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Dear XX,

Greetings! I am writing to share with you information about the growing opportunities at the University Chicago, both for graduating PhD students (for their faculty careers) and undergraduate students (for their graduate careers). We hope that you will encourage your rising stars to join us!

The Department of Computer Science has a long history of excellence in Theoretical Computer Science, but over the past several years, we have been building a strong systems group. Adding to existing strengths in distributed and cloud systems, high-performance computing, and computer architecture, we have attracted great new faculty from leading computer science departments such as yours. Recent hires include:

* Hank Hoffmann, Assistant Professor (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) (Areas: )
* Haryadi Gunawi, Neubauer Family Assistant Professor (UC Berkeley, U Wisconsin) (Areas: )
* Shan Lu, Associate Professor (U Wisconsin, U Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) (Areas:)
* Ariel Feldman, Assistant Professor (Princeton) (Areas: Computer Security and Privacy, Information Technology Policy)
* Ravi Chugh, Assistant Professor (UCSD) (Areas: )
* Aaron Elmore, Assistant Professor (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, UC Santa Barbara) (Areas: )

Of course, we’re thrilled to have all of them here, but we also have the support of the University to double this growth, continuing to build the systems group to even greater critical mass and distinction.

While several of our new faculty have only just arrived, we have already made good progress in other areas –

* Doubling the number of PhD students to sixty, with about two thirds in Systems
* Quadrupling research funding, creating a wealth of opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars
* Greatly expanding the department’s research space, a process that continues
* Creating a wide range of new experimental testbeds, from small mobile/embedded to large clusters in which resilience, power/energy, volatility, and performance can be explored

The University of Chicago is an extraordinary university with an unsurpassed tradition of groundbreaking research in Physics, Economics, Law, Business, and many other areas. And Chicago is a world-class city with fantastic cultural diversity and a dynamic and growing entrepreneurial community. The Computer Science Department at the university of Chicago is a great place for your new PhDs to have a an extraordinary faculty experience and for you bright undergraduates to launch their research careers. We hope that you will encourage them to apply!

Assistant Professor Systems Search <add link here> (initial closing date is XX, later applications can be considered)

PhD Program <add link here> (application deadline is XX, no late applications)

Feel free to have your students contact us directly if we can provide any more information. (also see systems.cs.uchicago.edu)