DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, University of Toronto 2008-2009 AWARDS

RESEARCH AWARDS AND HONOURS

2008 Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Fellow
Steve Cook

Bernard Bolzano Medal for Merit in the Mathematical Sciences 2008
Steve Cook

Canadian AI Association Distinguished Service Award
Graeme Hirst

Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Doctoral Prize for 2009
Mark Braverman

Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada (FEIC)
Mark Fox

Gates Foundation Grand Challenge Grant
Ryan Lilien

Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) Technology Award 2008
Karan Singh

2009 Laurence Urdang-Dictionary Society of North America Award
Paul Cook

Karan Singh

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Discovery Accelerator Supplement April 2008
Renee Miller

NSERC Doctoral Prize
Mark Braverman (2009), Lap Chi Lau (2008)

NSERC Strategic Network Grant for Business Intelligence
Renee Miller

Narus Research Award
Yashar Ganjali

Ontario Ministry of Research & Innovation Early Researcher Award (ERA)
Michael Brudno

Ministry of Research and Innovation: Ontario Research Fund (ORF) Grant
Yashar Ganjali, Nick Koudas, Stefan Sariou

Raymond Reiter Distinguished Professor of Artificial Intelligence
University of Toronto Distinguished Professor, February 2009
Geoffrey Hinton

BEST PAPER AWARDS

Best Paper Honorable Mention Award: Clifton Forlines and Ravin Balakrishnan

Internet Measurement Conference (ICM) 2008
Best Paper Award: Geoff Salmon, Monia Ghobadi, Neda Beheshi, Nick McKeown and Yashar Ganjali

22nd International Symposium on Distributed Computer (DISC) 2008
Best Paper Award: Robert Danek and Wojciech Golab

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) National Conference 2008
Outstanding Paper Award Honorable Mention: Stavros Vassos and Hector Levesque

European Professional Society in Systems (EuroSys) 2009
Best Paper Award: Andres Lagar-Cavilla, Joseph Whitney, Adin Scannell, Philip Patchin, Steve Rumble, Eyal de Lara, Michael Brudno and M. Satyanarayanan (Carnegie Mellon University)

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)
Best Paper Prize: Craig Boutilier, Ronen Brafman (Ben Gurion University), Carmel Domshlak (Israel Institute of Technology), Holger Hoos (University of British Columbia), David Poole (University of British Columbia)

Sketch-Based Interfaces and Modeling (SBIM) 2008
Best Paper Award: James McCrae and Karan Singh

Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI) 2008
Best Paper Award Runner-up: Laurent Charlin, Pascal Poupart (University of Waterloo), and Marc Toussaint (Technical University of Berlin)
TEACHING AWARDS AND HONOURS

Computer Science Student Union (CSSU) Teaching Award (UofT) 2008-2009
Gary Baumgartner, Paul Gries, Andrew Petersen, François Pitt

COMPETITION RESULTS

ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communications (SIGCOMM) Conference 2008
2nd Best Demo: Yashar Ganjali

ACM Student Research Competition at Mobicom 2008
First Place: Stratis Ioannidis

Computing Research Association for Women (CRA-W) Grad Cohort
Lila Fontes, Alicia Grubb

I-Semantics 2008 Conference Triplification Challenge
First Prize: Oktie Hassanzadeh and Mariano Consens

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

AI Lehman Scholarship
Ali Juma

Bank of Montreal (BMO) Capital Markets Advanced Research Scholarship
Vladimir Surkov

Bell University Labs Scholarship 2008-2009
Lionel Litty

Fonds de recherche sur la nature et les technologies (FQRNT) Doctoral Scholarship
Laurent Charlin

General Motors Women in Science & Mathematics Award
Fei Yen Chiang

Google’s Workshop for Women Engineers Scholarship
Lila Fontes

Gotlieb Award
Ezhar Wallach

Health Care, Technology and Place (HCTP) Fellowship
Michael Massimi

IBM Center for Advanced Studies (CAS) Fellowship
Shahan Khatchadourian, Chaitanya Mishra, Jocelyn Simmonds, Rui Yan

Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS) Accelerate Grant 2008
Jocelyn Simmonds

McCuaig-Throop & Acres Award
Zhengdao Xu and Guoli (Lillian) Li

Microsoft Research Fellowship Finalist 2008
Ilya Sutskever

Monica Ryckman Scholarship
Pablo L. Sala and Graham William Taylor

NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)
Marcus Anthony Brubaker, Adrian Vasile Balca, Jessica Ellen Davies, Patrick Dubroy, Phillipa Gill,
Matthew Patrick O’Toole, Christopher Marc Parisien, Kevin Regan, Frank Rudzicz, Ruslan Salakhutdinov, Marc Ross Frank Tedder, Maksims Volkovs

NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)
Steven Birk, Jackie Chi Kit Kueh, Clement Chung, Paul Cook, David Deurman, Aran Bonohue, Jiang Bu, Gertruda Grolinger, Michael Guerzhoy, Derek Hung Chun Kwok, Dustin Lang, Martin de Lasa, Alex Levinshtein, Brendan Lucier, James Martens, Volodymyr Mnih, Christian Muise, Derek Nourezezahrani, Maja Omanovic, Gerald Quon, Patricia Rodriguez-Gianollo, Mohammed Sadoghi Hamedani, Geoffrey Salmon, Ryan Schmidt, Jonathan Taylor, Faraz Ahmad Torshizi, Yuli Ye

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
Ahs Hamza Qasem Albarghouthi, Monia Ghobadi, Alexandra Goutinaeva, Maryam Fazel-Zarandi, Dai Tri Man Le, Sara Mostafavi, Ilya Sutskever, Bryce Zimny

Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (OGSST)
Laurent Charlin, Steven Aaron Chaplick, Evangelos Kalogerakis

Robert E. Landsdale/Okino Graphics Award
Patrick S. Coleman, Christopher Gonterman, Jack Meng-Chieh Wang

Walter Sumner Fellowship 2009-2009
Fei Yen Chiang
Wolfond Scholarship in Wireless Information Technology

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Canada Chinese Computer Association Scholarship
Hao-Yu Cheng

Computing Research Association (CRA) Undergraduate Awards
Honourable Mention: Denis Pankratov and Alex Hao-Yu Cheng

Craig Clement Memorial Award
Yuecheng Zhang

DCS Award for Outstanding Achievement in CSC 148/150
Botond Ballo, Denis Lila, Mustazee Rahman, Qiyu Zhu

Daniel Berlin Scholarship
Philip Patchin

Embanet Ken Feeney Award
Denis Pankratov

Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards 2009
Ian Chan and Philip Patchin

Kay Baxter Award
Denis Pankratov

Ken Sevcik Bursary
Victoria Mui

Nortel Institute Undergraduate Scholarship
Alex Hao-Yu Cheng

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
Pardis Beikzadeh, Hao-Yu Cheng, Alexandre Chestopalov, Nick Chiang, Adrian Dalca, Yulia Eskin, Marco Fiúme, Geoffrey Flores, Yu Heng Huang, Nikola Karamanov, Andrej Karpathy, Charlotte Lin, Satyam Meria, Denis Pankratov, Philip Patchin, Daniel Pincus, Michael Reimer, Stephen Rumble, Andrew Tauscz, Konstantin Zabashta

Research in Motion Scholarship in Computer Science
Farah Juma, Hanna Revinskaya, Frank Vanderzwaet

Samuel Beatty Scholarship
Scott Brooksbank, Curtis Foong, Victoria Mui, Ioan Stefanovici

Trenwith Computer Science Award
Pardis Beikzadeh, Geoffrey Flores, Liang Qin

Tom Hull Scholarship
Adrian Dalca, Ioana Ivan

UofT Excellence Award in the Natural Sciences and Engineering
Taisija Santare

ADJUNCT, CROSS-APPOINTED AND STATUS ONLY FACULTY AWARDS

2008 ACM Fellow
Bill Buxton

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellowship
Brendan Frey

Honorary Doctor of Laws — Queen’s Computer Science
Bill Buxton

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellowship
Brendan Frey

IEEE Software’s 25th Anniversary Top Picks — Selected Article
Bran Selic

NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Fellow
Brendan Frey

SAP BusinessObjects Academic Research Centre (ARC) Fellowship
Kelly Lyons and John Peco