

CS 6006

*Succeeding in the
Graduate Environment*

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Cornell Bowers CIS · Fall 2023

you

First-year MS and PhD
students in Computer Science

59 students in Ithaca
4 at Cornell Tech via Zoom

me

Third-year PhD student in Computer Science

Programming languages

Architecture, networking, verification

Food, squash, biking

this course

New onboarding course

Mondays, 12:20-1:10

Collates resources

Gates 310 · Bloomberg 497

Shares best practices

S/U only

Exposes pain points

In-person only

gates

Slack

Kitchens

Mail room

Conference rooms

<https://wiki.cs.cornell.edu/>

people

Dean of Bowers CIS: Kavita Bala

Dean of Cornell Tech: Greg Morrisett

Chair of the Department: Evá Tardos

DGS: Robbert van Renesse

Getting stuff done in Ithaca: Becky, Melody, Randy

Getting stuff done in NYC: Jackie, Lauren

Students of import: <https://czars.cs.cornell.edu/>

food

Ithaca: available 11:45-12:20
no queues during talk

Tech: pick up beforehand at the café

We are the biggest fully-catered
weekly event in the department!
Let's just try to not be a pain...

this week

See if you want vision or dental insurance

Register for this course, CS colloquium, area lunches

Lease? Bank? Phone?

Call your parents?

important dates

11:15am on Aug 24: CS ~~Colloquium~~ Reception

Deans Plaza, Gates Hall

4:00-5:00pm on Aug 25: CS Social Hour

Deans Plaza, Gates Hall

4:00-5:30pm on Aug 30: CS Reception

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

Aug 31: Last day to enroll in vision/dental insurance

studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/dental-vision-plans

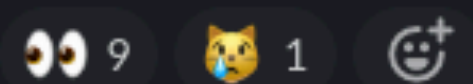


anshuman 12:31 PM

I'm trying to get dental insurance in advance of some major work that I know I need.

- In the past I followed Slackbot's advice and went to Acahti Dental. I got [Metlife via Cornell](#) before going. I had a terrible experience, and I suggest that we change the Slackbot's answer: it says that Acahti accepts "the Cornell insurance" (which is hella vague but I have to assume it's talking about Metlife), but this is false. Furthermore, Acahti's front-office staff totally bungled up my case and cost me thousands more than they originally quoted.
- It's a jungle out there, so I'll share what I've learned so far. Please correct me if you think I've gotten it wrong.
 - Some plans give you access to pre-negotiated rates, but then you are liable for 100% of the charge. These are marketed as "access" or similar. This is not insurance.
 - Some plans are sorta the inverse: they are insurance, but have *no dentists* in-network: you never get pre-negotiated rates and must pay out of pocket, but can then file for a partial reimbursement with the insurance company. This is inviable if you need anything more than the most basic care.
 - Then there is actual insurance, which combines the above. You get in-network rates, and furthermore, insurance covers a portion of that charge. 50%-60% coverage is considered good for major procedures. You pay premiums of ~\$200/month. The catch with this is that there's often an annual max of \$1000-\$1250, so you run out of steam pretty quickly.
- I need further dental work, and I'm looking for advice. Has anyone gotten coverage and then undergone major procedures without spending \$10k of their own money?

(edited)



8 replies Last reply 2 months ago

Custom response



Slackbot 12:31 PM

I sounds like you are looking for a dentist. Would you like help? If so, common advice is to go to either Acahti Dental (they take the Cornell insurance) or Marc Purdy (will try to file with your insurance or help you without one).

