School of Computer Science Awards Campaign

The School of Computer Science (SoCS) is raising money to support their large and growing undergraduate and graduate student populations. Funds will provide support for entrance and in-course undergraduate scholarships, as well as awards and travel grants for graduate students. SoCS is seeking funding for a variety of awards at all levels. The total campaign has a goal of $1M.

**Impact Statement:**

The industry demand for graduates trained in computer science continues to outpace the supply. An open letter to the US Congress, printed in the Washington Post in 2016 stated that annual supply is only 10% of actual demand.

In order to attract more students to the SoCS and help underrepresented students, such as women and indigenous students enter into the field, we must grow our program and provide incentives to enter this in-demand field.

**Goals:**

This initiative will help fulfill the demand for computer science professionals and increase access for underrepresented groups in the industry. These awards will reward undergraduate and graduate students for outstanding academic, leadership, and community involvement achievements.

The SoCS Awards will be used to:

- Attract top students at the undergraduate and graduate level via entrance scholarships
- Increase accessibility to women and indigenous students via entrance scholarships
- Foster leadership and community involvement via in-course scholarships
- Provide highly qualified personnel training opportunities and information dissemination via travel funding
- Increase the profile of the University

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