

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, University of Toronto 2007 AWARDS

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### 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*

Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society (CAIMS) Cecil Graham Doctoral Dissertation Award 2007  
*Richard Pancer*

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

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*

3<sup>rd</sup> 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)*

ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2007  
*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

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) International Collegiate Programming Competition 2006-2007  
*Regionals (Central North America): 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Team Toronto 1*  
*Finals: 14<sup>th</sup> Place, Team Toronto 1*  
*Frank Chu, Sean Henderson, Mohammad Moharrami*  
*Regionals (Central North America): 7<sup>th</sup> 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*

2<sup>nd</sup> Competitive Evaluation of QBF Solvers (QBFEVAL) 2007  
*1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Industrial benchmarks) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Random benchmarks):*  
*Horst Samulowitz, Jessica Davies and Fahiem Bacchus*

5<sup>th</sup> International Planning Competition (Probabilistic Planning Track) 2006  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Scott Sanner and Craig Boutilier*

5<sup>th</sup> International Planning Competition, Satisficing Planning 2006  
*Distinguished Performance (Qualitative Preferences Track): Jorge Baier, Fahiem Bacchus and Sheila McIlraith*

14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD) Theoretical Graph Competition 2006  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place: Michael McGuffin*

Grace Hopper Conference Celebrating Women in Computing Student Research Competition 2006

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Gottlieb 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 Lapouchnian, 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, Andrily Mnih, Sebastian Raaphorst, Richard Salay, Anya Taflivich,  
Alexander Varshavsky, David Dearman, Patricia Rodriguez-Gianolli, 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 Brazionas, Marcus Anthony Brubaker, Matei David, Michael Demko, 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.