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“I chose CU-ICAR because of the world class faculty and curriculum for advanced powertrains. It is a good amalgamation of practical and theoretical curriculum; hence it prepared me for both industry and research fields. I was exposed to advanced combustion and engine concepts in Dr. Filip’s advanced IC engine concepts class, which aided me in obtaining my position at ORNL. During the course we reviewed, designed and simulated advanced engine concepts and presented to the engines research group at CU-ICAR. It was a constant collaborative learning process and frequent guest lectures provided insight into current research conducted in the field of engines. The knowledge I gained at CU-ICAR has been instrumental in helping me achieve career pursuits and aspirations.”

**Alumni in Research**

**Nandini Gowda Kodebyl Raju**

**Employer:** Oak Ridge Associated Universities (National Transportation Research Center, Oakridge National Lab)

**Title:** Advanced Short Term Research Opportunity (ASTRO) Student Intern

**Date of Hire:** February 24, 2015

**Master’s Degree:** Automotive Engineering

**Professional Goal:** To work on engine concepts to improve engines fuel efficiency and also to reduce emissions

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