DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY



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Abdus Salam Azad Holding #296/A Block #E, 1st Colony, Mazar Road, Mirpur-1 Dhaka 1216 Bangladesh

Dear Mr. Azad,

Congratulations! Our admissions committee has enthusiastically recommended you for admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at UC Berkeley. This letter provides the details of our admission offer.

As a first-year doctoral student, you will receive full financial support consisting of an academic year stipend/salary of approximately \$25,250, registration fees of approximately \$18,650 including health and dental insurance and \$15,100 in nonresident tuition (if applicable). During summers, most of our graduate students continue working on their research, funded by GSR appointments with faculty in the department. The current full-time GSR summer stipend can be up to \$18,500, bringing the total offer for a calendar year to approximately \$77,500. The Department will also provide you with a new laptop computer, if desired.

Your first two semesters of support will come in the form of a department fellowship or Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) appointment, or a combination of the two. Your financial support will continue for the duration of your studies, assuming good academic and research progress. In future years, this support will typically come as a research appointment, except for the required teaching appointments. Many students also choose to spend one or more summers gaining additional research experience at an industrial or governmental research lab.

In your first year, we encourage you to start actively participating in research right away by attending various research group meetings and undertaking initial research projects. Our students generally spend the first two semesters exploring research options and are expected to find a research advisor by the first summer.

Many of our incoming students apply for and win external, government or industrial fellowships, such as the NSF Graduate Fellowship. If you already have one of these fellowships, you are expected to use it towards your graduate education and it may be used to offset Department or campus support that would otherwise be available to you. In addition, our Department has a policy of encouraging faculty to supplement external fellowships (if allowed) with partial research appointments in order to bring these awards up to the level of a standard Departmental fellowship. In the future, if you receive an external, governmental or similar fellowship, please let us know.

We invite you to meet with our faculty and students, as well as to explore our unique city on the San Francisco Bay during our visit days for prospective graduate students (Sunday, March 11, 9:30 am – Monday, March 12, 9 pm). Since we will be starting on Sunday morning, we invite you to arrive the evening of Saturday, March 10. More information about the visit days will be emailed soon.

We have a wonderful research community at Berkeley and hope that you will be a part of it this fall.

Sincerely,

Ali Javey

Professor and Chair, EE Graduate Admissions

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