Faculty Highlights
2016
2015/2016 Faculty Appointments

Assistant Professor
Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences
U of T Scarborough
Ashton Anderson
– PhD, Stanford University
– Currently at: Microsoft Research (New York City), Postdoc Starting Summer 2017

Assistant Professor
Department of Computer Science
Aleksandar Nikolov
– PhD, Rutgers
– Postdoc, Microsoft Research (Richmond, WA)

Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream
Department of Computer Science
David Liu, MSc
University of Toronto

Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream
Department of Computer Science
Jacqueline Smith, MSc
University of Alberta

Arvind Gupta appointed distinguished visiting professor

Arvind Gupta, former president of the University of British Columbia and a graduate of U of T computer science, was appointed distinguished visiting professor to the department. Read more: uoft.me/Arvind-Gupta

Triple threat: Raquel Urtasun combines machine learning, robotics and computer vision

A faculty member since 2014, Associate Professor Raquel Urtasun is unifying her interests in artificial intelligence: from paving the way to autonomous vehicles, to overhauling our wardrobes with algorithmic fashion advice. Read more: uoft.me/Raquel-Urtasun

Oscar-winning animator and filmmaker Chris Landreth at U of T computer science

What if a character could be animated for film with only the sound of an actor’s voice? The development of predictive animation software is the latest passion project for the Academy Award® winning animator and filmmaker, Chris Landreth. Read more: uoft.me/Chris-Landreth
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"These researchers bring a breadth of experience and new ideas and are representative of the next wave of trailblazing research and teaching at U of T.”

– Ravin Balakrishnan, Professor & Chair
Honours & Awards

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

**International**

BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award: Information and Communication Technologies
Stephen A. Cook

IEEE/RSE James Clerk Maxwell Medal
Geoffrey Hinton

National Academy of Engineering (NAE): Member
Geoffrey Hinton

**National**

Canada Research Chairs (CRC)
Aleksandar Nikolov, CRC in Algorithms and Private Data Analysis
Raquel Urtasun, CRC in Machine Learning and Computer Vision

Canadian Association of Computer Science / Association d’Informatique Canadienne (CACS/AIC): Lifetime Achievement Award
Stephen A. Cook
Derek Corneil
Tom Hull (1922-1996)

Order of Canada: Officer
Stephen A. Cook

Speech-Language and Audiology Canada: Excellence in Applied Research Award (The Motor Speech Research Study)
Dr. Frank Rudzicz

University of Toronto

Faculty of Arts & Science: Dean’s Outstanding Teaching Award
Steve Engels

U of T Invention of the Year
Varun Perumal Chadalavada (PhD) and Daniel Wigdor

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**International**

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM): Fellow
Allan Borodin
Faith Ellen

Google Faculty Researcher Award
Raquel Urtasun

IEEE Frank Rosenblatt Award
Geoffrey Hinton

Sloan Research Fellowship
Daniel Wigdor

**National**

Canadian Association of Computer Science / Association d’Informatique Canadienne (CACS/AIC): Lifetime Achievement Award
Ronald Baeccker
Allan Borodin
C.C. (Kelly) Gotlieb
Beatrice Helen Worsley (1921-1972)

Royal Society of Canada (RSC): Fellow
Craig Boutiliier
Eugene Fiume

**Regional: Provincial & City-wide**

Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science: Early Researcher Award
Raquel Urtasun

University of Toronto

U of T Inventor of the Year Award
James McCrae (PhD) and Karan Singh

President’s Teaching Award
Diane Horton
Andrew Peterson (U of T Mississauga)