

Computer Science Graduate Student Group (CSGSG)

August 18, 2023

Officially:

- Provide student representation in the department
- Facilitate department-student communication

Generally:

- Make life easier for grad students
- Help grad students be more successful

People



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Chair



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Mentoring Rep



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Social Rep



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Social Rep



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Faculty Advisor



Sebastian Elbaum
Omsbudsperson

- CS Grad Lounge: Rice 434
- Discord: <https://discord.gg/rmdAP32E2g>
- <https://csgsg.org/>
- Temporary prayer hall - Students can temporarily use MEC 206 and Thornton D102.

Why:

- Amazing on CV
- Learn about the department (and academia in general)
- Practice leadership, mentoring and organization skills

Eligibility:

- Any grad student in CS or CpE can be an officer
- Officers are elected by CS/CpE grad student body
- Terms run by calendar year
(So MS/MCS students would need to run this Nov/Dec.)

CSGSG Social Events:

- Run by the CSGSG Social Chairs:
Matt & Anshuman
- Our goal is to run 2 events a month:
one free food during a week, one large
event on a weekend.
- Events are free to CS and CPE
students.
- Seats are generally first come first
serve.

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday 8/22 (1st day of classes):
Mezeh for lunch!
- Saturday 8/26: "Beach" Day at
Walnut Creek

Signups are in your email, or signup here:

Lunch



Beach



Mentorship Program

What is the mentorship program? The mentorship program is a way for new students to acclimate to the UVA CS/CpE department and graduate life, and for established students to gain mentoring and leadership experience.

If you're thinking of becoming a part of CSGSG, this is a good program to participate in.

Link to sign-up:



Or search “cs-grads” in your email

- Researchers gather to present their research in the form of presentations, posters, and panel discussions.
- Platform for all UVA students to showcase their research, obtain constructive feedback on research projects, and promote networking.
- Event date: Tuesday, Oct 3, 2023
- Location: Rice 130
- Participation in the Symposium and engagement in poster presentations are highly encouraged for first-year students.

Why:

- Finding a good match
- Finding co-advisors
- Finding backups
- Finding committee members for quals (PhD students) or thesis (MS students)

You can do all \exists **2 rotations** without repercussions.

- If you feel this isn't the case, please let us know (see "Useful Contacts" slide).
- The department spends a lot of money to make sure you get this opportunity.

Finding an Advisor

“How do I choose my advisor?” is one of the most frequent questions we get. Your advisor is one of the most significant contributing factors to your PhD.

- **CRA-Widening Participation:** [Finding an Advisor and Developing an Effective Working Relationship with Them](#)
- **CRA-Widening Participation:** [How to Make the Most of Student-Advisor Relationships](#)
- **IEEE:** [E. K. Miller, "Choosing a grad school advisor," in IEEE Potentials, vol. 21, no. 3, pp. 21-23, Aug.-Sept. 2002, doi: 10.1109/MP.2002.1033661.](#)
- **NATURE Journal:** [Managing up: how to communicate effectively with your PhD advisor](#)
- **Columbia University:** [The Definitive 'what do I ask/look for' in a PhD Advisor Guide \(minus lifestyle questions\)](#)
- **Virginia Tech:** [Disrupting Academic Bullying](#)

PhD Stipends

Fall 2023:

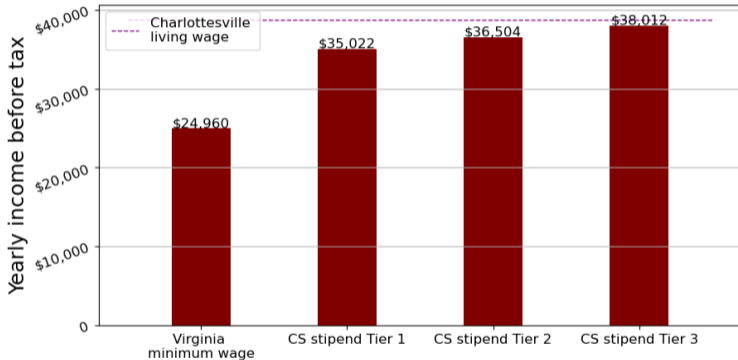
- Tier1: \$35,022 (+5.9%)
- Tier2: \$36,504 (+3.3%)
- Tier3: \$38,012 (+1.3%)

Fall 2022: (no increase)

- Tier1: \$33,072
- Tier2: \$35,334
- Tier3: \$37,518

Fall 2021:

- Tier1: \$33,072
- Tier2: \$35,334
- Tier3: \$37,518



Lowest living wage for Charlottesville, VA is **\$38,688** for a single adult with no dependents. Source: Glasmeier, Amy K. Living Wage Calculator. 2023.

Grad students as a group are well known to have significantly higher mental health issues than the general population.

This is perfectly logical and expected - we self-select highly driven people and then put them in incredibly stressful roles.

- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
<https://www.studenthealth.virginia.edu/CAPS>
- Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center
<https://womenscenter.virginia.edu/>

- Department Office
`cs-office@virginia.edu`
- Department Ombuds (Sebastian Elbaum)
`selbaum@virginia.edu`
- University Ombuds
<https://eocr.virginia.edu/ombuds>
- CSGSG General
Discord or `csgsg@virginia.edu` or anonymous form on <https://csgsg.org>
- CSGSG Chair (Nusrat Jahan Mozumoder)
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- CSGSG Mentoring Rep (Meriel von Stein)
Discord or `meriel@virginia.edu`

- **CRA-Widening Participation:** [Balancing Graduate School and Personal Life](#)
- **CRA-Widening Participation:** [Building Resiliency & Overcoming Failure](#)
- **Carnegie Mellon University:** [Questions to Ask a Prospective Ph.D. Advisor on Visit Day, With Thorough and Fortright Explanations](#)
- Matt Might's [blog](#)
- [phdcomics.com](#)

Questions?

- Please let us know if you have questions!
- You can ask now, find us during lunch, email us, or ask over the discord.