Program Orientation for PhD in CS

Financial Support

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Financial Assistance

- All **PhD** TA/RA positions come with tuition scholarship
- Assistantships are contingent on maintaining full-time status and being in good academic standing
- TA offers cover Fall and Spring semesters
- Summer RA supplement covers rest of the year (if a faculty advisor is willing to provide support)
- TA-ships for Fall/Spring semesters are handled centrally by the graduate program
- Limited number of TA-ships may be available over the Summer, but are completely managed by individual instructors
- *Domestic students who are not NY residents now should become NY residents in their first year to remain eligible for tuition waivers*
Teaching Assistantship

• 15-20 hours per week, assisting a faculty member in instruction (Holding labs, teaching recitations, grading, etc.)
• TAs may register for Teaching Practicum (CSE 698) for credit
• Teaching Practicum satisfies grad school teaching requirement
• TA work is a part of a student’s portfolio that is reviewed during Black Friday meetings

• *Department’s Mandatory TA Orientation: part of the CEAS Orientation Program*
Research Assistantship

• 15-20 hours per week, assisting a faculty member, usually the thesis advisor, in research
• Paid by individual faculty from their research grants
• Usually, students become RAs in their first summer, and continue as RAs until graduation
Internships

Note: internships are encouraged, but not required.

- You can get credit for internships in industry (CSE 696)
  For international students, such internships can be done as a part of Curricular Practical Training (CPT).

- CPT eligibility:
  - To be eligible for CPT, you must have been at Stony Brook for at least 2 regular semesters, be in good standing, and not have pending ("I") grades.
  - CPTs are generally approved for summer.
  - CPTs may be approved for Fall/Summer, but needs to be related to your dissertation research.
Other Program Information

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