Getting a Ph.D. Offer in ASAP 😊

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Current Overview – Department

**Faculties:** 50 tenure-track, 26 research faculty, and 14 teaching faculty

**Students:** 400+ Ph.D. students, 5000+ students (under- and graduate)

**New building** to be ready in Summer 2024:

![New building image]

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**CSRankings: Computer Science Rankings**

- **All areas**
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Computer vision
  - Machine learning
  - Natural language processing
  - The Web & information retrieval

- **AI only**
  - University of Southern California
  - Stony Brook University
  - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  - New York University

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All area

AI only
Current Overview – Ph.D. Support

Ph.D. Support:
• $40,000/year
• Do an internship during the summer (you should go to make life easier)

Structures (fully funded; we do not have self-funding):
• 1-2 year fellowship (50% of the admitted students get this)
• 1 year required TA
• 1 year RA guaranteed from my end
• (1-2) year TA is guaranteed (more work but flexibility on research) but could be RA if you are ok with the funded projects (more restricted topics)
Current Overview – Ph.D. Support

Ideal Case:
• 1 year fellowship
• 1 (2) year TA
• 3 (2) year RA

Fellowship:
• Decided by the college – the Viterbi engineering college

TA: we have more courses needed for TA – it is always guaranteed

RA: from the advisor – can vary depending on the projects and funding
Current Overview – Admission Process

Application due: Dec 15th

Ph.D. admission committee: get the first-round results by the first week of Jan 2024 – then send for fellowship and offer decision

Fellowship and offers: likely finalized by the middle of Feb – this can go longer until April if this involves TA and RA (we could roll out more offers if some get declined in Feb or March, so it is not a one-shot thing)