

David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science



The University of Waterloo's David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science is the largest academic concentration of computer science researchers in Canada. We have more than 100 faculty members, 60 administrative, instructional and technical staff, 4,000 undergraduate students and 450 graduate students.

Our CS research areas

- Algorithms and complexity
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Bioinformatics
- Computer algebra and symbolic computation
- Computer graphics
- Cryptography, security, and privacy
- Data systems
- Formal methods
- Health informatics
- Human-computer interaction
- Programming languages
- Quantum computing
- Scientific computation
- Software engineering
- Systems and networking
- Theoretical neuroscience

Our new faculty members



Matt Brehmer
HCI and data visualization; ubiquitous information experiences



Anamaria Crisan
Human-centred AI and ML; interactive visualization systems; data science in healthcare, public health and biomedicine



Yuntian Deng
Natural language processing and machine learning



Xiao Hu
Database theory and its applications to practical database systems

Renée J. Miller

Canada Excellence Research Chair in Data Intelligence
Data systems, in particular data integration



Freda Shi
Computational linguistics and natural language processing



Victor Zhong
Machine learning, natural language processing, reinforcement learning and AI

Our highlights

Cheriton School of Computer Science, top-ranked CS program in Canada for fourth year in a row

2024 Maclean's University Rankings

Cheriton School of Computer Science, 21st CS program internationally

2024 Quacquarelli Symonds World University Subject Rankings

N. Asokan

Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada

Shai Ben-David, Ian Goldberg

ACM Fellows

Jo Atlee

Lifetime Achievement Award, CS-Can | Info-Can

Ming Li

IEEE Computer Society W. Wallace McDowell Award

Craig S. Kaplan and international colleagues

Aperiodic monotile, TIME's 2023 Best Inventions

M. Tamer Özsu

- IEEE TCDE Education Award
- ACM Presidential Award

Ihab Ilyas

IEEE Canada C.C. Gotlieb Computer Award

Daniel Vogel

ACM Distinguished Member

Md. Faizul Bari, Arup Raton Roy, Shihabur

Rahman Chowdhury, Qi Zhang, Mohamed Faten Zhani, Reaz Ahmed, Raouf Boutaba

2024 CNOM Test of Time Paper Award

Gautam Kamath and international colleagues

- Caspar Bowden Award for Outstanding Research in Privacy Enhancing Technologies
- Best Paper Award, ICML 2024

Nikhita Joshi, Daniel Vogel

Best Paper Award, CHI 2024

Xinyu Shi, Jian Zhao, Yinghou Wang, Yun Wang

Best Paper Award, CHI 2024

Vasisht Duddu, Sebastian Szyller, N. Asokan

Distinguished Paper Award, PLDI 2023

Jo Atlee, Rungroj Maipradit, Joy Idialu,

Noble Saji Mathews, Mei Nagappan

ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award, MSR 2024

Raouf Boutaba

Inaugural Rogers Chair in Network Automation

Yaoliang Yu

Ontario Early Researcher Award

Damien Masson

- Prix de thèse L'Association Francophone de l'Interaction Humain-Machine Dissertation Award
- Bill Buxton Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Human-Computer Interaction

Andrew Qi Tang, Ramazan Rakhmatullin,

Kevin Wan

Eighth globally (silver medallists), first in North America, 47th ICPC World Finals

