

# Information Session on Graduate Studies

Department of Computer Science  
University of Western Ontario

February 28, 2018

# Plan

① Overview

② Graduate School of Computer Science at Western

# Objectives

- ① Give a brief presentation of our graduate school  
[http://www.csd.uwo.ca/current\\_students/graduate\\_students/index.html](http://www.csd.uwo.ca/current_students/graduate_students/index.html)
- ② Answering your questions like *why going to graduate school?*
- ③ What you may not know:
  - Graduate school comes in different flavors
  - Financial support
  - Industry internship opportunities
  - ...

# Agenda

- 13:35 Ethan Jackson, James Hughes (PhD candidates)
- 13:45 Mahmoud El-Sakka (Undergraduate chair) *the career points of view*
- 13:55 Hanan Lutfiyya (Department chair) *research in our department*
- 14:05 Marc Moreno Maza *details on graduate programs*
- 14:15 Questions and answers
- 14:30 Closing remarks

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# Computer Science Department: Staff

## Administration

Department Chair: Dr. Hanan Lutfiyya

Assistant to the Chair: Dianne McFadzean

Graduate Chair: Dr. Marc Moreno-Maza

Graduate Program Assistant: Janice Wiersma

Undergraduate Chair (acting): Dr. Mahmoud El-Sakka

Undergraduate Assistant: Cheryl McGrath

## Office Staff

- Janice Wiersma (graduate assistant)
- Cheryl McGrath (undergraduate assistant)
- Dianne McFadzean (assistant to the chair)

## Science Technology Services

- Joe Clarke (System Administrator, Faculty of Science)
- Gary Molenkamp (System Administrator)
- Art Mulder (Web Manager / Software Specialist)
- Jeff Shantz (Manager, Technology and Computing Services, Faculty of Science)
- Hisham Shoblaq (Client Support Specialist)

<https://www.csd.uwo.ca/people/sts.html>

# Computer Science Department in Numbers

## Statistics

- 23 faculty members + 1 full-time lecturer
- 134 graduate students (increase by 25 w.r.t. 2016-2017)
- A research intensive department covering a large spectrum of areas
- Good contacts with industry (in particular through MITACS and with Bell, IBM, Microsoft, Maplesoft, ...)

# Computer Science Department: Research Areas

## Research areas

- Artificial intelligence & Games
- Bioinformatics
- Computer algebra
- Data analytics
- Distributed systems
- Software engineering
- Vision and image processing
- Theoretical computer science



# Computer Science Department: Facilities

## For graduate students

- Grad student/faculty offices:
  - Middlesex College: 3rd, 4th floors, part of 2nd floor and basement
- Access to all undergraduate labs (Middlesex College basement, 2nd,3rd floors)
- All graduate students receive office space and computer
- Graduate lounge: MC 312

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- 4 Build connections:
  - Attend conferences <http://2017.hpcs.ca/>
  - Do internships abroad <https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-research-internship>

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