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## Weathernews Awards Scholarship to ARRC Graduate Students

Expecting excellence in academic achievement and leadership from first recipients

Weathernews Inc. (*Chiba, Japan President and CEO: Chihito Kusabiraki*) has established the Weathernews Scholarship Fund together with the University of Oklahoma (*President: David L. Boren*) officially on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Out of a group of students recommended by the University of Oklahoma Advanced Radar Research Center (ARRC), two were selected as the first scholarship recipients. The scholarships were awarded at the University of Oklahoma on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The two awarded students showed outstanding academic achievement and leadership in the University of Oklahoma doctoral course. We hope their research will make progress in the future with the help of this scholarship.

### Weathernews Scholarship Fund

The Weathernews Scholarship Fund was established this year to award to outstanding students in the ARRC's weather radar program studying observation of the atmosphere, data analysis and implementation. After the foundation was established in June, students were recommended to the Weathernews scholarship committee by ARRC faculty. Then a selection committee was held in October, and two doctoral students were selected. The first scholarships were awarded on October 25<sup>th</sup>. By awarding these scholarships, their research and development are expected to further progress. The ARRC is a state-of-the-art radar innovation research institute located at the University of Oklahoma, the nation's largest radar research program with over a hundred students and faculty.



Mr. Andrew David Byrd (left) and Mr. Casey B. Griffin (right) were given award from Mr. Kusabiraki.

### **Award Recipients**

#### • Andrew David Byrd

Advanced Radar Research Center, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the University of Oklahoma  
Ph.D. 2020 (expected), M.S. 2016, B.S. 2014

#### • Casey B. Griffin

Advanced Radar Research Center, the University of Oklahoma, 2015-Present  
Ph.D. 2019 (expected), M.S. 2015, B.S. 2013

**The reason of scholarship award**

Committee said “In the end, we agreed on selecting both Andrew David Byrd and Casey B. Griffin for the Scholarship. Both students impressed us with their academic performance and their research progress measured in terms of publications and presentations given. In Andrew’s case his success in classes outside of his major (METR and CS) is particularly notable and in Casey’s case the mentoring of an UG student stood out.”

**Committee**

Dr. Petra Klein, Executive Associate Dean, College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences

Dr. John Antonio, Senior Associate Dean, Gallogly College of Engineering

Dr. Masaya Yamamoto, Weathernews Chief Technology Officer

**Weathernews Scholarship Fund**

The Weathernews Scholarship Fund was established with the aim of strengthening the research and development of weather radar technology. It was established following an agreement with the University of Oklahoma (President: David L. Boren) and Oklahoma University Foundation on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. It is a scholarship system that benefits ARRC's excellent students studying weather radar and technology.