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## Computer Science

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Dear Qilin Ye,

Congratulations! We are delighted to offer you admission to the doctoral program in the Computer Science Department at Stanford University starting Autumn Quarter 2026-2027. You have been selected from a large pool of exceptionally talented applicants because we are confident you will thrive in our research community.

**Your “buddies”.** We understand that choosing the right graduate program for you is an important decision, and we’re here to support you in your decision process however we can. To help you to get to know Stanford better, we have paired you with two members of our department—one Ph.D. student and one faculty—that will serve as your primary points of contact. Please do not hesitate to contact these individuals with questions or requests for information:

- Your student buddy is: Chenghan Zhou ([chzhou@stanford.edu](mailto:chzhou@stanford.edu))
- Your faculty buddy is: Ashish Goel ([ashishg@stanford.edu](mailto:ashishg@stanford.edu))

You are also welcome to reach out to the CS graduate admissions staff at [admissions@cs.stanford.edu](mailto:admissions@cs.stanford.edu).

**Admit weekend.** We will be hosting a Ph.D. admit weekend on Friday, March 13th, and Saturday, March 14th, 2026 featuring a variety of activities and opportunities to meet with our faculty and Ph.D. students. We highly encourage you attend—it is a great chance to explore the department and connect with potential future colleagues. Visit the [admit weekend website](#) for full details.

To help us make arrangements for your visit, please complete the [admit weekend survey](#) by Monday, February 16 at noon.

**First-year rotations.** One of the highlights of our PhD program is the optional three-quarter rotation program, in which first-year students work with a different professor each quarter. Rotations allow you to get acquainted with different research projects and faculty members before you align with a long-term advisor. During the admissions process we identified that the following faculty are all happy to offer you rotation opportunities: Professor Ashish Goel, Professor Moses Charikar.

Beyond this list, other faculty may also be open to offer you a rotation if you reach out to them directly—we encourage you to reach out to any faculty whose work interests you. While we recommend rotations for most students, you may skip the rotation program entirely to align with a long-term advisor after any quarter of your first year. Please see the [First-Year Research Rotation Program](#) page for more information.

**Financial support.** As part of our admissions offer, we are pleased to present you with financial support that includes tuition at the full-time, 8-10 unit rate, health insurance (if enrolled in Cardinal Care), and a salary/stipend. The stipend for the 2025-26 academic year was \$14,087 per quarter for the Autumn, Winter and Spring quarters. The stipend for 2026-27 will be provided around mid-April 2026. *All admitted PhD students receive financial support until they graduate, provided they continue to make satisfactory academic progress.*

If you receive an external fellowship, we encourage you to accept it. We will automatically supplement all

fellowships as necessary so that you receive at least the same stipend as our internally funded research and teaching assistants. Please email Jayanthi Subramanian ([jayanthi@stanford.edu](mailto:jayanthi@stanford.edu)) whenever you receive other fellowships, scholarships, awards, or external sources of support, such as competitive grants or government scholarships, which will provide financial support towards your doctoral studies at Stanford. The department will also provide \$1,000 to students during their first year to defray expenses such as moving to Stanford, attending conferences, or purchasing preferred computing equipment.

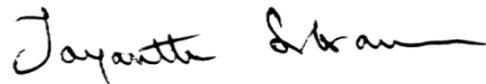
**The details.** All offers are contingent on the verification of the fulfillment of admission requirements by Stanford's Office of Graduate Admissions. If you accept our offer of admission, you must arrange for official documents verifying your academic credentials from prior institutions to be sent to Graduate Admissions for review. Graduate Admissions will authorize your enrollment only after verifying the fulfillment of University admission requirements and will notify you of any final credentials not yet received.

In order to accept the offer of admission, please submit the Reply to the Offer of Admission form on your [status page](#) no later than April 15, 2026. Otherwise, you automatically forfeit the offer of admission and financial support. Please see [Council of Graduate Schools resolution regarding financial support](#) for more information about the deadline.

The Computer Science department takes pride in its world-renowned faculty, outstanding research facilities, and diverse and talented student body. We feel that you will be an excellent addition to the department and hope you will join the entering class of 2026-27. Welcome to Stanford!



Kayvon Fatahalian  
Chair, Ph.D. Admissions Committee and Professor



Jayanthi Subramanian  
Director of Graduate Admissions and PhD Program