



FELLOWSHIP OF COMPUTATIONAL SCIENTISTS NEWSLETTER - AUG 2020

FoCS Returns!

We're back and better than ever. Your favorite RSO is returning this semester to the socially-distanced and fully digital FSU campus. This Fall, we're running all of our social events and all of our outreach virtually. Read on for details on how we're resuming our activities from last semester digitally, and how we're testing out new methods of keeping our Fellows involved with the computational community in the post-COVID student environment.

New to FoCS?

We're a registered student organization devoted to computational science and to the people that make it happen. Open to both undergraduate and graduate students, join us today by registering as a member on NoleCentral (link below)!

Our Goals:

- To remove the social barrier between undergraduate and graduate students. Get to know your TAs both socially and professionally! Find advice on internships and applications from people who have completed them successfully! Bond over your shared research interests and your mutual love of all things computational!
- To include undergraduate students in our research network. A wise man once said, "It's not what you know, it's who you know." Don't underestimate the importance of networking! Join FoCS, and you become a part of our network of knowledgeable individuals working on computational research across a wide variety of fields!
- To introduce as many people as possible to the field we all love! Computational Science is, in one sense, an umbrella term that covers research in just about every field. But at the same time, it is emerging as a truly unique field of its own. FoCS aims to introduce STEM students to computational techniques, and to show students how computational methods can benefit research in their scientific field of choice.



Virtual Board Game Nights

Board game nights are back on this fall! Now fully virtual on our Discord server, join us for a monthly series of board games gone digital. Pop into our Discord server Friday, September 25 for the first of many social events. For our first board game night of the 2020-2021 school year, we'll be playing Blood on the Clocktower, a horror-themed social game like Mafia or Werewolf. No board and no cards, just join the FoCS Discord server and terrorize your fellow computational scientists! Future game nights will include Jackbox, Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes, CodeNames, Cards Against Humanity, and everyone's favorite: Pandemic.

[Click here to join us on Discord!](#)



Coding Competition

FoCS is pleased to announce its first coding competition! Aimed at undergraduates at an introductory to intermediate level in coding know-how, participants will create their own AI algorithm to play the classic board game Battleship. During our first game night, we'll pit your algorithms against each other tournament-style to see who comes out on top. First place goes home with a \$20 gift card!

Keep an eye out for more details on the competition -- we'll be sending out a separate flyer detailing the rules and requirements. Be sure you join our mailing list on NoleCentral so you don't miss out on the info! The competition will run from Monday, August 24 through Friday, September 25. If you're brand new to programming, you can still enter! We'd be happy to pair you with a grad student mentor to help you design and build your algorithm.

[Click here to join us on Discord!](#)



Drop-In Tutoring

Drop-in tutoring and homework help is now available via Discord, for ANY introductory-level programming course in ANY language! This means COP3014, ISC3313, CIS4930, and many more! Stop by our Discord server any time and drop us a line. Just leave your name, course ID, and a brief summary of your question or homework problem and a tutor will reach out to schedule a one-on-one help session!

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Drop-In Application Advice

Need help with an internship, fellowship, or graduate school application? Or maybe you just need a second set of eyes? Stop by our Discord server any time and we'll have a grad student meet with you to review your application. Ask about our repository of successful applications!

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Join FoCS Today!

Step 1:
Register as a member on
NoleCentral



Step 2:
Participate in social events
and tutoring on Discord



Step 3:
Join the daily conversation on
GroupMe



Step 4:
Follow us on social media!



We're recruiting! Positions on the executive board are open, reach out if you're interested in volunteering!

Fellowship of Computational Scientists is a recognized student organization sponsored by Dr. Gordon Erlebacher and the Department of Scientific Computing.

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