April 2, 2021

Dear Boyuan Chen,

We are excited to inform you that you have been recommended for admission to the Ph.D. program in Computer Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) *with five years of full financial support.* The UCSB Graduate Division Dean will provide your official notification of acceptance and the following pages contain details of your departmental financial support. Further, due to your academic achievements, the department would like to award you an additional Academic Excellence Fellowship of **$2,000** during your first year. Congratulations on this accomplishment! We are very impressed with your qualifications and very confident that you will do well in our program.

These are exciting times at UCSB's Computer Science Department. Since its founding in 1979, the department has climbed rapidly in reputation and influence. The National Research Council's latest ranking of Ph.D. programs places us solidly in the top ten: https://www.cs.ucsb.edu/about/ucsb/rankings. Our students and faculty conduct cutting edge research at the forefront of the computing discipline, and are frequently recognized with international awards and substantial research grants. In any given year, our department generally receives more than $10 million dollars in external research funding. Our graduates are more in demand than ever by industry, research labs, and academia. Some of the recent tenure track faculty offers obtained by our graduates include UIUC, University of Michigan, University of Chicago, Boston University, Ohio State, UC San Diego, and University College London. We hope that you will choose to join us in shaping the future of computing in our accomplished, energetic, and collaborative environment.

Our faculty are internationally recognized for their excellence in research and teaching and have received highest honors and awards from professional societies. Among our faculty are nine ACM Fellows, ten IEEE Fellows, four AAAS Fellows, two SIAM Fellows, and a Fellow of the National Academy of Engineering. Four of our young colleagues have been included in MIT's TR35 list of top innovators under the age of 35. Further, our faculty commonly receive NSF Career awards, Sloan Fellowships, IBM Faculty Research Awards, Google Research Awards, and VISA Faculty Research Awards, among others. You are encouraged to find more related news on our department website.

We are eager to answer all your questions regarding the department, your offer, or our program. We have assigned **Professors Misha Sra** sra@cs.ucsb.edu **and Tobias Hollerer** holl@cs.ucsb.edu as your initial point of contact and temporary advisor. Please reach out to your advisor, me, or other faculty in your areas of interest with any questions on research and education at UCSB. Another person most able to answer your questions is Maritza Fuljencio, Student Affairs Manager cs-sam@ucsb.edu. During the next couple of weeks, you will also hear from some of our faculty and graduate students directly, to help answer your questions and to give you more information about research opportunities and the UCSB community in general. Please feel free to contact any faculty member directly, or let Maritza or me know and we will have them get in touch with you.

We encourage you to virtually visit our department and university. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to Maritza via email. While we must be in receipt of your offer Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) acceptance answer no later than April 15 2021, we certainly would like to hear from you as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you, and we hope that you will join us at UCSB!

Sincerely,
Tao Yang
Professor of Computer Science and Chair of Graduate Admissions

Financial Package Details

The financial package for your study at UCSB consists of a Research Assistantship (RA) and/or a Teaching Assistantship (TA). Your paid RA or TA position begins on the first day of Fall quarter; your first paycheck will be issued on November 1st. Most first-year students receive a TA position, as it is also a department requirement to TA for a minimum of one quarter.

Expected Annual Fees for Non-Residents **

University Tuition & Fees	$12,570
Campus Fees +	$997.53
Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST)	$15,102
Health Insurance	$4,293
Total Expected Fees:	**$32,962.53**

 + *"Campus Fees" are fully included in RA support; Teaching Assistants are expected to pay most of their campus fees from their salary. TA's receive $100 per quarter toward the campus fees amount as a benefit of their position.*

UCSB Financial Support Offer (per *9-month academic year*) **

Annual 9-month salary for employment in a 50% TA appointment; **or**	$22,568.94 ($2,507.66/month)
Starting annual 9-month salary for employment in a 49% RA appointment	$26,381.70 ($2,931.30/month)
Academic Excellence Fellowship (given as a one-time stipend award Fall quarter 2021)	$2,000
Fee remission value of University Tuition & Fees, Campus Fees, NRST, and Health Insurance (i.e., payments to your BARC account as benefits of your eligible RA or TA position)	$32,265 for TA position $32,962.53 for RA position
Total value amount of financial support for first year:	$56,833.94 for TA position $61,344.23 for RA position

** *Estimates based on current costs and salary pay scales, subject to change. Any increase in tuition and fees will be offset by an equal increase in support.*

We have designed this financial package to fully support you. Specifically, it should enable you to meet your living and educational expenses without having to acquire additional funds elsewhere. We allow, encourage, and make available industrial internships and summer research appointments in the department to provide additional income and research experiences.

Doctoral students who are not U.S. Citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents are subject to Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) fees until they are advanced to candidacy.

Commencing at the beginning of your 4th registered quarter, which is generally the start of your 2nd year, the International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship (IDRF) will pay your NRST until you have advanced to candidacy, provided you do so within our department time-to-advancement of 3 years. Once you have advanced to candidacy you will receive a waiver of NRST for up to nine registered quarters (approximately 3 academic years) while completing your degree.

It is important to note the following policy details relevant to this financial award:

Fellowship Eligibility

To receive this fellowship funding, and to continue support beyond the first year, students must meet the necessary eligibility criteria as follows:

(1) Be registered and maintain continuous enrollment as a graduate student at the University of California, Santa Barbara;
(2) Devote full time to graduate study in the field in which this award is made;
(3) Maintain academic good standing while making sufficient progress in the program.

The requirements for each year of the program are generally described on our departmental web page: http://www.cs.ucsb.edu. Our Graduate Affairs Committee formally assesses the progress of all Ph.D. students each Spring Quarter.

More details are available at the following links:

Academic Good standing: http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/academic-performance
Department specific time-to-degree standards: http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/academic-performance/time-to-degree/doctoral-ttd-post-f10
Graduate Class Level: http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/academic-performance#graduate-class-level

Employment Eligibility

Full academic year Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant positions are 9-month academic appointments. Students must meet all eligibility requirements, including satisfactory completion of TA or RA job responsibilities in each quarter, to hold employment. For details and further information, please visit http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/employment/academic-appointments.

Language evaluations are required for all incoming international visa students and U.S. permanent residents for whom English is not the native language in order to be certified to hold a Teaching Assistant position. Failure to become certified by December 15, 2021 may result in the withdrawal of your TA-ship and NRST fee support. UCSB usually schedules TA language evaluations for early September (exact schedule and location to be determined). Plan to arrive to UCSB as early as September 13 to allow for TA evaluation, English Language certification, New Student Orientation, and mandatory new hire paperwork procedures.

Other Requirements and Pertinent Information

You may find it helpful to visit the cost of attendance calculator provided here:
https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/cost-of-attendance

If you receive a fellowship from an extramural agency (such as the National Science Foundation) and the support package offered by that agency overlaps with this one, we may repackage this offer. However, UC Santa Barbara will ensure that the combined support that you will receive from the two fellowships is equal to or greater than this original offer, consistent with University policies.

Housing Options and Resources

As a UCSB Graduate Student you will be eligible to apply for single graduate student housing in San Clemente Villages, as well as for Family Student Housing. You may get more information about these housing options at https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/. The application for the San Clemente Villages housing will be available from April 1 - May 15; the application for Family Student Housing is available now. If you have any questions, please e-mail housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu. Additionally, there are numerous housing options within the adjacent communities of Goleta and Santa Barbara California. Students who have accepted their offer of admission can find details about off-campus housing resources at https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/community-housing-services-general-information.

Tax information and resources

Fellowship stipend awards are taxable income. Please refer to http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/tax-information for additional tax information. International students may be required to complete forms relevant to taxation through a web-based UC accounting system called GLACIER, which you will receive more information from our department staff after you arrive at UCSB.

Acceptance

In order to reserve your space in the UCSB Computer Science Ph.D. program, you may indicate your acceptance of this financial support offer and submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) answer electronically via your EApp account: http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp/. You will need your application login username and password.

In accordance with the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) resolution on financial support offers, we must be in receipt of your SIR "Yes" acceptance answer no later than **April 15, 2021**. However, we would appreciate a response as soon as possible as it will help us finalize the incoming class for 2021-22 and create a top-notch research environment. After April 15, we will release your position and financial package for use by other qualified applicants. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Resolution:

UCSB subscribes to the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Resolution regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants. By accepting this fellowship offer, you agree to abide by the terms set forth in the Resolution, which states: Acceptance of an offer of financial support (such as a graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship) for the next academic year by a prospective or enrolled graduate student completes an agreement that both student and graduate school expect to honor. In that context, the conditions affecting such offers and their acceptance must be defined carefully and understood by all parties. Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution. In those instances in which a student accepts an offer before April 15, and subsequently desires to withdraw that acceptance, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. However, an acceptance given or left in force after April 15 commits the student not to accept another offer without first obtaining a written release from the institution to which a commitment has been made. Similarly, an offer by an institution after April 15 is conditional on presentation by the student of the written release from any previously accepted offer.