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Dear D.J.,

We are extremely pleased to offer you admission to our Master's degree program in Computer Science at the University of Virginia.

We are also pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive a ***2017-2018 Department of Computer Science Academic Excellence Fellowship*** in the total amount of ***$3,000 (three thousand dollars).*** This Fellowship is for one year beginning Fall 2017, and may not be extended or deferred. To receive this fellowship, you must be a full-time Masters student in our department in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 with a 3.0 minimum GPA. This Fellowship is awarded to those students who have shown sustained commitment to academic achievement and will be awarded half ($1500) in Fall 2017 and half ($1500) in Spring 2018.

To provide maximum flexibility for students, we offer two types of Masters degrees: the Master of Computer Science (MCS) and the Master of Science (MS). *You will be admitted into the program you requested on your application, and you can switch to the other program at any time during your studies (through discussions with your advisor).* The basic differences between the two programs are:

- Master of Computer Science (MCS): The MCS degree is a graduate professional degree with an emphasis on coursework. It enhances the professional instruction of an undergraduate program by providing students with greater knowledge and deeper understanding of computer science. The typical MCS student takes *ten* 3-credit graduate classes (one must be a graduate Math class, and one can be an independent study Masters project supervised by a Professor in the Computer Science department).
- Master of Science (MS): The MS degree introduces students to research at the graduate level with a focus on a formal written thesis. The typical MS student takes *eight* 3-credit graduate courses (one must be a graduate Math class) and 6 credits of Masters thesis supervised by a Professor in the Computer Science department.

The course offerings vary from year to year but recently have included "Theory of Computation", "Design and Analysis of Algorithms", "Computer Architecture", "Operating Systems", "Topics in Cryptography", "Topics in Computer Vision", "Large-Scale Machine Learning", "Cyber Physical Systems", "Information Retrieval", "Introduction to Parallel Computing", and "Cloud and Big Data". Please visit our department Web pages for more information on these courses and the department in general.

The time required to complete the Masters degree can vary based on individual students. The typical Masters student completes in 3 semesters (Fall, Spring, and then Fall the subsequent year). It is not

necessary to stay in Charlottesville during the summer. The Masters degree can be completed in just one year if the student can transfer at least one graduate-level course; contact the department for more information.

If you have questions or want additional information about financial aid options, visit UVA Student Financial Services at http://sfs.virginia.edu/current/grads . The estimated costs for 2017-2018 have not been finalized yet. However, to see the Estimated Graduate Cost of Attendance for 2016 – 2017, go to http://sfs.virginia.edu/grad/cost/16-17

Within a few days, you will receive a separate letter from the Associate Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science offering admission to UVa. To accept this offer of admission with financial support, please print this letter, mark the appropriate option, sign and email it to Iva Gillet, Graduate Program Assistant, iva3@virginia.edu  and CC the Computer Science Department Graduate Admissions Chair, Associate Professor Marty Humphrey, humphrey@cs.virginia.edu . Please confirm with Professor Humphrey that he has received it.  In addition, please follow the instructions contained within the letter from the Associate Dean.

As you consider your decision, please make sure to read the attached statement, Financial Aid.  We would appreciate being notified of your decision at your earliest convenience, but you must accept this offer no later than April 15, 2017. If you have any questions about our graduate program or the specifics of this offer of admission with financial support, please contact Prof. Humphrey.

We look forward to seeing you here in the fall – We are very excited to have you join our department!

Sincerely,

Kevin Skadron, Chair
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(  )	I accept your offer of financial aid of ***$3,000 (three thousand dollars).***

(  )	I decline your offer and I will not be attending the University of Virginia.

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Signature and Date
Denny Rual Anderson III
Enclosure