

## **Nandikoo Bhat**

### **AY 2018-19 All-S.T.A.R. Fellow**

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In the past three years at the University of Maryland, I have made considerable progress as a teaching assistant and as a researcher. In my first year, as the teaching assistant of Media Literacy course, I had the unique opportunity to deliver lectures in the class. This gave me a chance to understand how senior faculty engage in large classes. During my second year, I led two sections of Media Literacy class, which helped me hone my teaching skills. My passion for teaching led me to accept offers to deliver guest lectures in classes taught by my colleagues. I conducted two seminars the 'Introduction to Mass

Communication' on social media and privacy. Currently, in my third year, I am a teaching assistant for Media, Self and Society program associated with the College Park Scholars.

I collaborated with professors and peers in interdisciplinary projects. During the 2016 U.S. presidential elections, I worked with a team of scholars from communication department on a project that investigated political advertisements. Findings from this study were later published in the mainstream media, which created visibility both for the college as well as the university. As a summer intern at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, I worked with a team of international researchers to examine the discursive practices of political activists on Twitter.

The spirit of All-S.T.A.R. scholarship award is fitting to my experience as a teaching assistant, a researcher and an active member of the university community.