

Computer Science

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Dear alumni, friends and colleagues,

Greetings from Rolla, Missouri! As my second year as the Kummer Endowed Chair of computer science at Missouri S&T comes to an end, our department has experienced significant changes. However, one aspect that has not changed is how deeply honored I am to collaborate with such an outstanding group of alumni, students, faculty and staff.

We welcomed [four new faculty members](#) in 2024: Drs. **Shubham Chatterjee**, **Md Arifuzzaman** and **Mia Mohammad Imran** as tenure-track assistant professors, and **Jack Manhardt** as an assistant teaching professor. In fall 2025, **Ce Zhou**, **Junjie Xiong** and **Xiaowei Yu** will also join our team as assistant professors working in artificial intelligence, bioinformatics and cybersecurity areas, and we have a few more faculty positions to fill — including the prestigious Cynthia Tang Missouri Professorship in Cybersecurity.

Our department is constantly evolving to meet the demands of rapidly advancing technologies, such as generative artificial intelligence and large language models, as well as the changing landscape of education. To achieve this, we are once again asking you to consider helping our students. If you are in a position to give back to the next generation of computer scientists, we would appreciate your help in supporting initiatives such as student travel to conferences, laboratory equipment and scholarships, among other priorities.

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Please also share your alumni stories with alumni@mst.edu, as we love to hear and share your good news. Make sure to update your information on the [Miner Alumni Association](#) website as well.

If you have any questions, always feel free to reach out. I am more than happy to communicate with you about the exciting work happening in our department.

Warmly,

Dr. Seung-Jong Jay Park

Kummer Endowed Chair of [Computer Science](#)

P.S. — Missouri S&T's annual Giving Days campaign will be Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11. Learn more [here](#).



When every second feels like an eternity

When disaster strikes, 911 dispatchers may quickly be inundated with phone calls, and people in desperate situations may face long waits before someone answers and dispatches emergency responders.

Dr. **Ademola Adesokan**, a December 2024 Ph.D. graduate in computer science, says he feels so passionate about this issue that he dedicated his doctoral research to a method to support the 911 system.

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S&T's Renaissance Student Award goes to computer science student

Reece Watson, a master's student in computer science who earned bachelor's degrees at S&T in computer science and computer engineering in May 2024, was named S&T's 2024 Renaissance Student.

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Two computer science professors among the top 2% of cited scientists in their field

An analysis of standardized citation indicators of the Elsevier Data Repository published by Stanford University in October 2024 listed Dr. **Sajal Das**, Daniel St. Clair Chair and Curators' Distinguished Professor of computer science, as among the top-cited scientists in 2023 and throughout his career. Dr. **Sanjay Madria**, Curators' Distinguished Professor of computer science, was a top scholar for his career research record.

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Heerboth wins Alumni Achievement Award

Peter Heerboth, a 2003 computer science alumnus, received the Alumni Achievement Award from the Miner Alumni Association as part of S&T's Homecoming festivities.

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We're hiring!

If you are interested in being a computer science faculty member or know someone who may be a good fit, check out the postings linked on [the department's website](#) for more information.

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