Department of Computer Science

Statement on Remote Work and In-Person Activities
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The University of California, Irvine (UCI) fosters a collaborative environment that encourages on-campus and in-person interactions among students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars. Members of the UCI community, including the Department of Computer Science graduate students and graduate student employees, are expected to fulfill their academic, research, learning, and teaching responsibilities in-person.

The Department of Computer Science at UCI believes that in-person presence is a crucial and beneficial component of graduate studies. Engaging in student spaces, interacting with peers, attending seminars, and participating in departmental and school-wide events are essential to fostering a vibrant academic community. Frequent in-person interactions, whether planned or spontaneous, among students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars are vital for the collective well-being of the department and the academic success of all its members. Spontaneous conversations and impromptu meetings often spark new ideas and collaborations, which are key to a dynamic and thriving educational and academic environment.

Graduate students in the Department of Computer Science at UCI are expected to actively engage in the intellectual life of the campus and contribute to the department's mission through in-person research, teaching, and learning activities.

Graduate Student Employees

The Department of Computer Science at UCI hires graduate students as research or teaching assistants (GSRs, TAs, Readers, and Tutors) for various projects and courses throughout the year. GSRs, TAs, Readers, and Tutors are expected to be present on campus and to fulfill their employment responsibilities. Time-limited and exceptional remote-work arrangements require advance approval and may be considered by the Department in consultation with the relevant supervisor (i.e., lead project investigator or course instructor). In nearly all cases, a request for remote-work must be discussed with the supervisor prior to the employment period and documented within the employment agreement.