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Department of Computer Science



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URCS Celebrates 50th Anniversary



The Department of Computer Science at University of Rochester turns 50. To commemorate the occasion, we hosted a series of distinguished speakers during Meliora Weekend 2024. This included alumni Daniel Sabbah '74, '78 (MS), '82 (PhD), former CTO and General Manager of IBM Next Generation Platform; Amanda Stent '01 (PhD), head of AI Strategy, Bloomberg LP; Christopher Stewart '08 (PhD), Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Ohio State University; and Michael L. Scott, Arthur Gould Yates Professor of Engineering and Past Chair, Computer Science Department, University of Rochester.

Recent Hires



Yanan Guo

**Software Security,
Machine Learning Security,
GPU Systems and
Architectures,
Memory Systems**

PhD, University of Pittsburgh

Faculty and Staff Highlights

2024

- Jiebo Luo receives the 2024 Edmund A. Hajim Outstanding Faculty Award and the William H. Riker University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching.
- Michael L. Scott publishes revised editions of Shared-Memory Synchronization and Programming Language Pragmatics and is named a Life Fellow of the IEEE.
- Zhen Bai appointed as the Asaro-Biggar Family Fellow in Data Science.
- Fatemeh Nargesian appointed as the James P. Wilmot Distinguished Assistant Professor and receives NSF Career Award.
- Christopher Kanan elected to "Senior Member" of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence.
- Ehsan Hoque's Research on AI-Based Online Testing for Parkinson's Disease featured on NSF 'Discovery Files' Podcast.

2023

- Jiebo Luo elected as a Fellow of the US National Academy of Inventors (NAI).
- Kaave Hosseini and co-authors received Best Paper Award at ICALP.
- George Ferguson received Edward Peck Curtis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.
- Sara Klinkbeil received Edmund A. Hajim Outstanding Staff Award.
- Zhen Bai received NSF Career Award.
- Department faculty secure over \$5M in new external grants.

Undergraduate and Graduate Highlights

2024

- Daniel Sabbah '74, '78 (MS), '82 (PhD) commits \$2 million to establish the 50th Anniversary Distinguished Professorship in Computer Science.
- Hanjia Lyu receives Google PhD Fellowship in Health & Bioscience.
- Cole Goodman '25 Competes at U.S. Track & Field Olympic Team Trials.
- Andy Liu '24 Earns National Student Employee of the Year Award.
- Alexander Martin '24 named NSF Graduate Research Fellow.
- The Computer Science undergrad team ranked 17th in ICPC North America Championship and competed in the World Finals in Kazakhstan.

2023

- Jingyuan Chen and his advisor Jiebo Luo received Best Student Paper award at IEEE ICDH.
- Hana Genana and Quynh Anh Pham received Susan B. Anthony Legacy Awards.
- Computer Science Undergraduate Council recognized with Award for Excellence in Creative Co-Sponsorship.
- Qingjian Shi '26 won People's Choice Award in Art of Science Competition.
- Sizhe Li is a finalist in the CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher competition. Adira Blumenthal and Draco Xu received Honorable Mention.
- Raiyan Baten won Association for the Advancement of Affective Computing (AAAC) Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award.