Offer of Admission to Computer Science Master's Program at Northwestern for Fall 2024

Dear NU Applicant,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Graduate Committee of the Department of Computer Science is recommending your admission to the Master's program in Computer Science at Northwestern University.

Please let us know that this email reached you. Feel free to ask any questions you might have. We would appreciate it if you let us know as soon as possible if you are planning on joining us. Remember to CC our friendly staff in the CS Student Affairs Office (ms-admissions@cs.northwestern.edu) on all emails. Although applications with no response are held until August 5, 2024, that is much too late to make visa, travel, and housing preparations for fall and get seats in most CS classes. Only applicants who have accepted our offer will be sent information on orientation and the placement exam and forms to express preferences for seats in fall course. We strongly recommend responding no later than March 31, 2024.

Besides emailing us, you will also need to formally enter your decision in CollegeNet. See below for important information about accepting your admission offer, financing your degree, and obtaining a visa for international students. Please read this information closely before making your official response.

We hope that you will accept our offer of admission. We look forward to welcoming you into CS for Fall 2024.

Sincerely,

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ACCEPTING/DECLINING THE ADMISSION OFFER

To formally respond to our offer, you must enter your decision in CollegeNet, Northwestern University's online application portal. The Graduate School (TGS) will send you the official admission documentation only after you enter your decision in CollegeNet.

TGS will automatically withdraw admission on all applications without a response on August 5, 2024.

FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

Unfortunately, Northwestern does not offer financial aid to MS students in CS. You should plan to pay for **four academic quarters** of tuition, plus books, health insurance (Full-time students receive a 50% subsidy), housing and living expenses. Most CS MS students finish their degree in four quarters (Fall, Winter, Spring, and Fall). A few students finish in just three quarters by taking four courses per quarter.

VISA

If you need an F-1/J-1 visa to enter the United States, along with the I-20 document, the U.S. Embassy officials may request proof of funding for MS students. Please follow the instructions that will be

provided to you in the official letter from TGS. In the case that you are presently in the U.S., please Offer of Admission to Computer Science Master's Program at Northwestern for Fall 2024.

Contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services (OISS) of Northwestern University regarding your I-20.

PRELIMINARY EXAM

MS students in Computer Science must take a written placement exam on campus prior to registering for classes. The purpose of the exam is to ensure students are successful in our graduate-level CS classes. Sample copies of the exam will be sent in early summer for students planning to attend.

Students do not pass the exam will be required to enroll in preparatory courses and receive a grade of B or higher in order to meet the prerequisites of our 300 and 400 level courses. These preparatory courses are in addition to the 12 units required for the MS degree.