
- September 30: Final Report to Link Foundation

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