DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, University of Toronto
2007 AWARDS

RESEARCH AWARDS AND HONOURS

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship 2007
Ravin Balakrishnan

Bell University Labs Chair in Human-Computer Interaction
Re-appointment: Ron Baecker

Richard Pancer

Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS) 2006
Fellow (Inaugural): C.C. Gotlieb

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) Neural Computation & Adaptive Perception Program 2007
Scholar: Aaron Hertzmann

Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Doctoral Prize 2006
Lap Chi Lau

Canada Research Chairs Program
Tier II Chair in Integrative Computational Biology: Igor Jurisica

John L. Synge Award, Royal Society of Canada
Steve Cook

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Discovery Accelerator Supplement Grant
Ravin Balakrishnan
Sheila McIlraith
Toniann Pitassi
Sam Roweis

Ontario Ministry of Research & Innovation Early Researcher Award
Nick Koudas
Sheila McIlraith

3rd Annual Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION) Awards 2007
Leadership Award of Merit: Ron Baecker

Royal Society of Canada
Fellow: Hector Levesque
Fellow: Demetri Terzopoulos

Western New York Pioneer of Science (Hauptman-Woodward Institute) 2006
Steve Cook

BEST PAPER AWARDS

National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2006
Outstanding Paper Award: Hector J. Levesque and Gerhard Lakemeyer (Aachen University of Technology)

Best Paper Award: Daniel Vogel and Patrick Baudisch (Microsoft Research)

ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW) 2006
Best Paper Award, Honourable Mention: Jeremy Birnholtz, Abhishek Ranjan and Ravin Balakrishnan
Best Note Award: Scott Counts and Dave Fono

ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST) 2006
Best Student Paper Award: Anastasia Bezerianos and Pierre Dragicevic with Ravin Balakrishnan

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2006
Longuet-Higgins Best Paper Award, Hon. Mention: Sam Hasinoff and Kyros Kutulakos

International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2007
Best Paper Award: Marsha Chechik, Steve Easterbrook, Shiva Nejati, Mehrdad Sabetzadeh and Pamela Zave (AT&T)

International Symposium on Formal Methods (FM) 2006
Best Paper Award: Ioannis Kassios

COMPETITION RESULTS

31st Annual Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) International Collegiate Programming Competition 2006-2007
Regionals (Central North America): 1st Place, Team Toronto 1
Finals: 14th Place, Team Toronto 1
Frank Chu, Sean Henderson, Mohammad Moharami
Regional (Central North America): 7th Place, Team Toronto A
Siavosh Benabbas, Devon Liu, Devin Lui
Team Advisor: Igor Naverniouk

Assoc. for Computing Machinery (ACM) Student Research Competition Grand Finals 2007
Grand Finals Winner (graduate category): Bowen Hui

2nd Competitive Evaluation of QBF Solvers (QBFEVAL) 2007
1st, 2nd and 3rd Place (Industrial benchmarks) and 2nd Place (Random benchmarks): Horst Samulowitz, Jessica Davies and Faihem Bacchus

5th International Planning Competition (Probabilistic Planning Track) 2006
2nd Place: Scott Sanner and Craig Boutilier

5th International Planning Competition, Satisficing Planning 2006
Distinguished Performance (Qualitative Preferences Track): Jorge Baier, Faihem Bacchus and Sheila McIlraith

14th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD) Theoretical Graph Competition 2006
1st Place: Michael McGuffin
Grace Hopper Conference Celebrating Women in Computing Student Research Competition 2006
2nd Place (graduate category): Bowen Hui

TEACHING AWARDS AND HONOURS

Computer Science Student Union (CSSU) Teaching Award (UofT) 2006-2007
Marsha Chechik
Derek Corneil
Sven Dickinson
Danny Heap
Karen Reid

Faculty of Arts & Science Outstanding Teaching Award 2007
Francois Pitt

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Acres Productive Technologies Inc. – Joseph Yonan Memorial Fellowship
Xuming He

Adel S. Sedra Distinguished Graduate Scholar Award 2006
Christopher Collins

Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)
Fei Yen Chiang, Neil Alexander Ernst, Wojciech Golab, Tovi Grossman,
Thomas E. Hart, Philipp F. Hertel, Steven James Perron, Jack Meng-Chieh Wang,
Mark Braverman, Alexander Hertel, Horacio Lagar-Cavilla, Benjamin Marlin,
Kevin Regan, David Alexander Ross, Frank Rudzicz, Ruslan Salakhutdinov,
Marc Ross Frank Tedder, Daniel John Vogel, Derek Hang Chun Kwok,
Avery Miller, Guoyu Wang, Li Yan

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Strategic Training Fellowship
Michael C.H. Wu

Connaught Scholarship
Guoli (Lillian) Li

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Graduate Scholarship for Study and/or
Research in Germany
Paul Medvedev

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Nature et les Technologies. (FQRNT) Award
Vinod Gopal Nair

C.C. Gotlieb Graduate Fellowship in the Department of Computer Science
Inmar Ella Givoni

Health Care, Technology, and Place Doctoral Fellowship (UofT) 2007-2008
Mike Massimi

IBM Centers for Advanced Studies (CAS) Fellowship
Jorge Aranda, Yuan Gan, Alexei Lapouchkine, Wendy Liu, Chaitanya Mishra,
Jocelyn Simmond, Edward Xia, Rui Yan, Mathew Zaleski, Alex Zhang

McCuaig-Throop Bursary (UofT Dept. of Physiology) 2007
Arbi Ghazarian

Microsoft Research Fellowship
Lap Chi Lau
Gonzalo A. Ramos

Monica Ryckman Bursary
Haifeng (Lisa) Liu
Theophanis Tsandilas

Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)
Yong Du, Ali Juma, Andriy Mnih, Sebastian Raaphorst, Richard Salay, Anya Tafilovich,
Alexander Varshavsky, David Dearman, Patricia Rodriguez-Gianoli, Ryan Schmidt,
Rui Yan, Duy Minh Dang, Jessica Davies, Hania El Ayoubi, Weigang Gong,
Christopher Mark Parisien, Troy Ronda, Ian Vollick

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
Darius Braziaus, Marcus Anthony Brubaker, Matei David, Michael Denko, Todd Goodwin,
Jennifer Marie Horkoff, Peter Junteng Liu, Guohong Liu, Shiva Nejati, Derek Nowrouzezahrai,
Atalay Nafi Ozgovde, Mehrdad Sabetzadeh, Mohammad Sadoghi Hamedani, Shirin Sohrabi
Araghi, Colin William Stewart, Ilya Sutskever, Joseph Andrew Whitney, Alexander Wong

Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (OGSST)
Solmaz Kolahi
Nigel J.W. Morris
Pablo L. Sala

Platform Computing Graduate Fellowship in Computer Science
Jingrui Zhang

Ray Reiter Graduate Award in Computer Science 2006
Afsaneh Fazly

Robert E. Lansdale/Okino Computer Graphics Graduate Fellowship
Derek Nowrouzezahrai
Ian Vollick

Walter C. Sumner Memorial Fellowship
David Dearman
Graham William Taylor

Wolfond Scholarship Program in Wireless Information Technology
Xiaojun Bi, Gerald Chu, Kiran Kumar Gollu, Michael Jurka, Gennady Pekhimenko,
Adin Scannell, Daniel J. Wigdor, Koji Yatani

Note: This listing contains awards from May 2006 to early June 2007.
Our apologies for any achievements that have been overlooked.