

EDUCATION INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

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OVERVIEW

Mission: Align educational programming with industry needs at the local level

Who: CareerSource Central Florida, University of Central Florida, education organizations, and industry leaders

Focus: Unite education with industry needs to respond to the community's economic growth and the demands of the future workforce









Legislative Initiative

What: Signed into law on May 15, 2023, Senate Bill 240, requires each local workforce development board to create an education and industry consortium.

Who: Composed of representatives of educational entities and businesses in Central Florida





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Collaborative Mission

Central Florida Education-Industry Collaborative

Goal: To align educational programming with industry needs at the local level

How: Identify and create strategies to address workforce needs. Collaborative findings will inform strategic plans for Central Florida's educational organizations, businesses and job seekers. Members appointed by CSCF board chair.







Committee Reports

Consortium (post-secondary): Met on May 16, 2024.

Working Groups: Met on May 15, 2024 (K-12) and on June 26, 2024 (Research & Development)





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K-12 / APPRENTICESHIP WORKGROUP UPDATE

The workgroup met and discussed the following:

- Current and future labor market data \bullet
- Overview of apprenticeship programs
 - Program structure
 - Industry involvement
- Discussion on education system partnerships: Ways industry could partner – donate equipment and supplies, provide teachers, start-up funding not covered
- Discussion on industry needs and engagement with education: \bullet

could use help in engaging with education

Soft skills/foundational skills are essential for all workers; industry



POST-SECONDARY EXPERIENCES CONSORTIUM

The Consortium met and discussed:

- Current economic factors impacting the workforce
 - Affordable childcare
 - Inflation
 - Return to work policies
 - Balance of work and life
- Dynamic reshaping and changing the workplace
 - Impact of AI
 - Multiple generations in the workplace
 - Value of post-secondary education









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Research & Development Update

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The AI-Ready Workforce How Leaders and Workers Can Prepare for a Reshaped Future of Work







ALEX SWARTSEL

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Jobs for the Future's The Center for Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work **CareerSource Central Florida** Education & Industry Consortium | July 9, 2024

Alex Swartsel, Managing Director, Insights, JFFLabs

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JFF'S MISSION

Jobs for the Future drives transformation of the U.S. education and workforce systems to achieve equitable economic advancement for all.







JFF's North Star

In 10 years, **75 million people** facing systemic barriers to advancement **work in quality jobs**.







The age of AI is here. It's complicated – and its impact will be enormous.

A.I. Poses 'Risk of Extinction,' Industry Leaders Warn

Leaders from OpenAI, Google DeepMind, Anthropic and other A.I. labs warn that future systems could be as deadly as pandemics and nuclear weapons.

FEATURED STORY Why AI Will Save the World Marc Andreessen

How Could A.I. Destroy Humanity?

Researchers and industry leaders have warned that A.I. could pose an existential risk to humanity. But they've been light on the details.

Artificial intelligence could be our saviour, according to the CEO of Google

Jan 24, 2018

100 million

Active users of ChatGPT in just 2 months

Compare to just under 5 years for Facebook



7%

In enterprise spending on generative AI solutions by 2027 Representing an 86% annual growth rate

Potential **annual GDP increase** over 10 years Due to estimated boost in labor productivity





What if we asked:

equitable economic mobility?

How might we use AI to accelerate



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A new initiative with humans at its heart JFF's Center for Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work

Our Mission: To ensure the future powered by AI accelerates, rather than delays, equitable access to quality jobs, by shaping policy, practice, and investment in innovative solutions that drive equitable economic advancement.

Our Focus Questions

- Understanding how AI will change the nature of quality jobs and pathways to economic agency, and reimagining training pathways, supports, and upskilling strategies
- Mapping and supporting rapid validation and adoption of the most promising Al-powered use cases and platforms for the future of quality jobs
- Catalyzing sustainable policy, practice, and investment in solutions that drive economic opportunity

Our Key Outcomes

- Measurably greater awareness of AI potential and challenges
- Increased progress and momentum towards AI readiness across the workforce
- Increased buy-in for AI applications centering equity for North Star populations
- Demonstration of emergent practices and solutions showing promise for leveraging AI to connect more people with quality jobs





What we're seeing so far Aligned to our "curiosity agenda" questions

Reshaping Jobs & Skills

Use Cases for Education & Workforce

Still **early**:

- Al skills not yet prominent in job • postings
- Technical skill half life shortening
- ...but early signals are starting to create divides and choices:
- Adoption by enterprise, SMB, • solopreneurs; "BYOAI"
- Al credentials, but not yet rolespecific applied AI training

- "Point of entry" often risk
- but difficult to imagine
- data

incremental **productivity** – or concerns about integrity and

Transformational potential, Critical importance of – and

barriers / blockers around –

Policy, Capital, and Social Implications

Primary focus on **security** and risk mitigation; work/education focus grounded in **literacy Inclusive design** and responsible technology Opportunity to help flesh out what AI may mean for jobs and economic equity, and

implications





Our early findings How AI could reshape in-demand jobs

How workers leverage AI within certain tasks and skills is just as important as *how much*.

Because jobs will more likely shift over time, rather than overnight, planning deliberately for transformation is key.

Most importantly: every occupation we studied will benefit from augmented by AI.

THE AI-READY WORKFORCE | https://info.jff.org/ai-ready



doubling down on the uniquely human skills that will be elevated or





Our early findings **Use cases for AI in workforce**

Individual use cases include career navigation, skill development, finding and landing a job, connecting to social capital and wraparound supports

Organizational use cases include support for direct services to jobseekers, operations (partnership and program management), understanding local market, tracking impact

Opportunities: facilitate human connections; using data to clarify pathways and surface skills; remove friction from career navigation







Looking back – and looking ahead Progress from the Center for AI's first year and our roadmap

Reshaping Jobs & Skills

Use Cases for Education & Workforce

COMPLETED

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Al-Ready Workforce *Framework:* preparing for Al's impact on in-demand jobs

IN PROGRESS:

- Current state of AI job transformation in gateway jobs and employer / education recommendations
- Additional supports / toolkits ٠

COMPLETED Al Use Cases in Workforce: initial landscape map

TO COME:

and solution / innovator incubation

Policy, Capital, and Social Implications

Deeper opportunities analysis

IN PROGRESS:

- Al for Economic Equity • Framework: steps to ensure Al connects people to quality jobs & economic agency
 - Worker & learner stories and insights

TO COME:

- Equity framework progress
- Public policy agenda





AI readiness starts with putting humans at the center.



Employers can

- Create supportive cultures and employee feedback loops
- Ensure access to foundational AI literacy training
- Evaluate Al's impact
- Build partnerships

Postsecondary leaders can

- Create new disciplines
- Adapt and update curricula

Policymakers can

- Support research and enhanced labor market data
- Expand access to training programs and new education financing approaches
- Center economic equity in regulatory/legislative efforts





How are we reimagining the future of work?













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The Future is Here – Al Initiative at UCF





SHAH UCF Trustee Chair; Professor, Computer Science; UCF Center for Research in Computer Vision





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DR. MUBARAK SHAH





Perspectives: Impacts of AI

Panel Discussion





PANELIST



Alex Swartsel JFF



Simone Babb Orange County



Dr. Mubarak Shah UCF



Loren Horsager Model Mind Al







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Next Steps

Next Central Florida Education & Industry Consortium meetings: October

Virtual working groups scheduled September - October





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BONUS WORKSHOP



Alex Swartsel, a Managing Director at JFFLabs who's leading the launch of JFF's new Center for Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work, will lead a hands-on workshop grounded in JFF's Al-<u>Ready Workforce Framework</u>. This session will help leaders think differently about how to respond to the impacts of AI in their own work and across their organization—and better prepared to tackle big questions about how to navigate this new landscape of work by leading with equity and humanity.



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Overview of Center for Research in Computer Vision (CRCV)

&

Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii)

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Center for Research in Computer Vision (CRCV)



- 3 Core faculty
- 35 Ph.D. Students
- 2 Postdocs
- 15 associated Faculty
- Several Visitors







UCF Computer Vision is ranked Top 8 in US!

UF: 71, USF: 90, FIU: 100, FSU: 115

CSRankings: Computer Science Rankings

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✓ by publications from 2014 ✓ to 2024 ✓

All Areas [off | on]

Al [off | on]

- Artificial intelligence
- Computer vision
- Machine learning
- Natural language processing
- ► The Web & information retrieval

Systems [off | on]

Computer architecture	
Computer networks	
Computer security	
Databases	
Design automation	
Embedded & real-time systems	
 High-performance computing 	
Mobile computing	
Measurement & perf. analysis	
 Operating systems 	
Programming languages	
Software engineering	

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2	► Univ. of California - Berkeley 🔤 📠	80.6	25
3	► Univ. of California - San Diego 🎫 📊	78.2	27
4	 Stanford University 	71.0	23
5	 Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 	56.1	21
6	► Johns Hopkins University 🔤 📊	54.2	11
7	 University of Maryland - College Park	51.2	19
8	 University of Central Florida 	50.6	13
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CVPR is ranked top 4 publication venue among all sciences!

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Top publications

	Categ	ories -		English -
		Publication	<u>h5-index</u>	<u>h5-median</u>
	1.	Nature	467	707
	2.	The New England Journal of Medicine	<u>439</u>	876
	3.	Science	<u>424</u>	665
	4.	IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition	<u>422</u>	681
	5.	The Lancet	<u>368</u>	688
	6.	Nature Communications	349	456
	7.	Advanced Materials	326	415
	8.	Cell	316	503
	9.	Neural Information Processing Systems	309	503
	10.	International Conference on Learning Representations	303	563
	11.	JAMA	286	476
	12.	Science of The Total Environment	273	375
	13.	Nature Medicine	268	459

CRCV has Nine papers at CVPR-2022!

- 1. Ristea, Nicolae-Catalin; Madan, Neelu; Ionescu, Radu Tudor; Nasrollahi, Kamal; Khan, Fahad Shahbaz; Moeslund, Thomas B.; Shah, Mubarak, *Self-Supervised Predictive Convolutional Attentive Block for Anomaly Detection*
- 2. Karim, Nazmul; Rizve, Mamshad Nayeem; Rahnavard, Nazanin; Mian, Ajmal; Shah, Mubarak UNICON: Combating Label Noise Through Uniform Selection and Contrastive Learning
- 3. Acsintoae, Andra; Florescu, Andrei; Georgescu, Mariana-Iuliana; Mare, Tudor; Sumedrea, Paul; Ionescu, Radu Tudor; Khan, Fahad Shahbaz; Shah, Mubarak, *UBnormal: New Benchmark for Supervised Open-Set Video Anomaly Detection*
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- 9. Gupta, Akshita; Narayan, Sanath; Joseph, K J; Khan, Salman; Khan, Fahad Shahbaz; Shah, Mubarak, OW-DETR: Open-world Detection Transformer





CRCV has Fourteen papers at CVPR-2023!

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- 6. Bhunia, Ankan Kumar; Khan, Salman; Cholakkal, Hisham; Anwer, Rao Muhammad; Laaksonen, Jorma Tapio; Shah, Mubarak; Khan, Fahad **Person Image Synthesis via Denoising Diffusion Model**
- 7. Wasim, Syed Talal; Naseer, Muzammal; Khan, Salman; Khan, Fahad; Shah, Mubarak, Vita-CLIP: Video and text adaptive CLIP via Multimodal Prompting





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UCF has Nineteen papers at CVPR-2024!

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- Yuan, Tongtong; Zhang, Xuange; Liu, Kun; Liu, Bo; Chen, Chen; Jin, Jian; Jiao, Zhenzhen, Towards Surveillance Video-and-Language Understanding: New Dataset, Baselines, and Challenges
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- Wang, Xinshun; Fang, Zhongbin; Xia Li, Xiangtai Li; Chen, Chen; Liu, Mengyuan, Skeleton-in-Context: Unified Skeleton Sequence Modeling with In-Context Learning
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UCF-101 (UCF YouTube Action Dataset)





UCF-101 (UCF YouTube Action Dataset)





Chapter 2: Technical Performance 2.5 Video Computer Vision and Video Generation

Video analysis concerns performing tasks across videos rather than single images.

2.5 Video Computer Vision and Video Generation

Generation

Video generation involves the use of AI to generate videos from text or images.

UCF101

<u>UCF101</u> is an action recognition dataset of realistic action videos that contain 101 action categories (Figure 2.5.1). More recently, UCF101 has been used to benchmark video generators. This year's top model, W.A.L.T-XL, posted an FVD16 score of 36, more than halving the state-of-the-art score posted the previous year (Figure 2.5.2). Sample frames from UCF101 Source: Source: Source et al. 2021





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The UCF101 and HMD51 dataset teams

Khurram Soomro, Amir Roshan Zamir and Mubarak Shah Hilde Kuehne, Hueihan Jhuang, Estibaliz Garrote, Tomaso A. Poggio, Thomas Serre

For pioneering human action recognition datasets.



International Collaboration: Visitors



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INTELLIGENCE VALUE

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INTELLIGENCE VALUE

HAYSTAC aims to establish models of "normal" human movement across times, locations, and people in order to characterize what makes an activity detectable as anomalous within the expanding corpus of global human trajectory data. Success will establish the scientific foundation connecting data, movement, and the expectation of privacy.

SUMMARY

The Internet of Things and Smart City infrastructures has led to an explosion of data and insight into how people move. This offers the opportunity to build new models that understand human dynamics at



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WALK-THROUGH RENDERING FROM IMAGES OF VARYING ALTITUDE

INTELLIGENCE VALUE

The WRIVA program aims to develop software systems to perform site modeling in scenarios where a limited volume of ground-level imagery with reliable metadata is available.

SUMMARY

Site models are highly desired to allow personnel to train and rehearse prior to executing a mission, but typically require a large volume of carefully collected data. Many agencies in the U.S. Intelligence Community,



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Industry Partnership





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UCF-led Research Team to Play Key Role in National \$26M NSF-funded Effort to Develop Smart Streetscapes

A team of UCF researchers will lead one of the five areas that are part of a research center focused on developing livable, safe and inclusive communities.

By Kimberly J. Lewis | August 19, 2022







UCF Researchers Lead Project to Develop Al-driven Technologies for Agriculture

The study will examine technologies to improve the industry's field operations, allowing for more accurate and informed agricultural decisions.

By Marisa Ramiccio | March 14, 2024









Computer Vision Courses Enrollment on the rise

Workforce Development: Ph.D. Graduates







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2023	Machine Learning Intern, Apple
2021-2024	Ph.D., University of Central Florida
2024	Apple



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My time at CRCV helped me grow as a person not only by challenging me and pushing me beyond my limits but also by making me resilient, teaching me how to navigate and learn from failures repeatedly. I will forever cherish the memories of countless late-night discussions that ranged from academic topics to life's intricacies, leading to lasting friendships. To everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey, thank you.

Mamshad Nayeem Rizve Ph.D. Graduate, Summer 2023 Postdoctoral Scientist, Amazon



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Being part of CRCV has been nothing short of life changing, not only academically but also personally. During these years, I have had the privilege of working alongside some of the most brilliant minds, mentors who have guided me with unwavering patience and peers who have become friends for life. As I bid farewell to this remarkable chapter, I carry with me the lessons learned, the skills acquired, and the cherished memories made. With heartfelt gratitude, I thank every individual who has been a part of my life here.

I am happy to share that I have ioined Qualcomm in San Diego.

Aayush Rana

Ph.D. Graduate, Summer 2023

I transferred to CRCV with my advisor in the middle of my PhD study, and it has been a transformative journey since then. I feel fortunate to work with a group of faculty members with profound expertise, dedication, and unwavering support. The guidance and mentorship I received have pushed me to explore new boundaries, to question established norms, and to think critically. What makes CRCV even more remarkable is the company of my fellow students. As I prepare to graduate, I feel excited to embark on the next chapter of my journey, confident in the foundation that CRCV has provided me."

Thank you for your congratulations. I will be joining AWS AI Labs.

Taojiannan Yan Ph.D. Graduate, Summer 2023







Kevin Duarte · 1st Machine Learning Engineer at Adobe

Adobe \cdot University of Central Florida



Ramin Mehran 🕑 (He/Him) · 1st

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My research interests are broadly in computer vision, machine learning, and AI. The goal of my research has been going beyond narrow and passive vision methods ...



CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN COMPUTER VISION

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VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH, META

Workforce Development: M.S. Graduates
First Public University in US to offer MSCV Degree

Masters of Science in Computer Vision (MSCV)



Workforce Development: M.S. Graduates



Ryan Glaspey Software Engineer Meta

Master of Science in Computer VIsion Class of 2023



Workforce Development: Undergraduates





NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)



- 10 undergraduates participate in 10 weeks summer program
- 360 undergraduates from 80 different schools and 33 states in US have participated
- **\$460K** for 2024-2027
- 39 years of NSF REU in Computer Vision







2024 REU in Computer Vision Participants



Elvis Cabrera Miami Dade College



Genesis Escobar University of Central Florida



Joseph Ho University of Wisconsin -Madison



Jevon Joseph Randolph College



James Moseley University of Central Florida



Brett Reynolds Northeastern State University



Adeel Siddiqi University of Central Florida



Jasmine Sun Washington University in St. Louis



Keerthi Veeramachaneni Georgia Institute of Technology



Claire Zhang Brown University

Thirty Years Celebration of NSF REU at UCF: 2017









Mubarak Shah

2024 Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentoring Award

Workforce Development: Transfer Students



Funded by the National Science Foundation Award No. 2321986

2.5 Million

The Center for Research in Computer Vision (CRCV) is pleased to offer scholarships for students in Al fields, through a project funded by the National Science Foundation. These scholarships are renewable for up to an additional four years, and they are intended for students that might not have the opportunity to attend university otherwise.

BS+MS for Transfer Students from Community Colleges



Recruiting

- 153 completed applications
- 127 names were sent to financial aid for confirmation of lowincome status and financial need
- 95 students were confirmed to be low-income and high-need.
- Of those 95, only 34 responded with an essay
- These 34 are all being invited for interviews.
- About 13-15 students will be offered scholarships.





Sample CRCV Research Projects



Privacy Preserving Activity Recognition and Anomaly Detection

Dr. Mubarak Shah

Center for Research in Computer Vision (CRCV) University of Central Florida



Joseph Fioresi



Ishan Dave



Privacy leakage in Action Recognition







Eat at table



Get up



Cut bread



Lay down



Cook (cut)

Sit down

Cook (stir)

Drink from can

Walk

Real-world activities of daily living [3]





Cook (use stove)

Enter



Take pills

Leave



Gender, skin color, clothing, background objects etc

[3] Das, Srijan, et al. "Toyota smarthome: Real-world activities of daily living." ICCV. 2019.



Anonymization Results



Frisby catch



Anonymization Results



Apply lipstick



Qualitative comparison of different methods



Input Video: Playing Cello



Obfuscation-Blackening







Obfuscation- Blurring



Ours

3DMODT: Attention-Guided Affinities for Joint Detection & Tracking in 3D Point Clouds

Jyoti Kini, Ajmal Mian and Mubarak Shah

Published in International Conference on Robotics and Automation, 2023







Object Detection and Tracking for Self-Driving Cars



Quality results under diverse conditions Long duration tracks



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**Note: RGB images are only for visualization purposes, the input to the network is solely point cloud scans

Generative Al



Person Image Synthesis via Denoising Diffusion Model

Ankan Kumar Bhunia, Salman Khan, Hisham Cholakkal, Rao Muhammad Answer, Mubarak Shah, Fahad Shahbaz Khan









Results











Chat-GPT

PG-Video-LLaVA: Pixel Grounding Large Video-Language Models

Shehan Munasinghe, Rusiru Thushara, Muhammad Maaz, Hanoona Abdul Rasheed, Salman Khan, Mubarak Shah, Fahad Khan





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What do you see in this video?

In the video, we see a giraffe standing on a diving board, and then it jumps into the water. The giraffe is the main focus of the video, and we see it in various positions throughout the video.



What do you see in this video?

In the video, I see a large <mark>statue</mark> of a woman holding a torch in her right hand. The statue is located on top of a hill, and it is surrounded by a large body of water. The statue is lit up at night, and it is visible from a distance. The video also shows a boat passing by the statue.







BiomedGPT: a unified and generalist biomedical generative pre-trained transformer for vision, language, and multimodal tasks

Kai Zhang, Jun Yu, Zhiling Yan, Yixin Liu, Eashan Adhikarla, Sunyang Fu, Xun Chen, Chen Chen, Yuyin Zhou, Xiang Li, Lifang He, Brian D Davison, Quanzheng Li, Yong Chen, Hongfang Liu, Lichao Su**N**

Dr. Chen Chen: Al transformed biomedicine & healthcare









Al Initiative

7/10/2024



Al Initiative

- The aim is to leverage success in one core area of AI, Computer Vision, to expand to other core areas of AI:
 - Robotics
 - Natural Language Processing (NLP)
 - Speech Recognition (SIRI, Alexa)
 - Machine Learning
- Foundational and supporting areas of AI like
 - Theory of Deep Learning (Mathematics)
 - Data Analytics (Statistics)
 - Efficient and Innovative AI computing
 - Cyber Security
 - Optical Computing
- Applications
 - Medicine
 - Fintech
 - Optics
 - Others



UCF Strategic Investment Program Invests in Artificial Intelligence

📰 June 29, 2022

The UCF Strategic Investment Program invests in core academic activities to support President Alexander N. Cartwright's vision that UCF will become a "University for the Future" as a top public institution and the world's leading public metropolitan research university. The investments align with areas of strategic emphasis identified by UCF's strategic plan as approved by its Board of Trustees.

Through Artificial Intelligence Initiative close to twenty new AI faculty will be hired, who will be tenured in 5 different colleges: College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Medicine, College of Sciences, College of Optics and Photonics and College of Business.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the world and everyday lives — from facial recognition on phones to smart home devices to security measures implemented for online banking. By some estimates, the global artificial intelligence market will grow sixteen fold from 2020 to 2028, reaching nearly \$1 trillion.

UCF seeks to be a leading AI research and workforce provider in offering a top-quality education in this field for undergraduate and graduate students. An interdisciplinary team led by Mubarak Shah, professor of Computer Science, will pursue groundbreaking technologies to benefit society and strengthen AI research, security and commercialization in Orlando, state of Florida and the



Al Initiative is Supported by Six Colleges





This is BIG!

- Approximately 30 faculty lines and \$3 million in non-recurring funds.
- Aim is to **scale** up the current **excellence** in Computer Vision and to other areas of AI:
 - Robotics
 - Natural Language Processing
 - Machine Learning
 - Speech Recognition
 - Foundational areas of AI
 - Application areas: Medicine, Business, Optics
- Impact = Excellence x Scale
- To have the highest possible **impact** on students, community, and Science.



Al Initiative

- 10 Faculty hired
 - 1 in COB, 1 in COM
 - 2 in COS
 - 6 in CECS (3 in CS, 2 in ECE, 1 in MSE)
 - Three females
 - Eight onboard
- Two more offers in preparation
- 4 more interviews this and next week



Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii)

Having been in industrial research for 18 years (time flies), I am looking forward to working with brilliant students under the AI Initiative. I remember the years during my own PhD study that the robust and dynamic environment made up of smart people (PhD students, faculties, postdocs) often produce great results beyond my expectations. The AI Initiative, to me, brings together some of the greatest minds in AI, powered by a brilliant core of PhD, Master and Undergrad students at UCF. I am hoping to work with them to achieve significant advances in the field of AI.

Dr. Ser Nam Lim

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Associate Professor Department of Computer Science





"Exploring the frontiers of knowledge, I thrive at the crossroads of deep learning and practical applications, from computer vision to material science. With a blend of research and industry experience, I'm dedicated to making technology work for real-world solutions."

Dr. Shruti Vyas Department of Materials Science Engineering

Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii)
I am deeply honored to be a part of the AI initiative and to work closely with an exceptional group of researchers and students at UCF. The potential of AI is boundless, yet it also presents significant challenges. Under this visionary initiative, I look forward to addressing such critical challenges of our time and also making AI beneficial and safe for generations to come.



Dr. Shahana Ibrahim

Assistant Professor

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering







Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii)

I am extremely excited to be a part of the UCF AI Initiative. UCF had an immense impact on my academic life. From my advisers to every member of my dissertation committee, I am immensely grateful for their contribution to my life. After spending 7 years in two leading academic places, I am back to where I belong, and I want to put my best efforts into making UCF and I both successful in this journey together.



Dr. Aritra Dutta

Assistant Professor Department of Mathematics



"As a recent Ph.D. graduate, I am in the process of delving deeper into the realm of AI, continually expanding my understanding of this dynamic field. My exploration of AI unfolds through my research endeavors; each idea, algorithm, and theorem I develop unveils the remarkable potential of AI. Joining the AI initiative program at UCF feels like setting forth on an odyssey through a vast expanse of innovation. Within this initiative, the pursuit of knowledge knows no boundaries, and the future takes shape with every line of code I create and every idea I explore.

> **Dr. Yue Wang** Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

I am excited to embark on a new journey and collaborate with AI researchers from diverse fields to position UCF as a leading player in the global AI landscape. With a Computer Science background that spans four continents and nine countries, I will contribute to the AI initiative by bridging the gap between the Finance and AI domains through my research and teaching.



Dr. Cuneyt Akcora

Department of Finance







Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii)

I am excited to start my journey as a faculty under the Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii) at UCF. My research aims to integrate theoretical foundations of optimization and reinforcement learning with real-world applications, focusing on developing large-scale autonomous Al systems that are Safe, Robust, Adaptive, and Aligned with human preferences and social goals.

Dr. Amrit Singh Bedi Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science



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The UCF AI Initiative offers an exceptional platform for fostering multidisciplinary and collaborative AI research efforts. I look forward to collaborating with outstanding researchers and students to advance translational biomedical AI and unleash its vast potential in technological breakthroughs. Biomedical AI, with its boundless capabilities, stands poised to enhance clinical workflows, expedite drug discovery processes, optimize personalized treatments, and ultimately contribute to improved patient outcomes. Being part of this journey and contributing to healthcare AI innovation is an exciting and fulfilling endeavor.



Dr. Laura Brattain

Associate Professor Department of Internal Medicine Secondary Joint Appointment with Department of CS and ECE







"Thrilled to embark on this incredible journey as a new Assistant Professor as part of the UCF Artificial Intelligence Initiative, with the Department of Computer Science as my academic home unit! Here's to exploring groundbreaking frontiers in AI and collaborating with brilliant minds to shape the future. Let the adventure begin!"

> Dr. Shubhra Kanti Karmaker Department of Computer Science

After four years in industry following my PhD, joining UCF's Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii) marks a significant milestone in my career. Currently, AI is revolutionizing a wide range of fields, and I am eager to demonstrate its vast potential in scientific areas like statistics, scientific computing, and optimization through my work. UCF Aii offers an excellent platform for researchers from diverse backgrounds, and I am excited to work alongside the exceptional researchers and students here to push the boundaries of what AI can achieve.

Dr. Jialin Liu

Assistant Professor Department of Statistics & Data Science





Drs. Atia and Wang receive DARPA Award totaling \$1.23M

Exciting news! The "Distributionally Robust Approaches to Transfer Learning" project, led by PI Dr. George Atia and Co-PI Dr. Yue Wang, has been awarded a prestigious DARPA Award totaling \$1.23M! This groundbreaking initiative, part of DARPA's Transfer from Imprecise and Abstract Models to Autonomous Technologies Program, is set to revolutionize AI in the autonomy transfer domain by effectively bridging the gap between simulated and real-world environments. With innovative techniques at the forefront, the investigators are focused on enhancing model performance across diverse domains, enabling knowledge transfer between simulation and real-world applications. Closing the sim-to-real gap has far-reaching implications for various sectors including defense, healthcare, transportation, and beyond.





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Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii)

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Three Papers Accepted in ICLR 2024

The International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) is the premier gathering of professionals dedicated to the advancement of the branch of artificial intelligence called representation learning, but generally referred to as deep learning.

Members of UCF's Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii) and their collaborators had three papers accepted into the (ICLR 2024) conference that will take place in Vienna, Austria from May 7-11, 2024.

The h5-index is the <u>h-index</u> for articles published in the last 5 complete years. According to Google Scholar Metrics, the International conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) is ranked 10th in the <u>h5-index rankings</u> on <u>https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=top_venues&hl=en</u>.

You can access the Aii Publications Page for enhanced search capabilities.

Chakraborty, Souradip; Bedi, Amrit Singh; Koppel, Alec; Manocha, Dinesh; Wang, Huazheng; Wang, Mengdi; Huang, Furong PARL: A Unified Framework for Policy Alignment in Reinforcement Learning Conference International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Vienna, Austria, 2024. Abstract | BibTeX | Links:

Shrivastava, Gaurav; Lim, Ser Nam; Shrivastava, Abhinav Video Decomposition Prior: Editing Videos Layer by Layer Conference Eleventh International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2023, 2024. Abstract | BibTeX | Links:

Shamsi, K.; Poursafaei, F.; Huang, S.; Ngo, B.; Coskunuzer, B.; Akcora, Cuneyt **Graphpulse: Topological representations for temporal graph property prediction** Eleventh International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2023, 2024. Abstract | BibTeX | Links:







Six Papers Accepted at ICML 2024

The 41st International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2024) will be held in Vienna, Austria, July 21st - 27th.

Members of UCF's Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Aii) and their collaborators have 6 accepted papers into the <u>ICML 2024</u> conference.

The h5-index is the <u>h-index</u> for articles published in the last 5 complete years. According to Google Scholar Metrics, the International conference on Machine Learning (ICML) is ranked 5th in the <u>h5-index rankings</u> for the Engineering & Computer Science subcategory and 17th in the <u>h5-index rankings</u> for top venues.

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Five Papers Accepted in IROS-2024 (International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems)





Twenty Papers Accepted in ECCV-2024 (European Conference on Computer Vision)







College of Engineering and Computer Science

UCF's New Master's Degree Creates Pathway to Careers in Robotics for Students

Students who enroll in the program will learn to analyze, design and develop the robotics and autonomous systems that are used in society.



Students use controllers to operate some of the robot dogs housed in robotics labs within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. (Photo by Kellie Warren)

TapeMeasure, UCF's robotic dog used by students for research, became an instant sensation during the 2023 Space Game at FBC Mortgage Stadium, captivating the crowd as soon as it stepped onto the field. Photos and videos of the four-legged machine flooded social media, and several media outlets featured it in their newscasts.

Now students with a passion for robotics can take their interest and their education to a new level. The College of Engineering and

Future Plans

- MS in Machine Learning
- MS in Natural Language Processing
- Ph.D. in Computer Vision
- BS in Al
- Offer some degrees fully online
- Research Experience for High School Teachers and Students





Next Steps

- Strengthen Computer Science at UCF
 - Hire more faculty in Computer Science (38 Tenured/Tenured Track faculty)
 - UCF CS has 6,000+ students, which is 43% of all CECS students
 - Students-to-faculty (tenured/tenure track) ratio: UCF: 1:63; CECS: 1:86; CS: 1:162
 - Tenured/Tenured Track faculty: ASU: 90, UMD: 62, Georgia Tech: 50
 - Hire more GTAs
 - · This will improve quality of education
 - This will help faculty to focus more on research
 - This will increase number of Ph.D. students
- Invest more in workforce Development
 - More graduate fellowships
 - Mor undergraduate mentoring
- Improve Computing infra-structure (GPUs)







Overview of Center for Research in Computer Vision (CRCV)

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