Claire Haas Receives 2023 David S. C. Chu Award for Excellence in Research

ALEXANDRIA, VA (December 2023) – Claire Haas received the 2023 David S. C. Chu Award for Excellence in Research. Haas is a Research Associate in the Information Technology and Systems Division at one of the three federally funded research and development centers operated by IDA.

The award, named in honor of the former IDA President, is presented annually to a Research Associate who has made one or more outstanding analytic contributions in support of IDA's mission.

"Claire is recognized for her impressive accomplishments as a technical contributor and leader," said IDA President Norty Schwartz. "Her technical work is consistently grounded by a comprehensive understanding of the relevant policy issues, and she is in high demand because project leaders know she will deliver quality results."

Haas reflects the outstanding qualities IDA seeks in its best researchers at all levels. She provides her team with analytical guidance and transitions from individual contributor to task lead as needed. She is known for having excellent analytical skills; showing leadership and initiative; being responsive; developing strong sponsor relationships; and collaborating well with senior members of research teams. After completing a master's degree focused on cyber policy, she worked to evolve her skillsets to become a technical contributor and is now ITSD's lead Research Associate for projects that require use of geospatial mapping tools.

"I am deeply humbled to receive the 2023 David S. C. Chu Award for Excellence in Research," said Haas. "This honor underscores the value of merging technical expertise with a nuanced understanding of policy implications. My experiences at IDA have allowed me to stretch beyond my policy and economics background, leveraging data analytics and collaborating with esteemed colleagues to address complex global challenges critical to national security."

Haas earned a bachelor's degree in economics, and a bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland in 2019. She earned a master's degree in international security and economic policy from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy in 2021.

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