

## **EECS 198 Computer Science Interview (9 points)**

*Part 1 (Matching) due: Friday, October 26 at midnight [ungraded]*

*Part 2 (Report) due: Friday, November 30 at midnight*

### **Part 1: Matching (0 points)**

*Due: Friday, October 26 at midnight*

For this assignment, you are required to interview either a computer science student at UM, or a software engineer from JPMorgan Chase. If you choose to interview a software engineer from JPMorgan Chase, then you must conduct the interview on November 8 (when they are in town). If you choose to interview a student, you may work with that student to find a good time for the interview.

At the end of this assignment is a list of potential students that you could interview for this assignment. Read through this list, and choose the top five students that you would be interested in interviewing. Then complete this Google form (<https://goo.gl/forms/Ut311b5Y3OjVV8pc2>) with your preferences by Friday, October 26. (On the form, you will also have the opportunity to indicate if you would prefer a student or a software engineer for your interview.)

After Friday, October 26, we will go through and assign everyone to a person to interview (based on your preferences, as much as possible). If you do not complete the Google form by the specified time, you will not lose points, but you will be randomly assigned to a person to interview.

### **Part 2: Interview (9 points)**

*Due: Friday, November 30 at midnight*

Once you have been assigned a person to interview, it is your responsibility to contact that person and set up a time to meet for coffee. We will provide you with a \$15 gift card to pay for coffee for both of you. (We are still finalizing details on this - we will provide more information to you as soon as possible.)

*Try to schedule your interview in early November, so that you have enough time to meet the other person and write your report.*

The interview should focus on the career path and experiences of the person you are interviewing. You can also ask any questions that you have about career paths in CS (e.g., graduate school v. industry, etc.). Here are a few questions to get you thinking about what to ask the person you are interviewing (feel free to ask others, as well!):

- How did you get into computer science?
- What is your favorite part of working in computer science? What is your least favorite part?

- Who are your professional role models?
- (If applicable) Do you find that there are specific challenges to being a woman in technology?

Once you have finished interviewing the person, write a two-page report, single-spaced, about what you learned from the interview. This can include stories and experiences that the person told you, advice the person offered, and / or how you plan to apply some of the advice that you received. Upload this report on Canvas.