

Applied Cognition and Neuroscience Orientation

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The Applied Cognition and Neuroscience Program is very excited that you have chosen to continue your advanced training in this area with us!

Our goal is to not only maximize your learning experience but also prepare you to pursue new career directions once you graduate!

In addition, we will do our best to make this process fun and enjoyable!!

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/biologycorner/4018079840/in/>
A realistic model of a human brain, showing the cerebral cortex with its characteristic folds (gyri and sulci). The brain is a light tan color and is positioned against a dark background.

Neurological Diagnosis and Monitoring



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Computational Modeling and Machine Learning



Overview of ACN Program - Objectives

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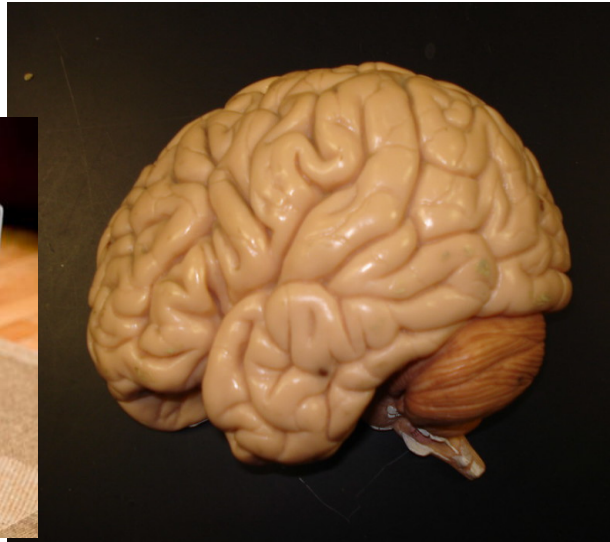
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- **Each ACN student must declare exactly one specialization area.**

- Individual student curricula may integrate multiple specialization areas.
- You may modify your choice of specialization area at any time.

Neuroscience Specialization Area

- **Core Coursework:**
 - Systems Neuroscience
 - Functional Neuroanatomy
 - Cellular Neuroscience
- **Advanced Coursework**
 - Neuropharmacology
 - Functional Brain Imaging Lab
 - Brain Connectivity
 - Aging and Nervous System
 - Neurobiology of Learning and Memory
 - Neuroscience of Pain
 - Neuroplasticity and Disorders



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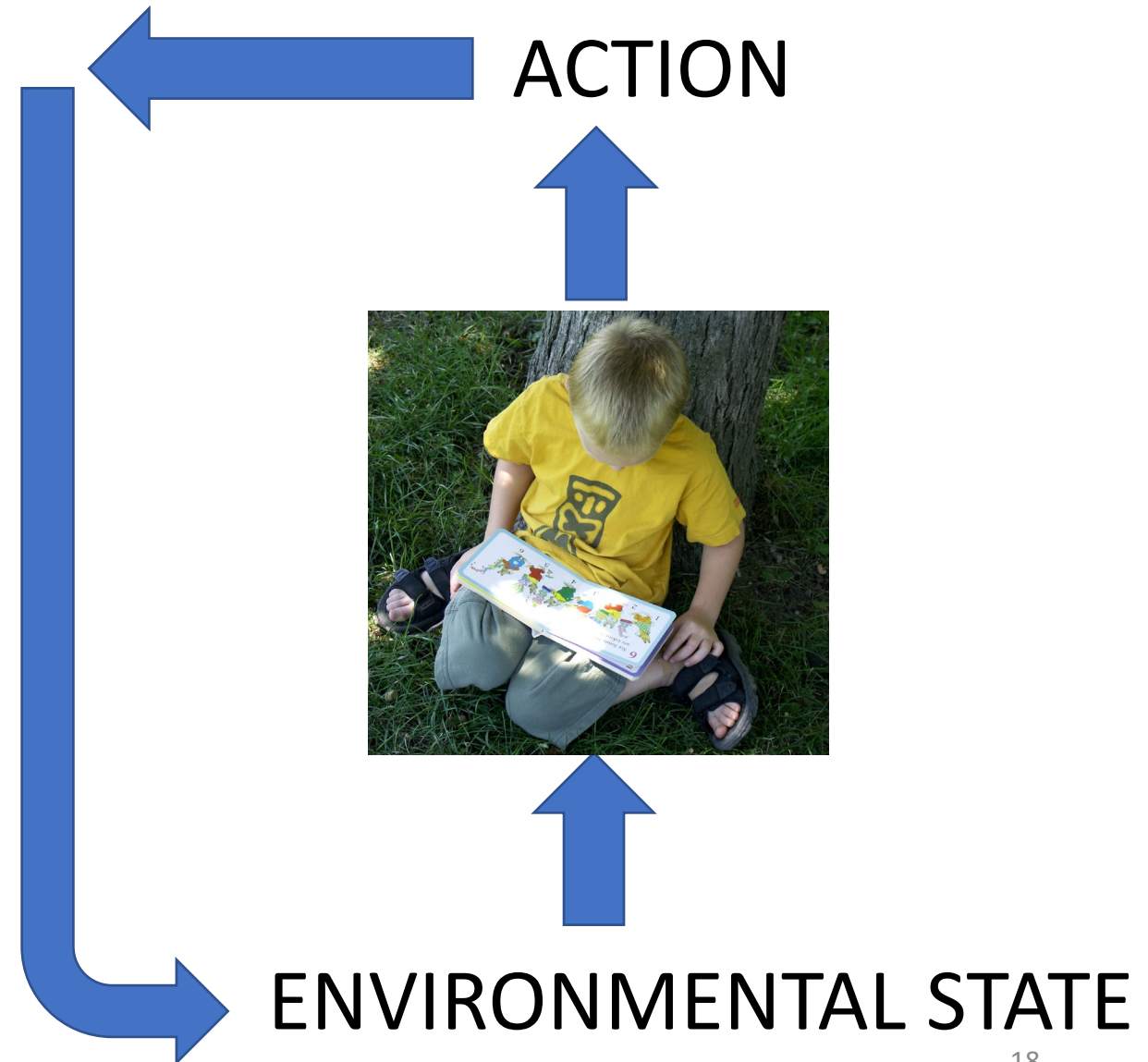
Neuroscience Career Paths

- Training in the field of **Neuroscience** by internationally recognized leading scientists.
- Career opportunities:
 - Medical School
 - PhD Programs in Neuroscience
 - Clinical Programs in Health-Related Areas
 - Neuropharmacology (research/business-related)
 - Health Services/Clinical Related Career Direction



Cognition Specialization Area

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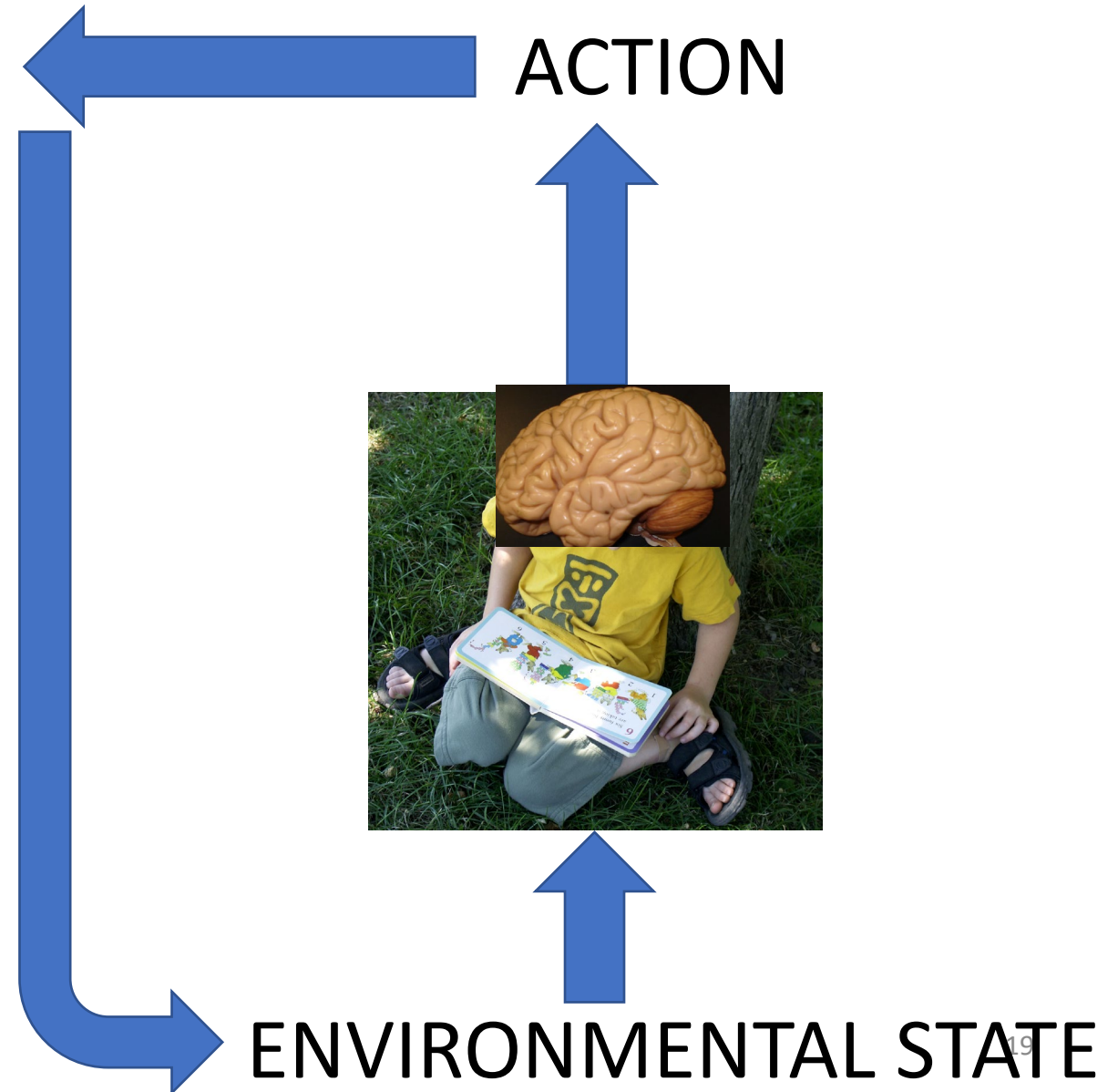
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- Cognitive Psychology
- Systems Neuroscience
- Functional Neuroanatomy

- **Advanced Coursework**

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- Cognitive Science
- Cognitive-Neuroscience of Memory
- Neural Correlates of Human Cognition



Cognitive-Neuroscience Career Paths

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Neurological Diagnosis and Monitoring Specialization Area

- **Core Coursework:**

- Systems Neuroscience
- **Functional Neuroanatomy**
- **Neurophysiology**
- Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring I
- Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring II

- **Advanced Coursework**

- Special Topics in Neurophysiological Monitoring
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Students with relevant neuroscience Background may take the Advanced Seminar Neurophysiological Monitoring Without taking IONM 1 if they have consent of the instructor.

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IONM Jobs

Key words for
“indeed.com” search

- Neurophysiological monitoring
- Intraoperative monitoring
- Neurodiagnostic

Average Salary \$50K to \$100K based upon experience

The screenshot shows a search for 'neurophysiological monitoring' on Indeed. The search bar at the top contains the text 'neurophysiological monitoring' and 'Where City'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Salary', 'Job Type', 'Location', and 'Company'. A link to 'Upload your resume - Let employers find you' is visible. The search results are sorted by 'relevance - date' and show 'Page 1 of 75 Jobs'. Two job listings are visible:

- Surgical Neurophysiologist Training Program**
SpecialtyCare 3.0
Brentwood, TN 37027
• Prepare the patient for neurophysiological monitoring by applying stimulating and recording electrodes.
• To get you to that point, we offer full-time, salaried...
30+ days ago · Save job
- CNIM – Surgical Neurophysiologist**
IntraNerve Neuroscience 3.3
Memphis, TN
Easily apply · Urgently hiring

On the right side of the screenshot, there is a detailed view of a job listing for 'Intra-operative Monitoring (IOM) Technician' at 'SUNY Upstate Medical University'. The listing includes 112 reviews from Syracuse, NY and an 'Apply On Company Site' button. The job details are as follows:

- Job no:** IOM Technician
- Department:** Neurosurgery - IOM
- Employer:** State of New York
- Payroll Title:** TH CTS EEG Associate, NSSL2
- Bargaining Unit:** UUP (State University Professional Services Unit)
- Salary:** Commensurate with Qualifications
- Work type:** Full-time
- Location:** Syracuse
- Categories:** Allied Health
- Job Summary:** Intraoperative Monitoring (IOM) Technicians perform neurophysiological monitoring in the operating room to assist with assessing the functional integrity of the peripheral and/or central nervous system during vascular, orthopedic and neurosurgical operative procedures. Procedures recorded by the technologist include, but are not limited to, electroencephalograms, evoked potentials, compressed spectral array, electrocorticography, and topographic brain mapping.
- Minimum Qualifications:** Certification for Neurophysiological Monitoring (CNIM) required. *Candidates who possess an Associate's degree in relevant field and one year of related experience OR an Associate's degree in relevant field and no experience OR one year of relevant healthcare experience will be considered for appointment to a trainee position at a commensurate salary.
- Preferred Qualifications:**
- Work Days:**

Human-Computer Interaction Specialization Area (Usability Engineering)

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Usability engineering is a field that is concerned generally with human-computer interaction and specifically developing human-computer interfaces that have high **usability** or user friendliness.

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Resources for learning more about HCI:

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<https://jnd.org/>

<https://www.nngroup.com/>

<https://bigdesignevents.com/>

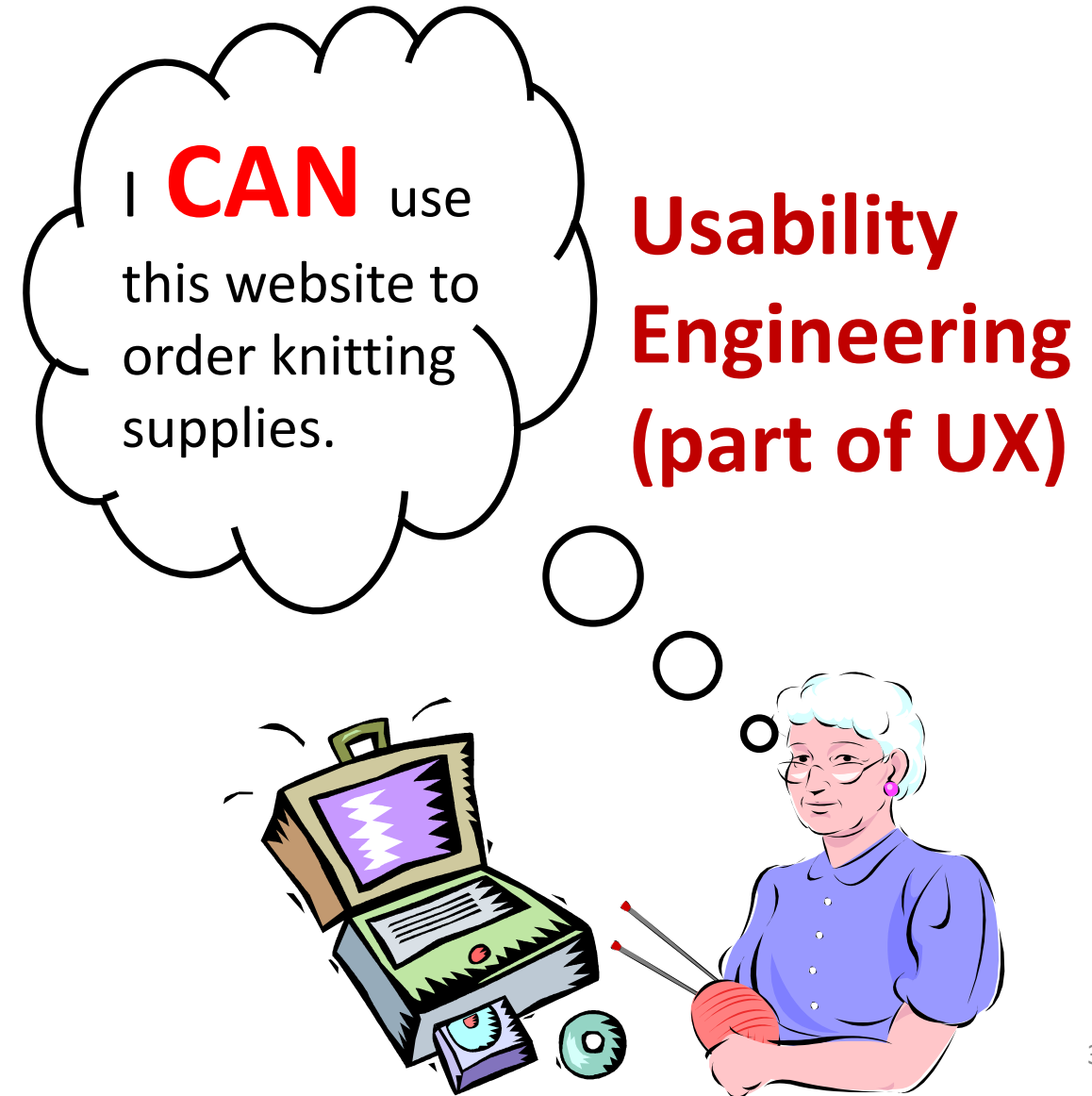
<https://cs.utdallas.edu/people/faculty/mcmahan-ryan/>

<https://atec.utdallas.edu/content/nazir-cassini/>

Human-Computer Interaction Specialization Area (User Experience (UX))

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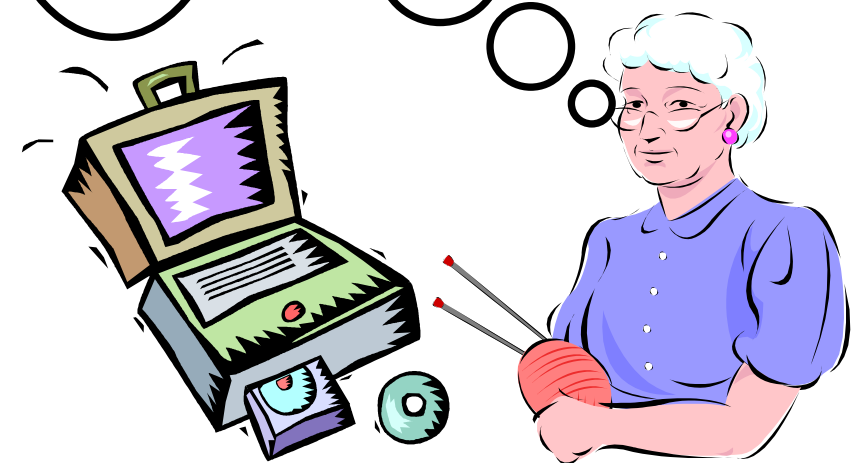
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I **LOVE** using
this website to
order knitting
supplies!!!
**Its so much
FUN!!!!!!**

**User
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Human-Computer Interaction Specialization Area (Usability Engineering/UX)

• Core Coursework

- Cognitive Psychology
- Foundations of HCI (HCI 1)
- Applied HCI (HCI 2)
- HCI Lab (prerequisite: Applied HCI/HCI 2)
- Research Methods 1
- Research Methods 2

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UTD UX Club

Big Design Conference (Every Fall)

ATEC (Arts and Technology) Labs and Studios

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Note: Usability Engineering does not necessarily require advanced software development skills but you must be able to interface with software developers. Familiarity with HTML and CSS a definite plus!!!

Note: UX positions may require both Usability Engineering skills AND additional skills like software development, artistic design, or managerial skills.

UX and Usability Engineering Career Paths

Salaries range from \$50K to \$125K based upon experience for Usability Engineer or User Experience (UX) Engineer

See “indeed.com” with keywords: “UX” “Usability Engineering” “Human Centered Design”

The collage displays several job listings for UX and Usability Engineering roles. The listings are as follows:

- Lead UX Researcher** at **PayPal** (3.9 rating). Location: San Jose, CA 95131 (North San Jose area). Requirements: Undergraduate degree in design, user experience HCI or related field, relevant postgraduate degree an advantage. Posted 30+ days ago.
- Service Design Researcher** at **Optum** (3.4 rating). Location: Denver, CO 80202 (Union Station area). Requirements: Lead stakeholder conversations that communicate the value of human-centered design approaches. Work with stakeholders to understand business needs and apply... Posted 30+ days ago.
- User Experience Researcher** at **CDK Global** (3.2 rating). Location: San Jose, CA 95134 (North San Jose area). Requirements: Interpret the use cases and design effective research strategies to guide user-centered design lifecycle. Work closely with cross-functional product development... Posted 25 days ago.
- User Experience Researcher** at **CDK Global** (483 reviews). Location: San Jose, CA 95134. Description: automotive dealers and car buyers. To achieve this lofty goal, we are deeply engaging with our users to ensure that our products ignite efficiency and productivity while being delightfully easy to use. The User Experience engineering group at CDK is focused on the quality of the interactions people have with our technology and is looking for professionals that employ the principles and techniques of User Centered Design to join us. UX @ CDK follows a multi-disciplinary approach that focuses on all the users' emotions, beliefs, preferences, perceptions, and behaviors through an iterative research and design process. As a UX researcher you will...
 - Transform the end user experience for CDK's automotive dealership solutions
 - Work closely with cross-functional product development teams to help realize user-centered design principles
 - Implement a data-driven design vision, process, and execution
 - Provide qualitative and quantitative research findings
 - Collaborate closely with UX designers to ensure designs meets the needs of the user
 - Present and evangelize your work and the concept of user research across the organization
 - Operate with lean, agile frameworks, and methodologies to optimize the ability to respond to changing prioritiesWe realize that everyone's situation is unique, however our general guidelines for requirements include...
 - A portfolio demonstrating your diverse research experience
 - 4+ years of user-centered research experience throughout the product development lifecycle
 - BA/BS in design, HCI, human factors, cognitive/experimental psychology or similar
 - Passion for research and empathy for end-user experience
 - The ability to collaborate with UX, CUX, engineering,...Apply On Company Site
- Design Researcher** at **State Farm** (3.9 rating). Location: Jose, CA 95113 (Downtown area). Description: focus on the research portion of a project, synthesize insights, translate these findings to analyze design and strategic decisions, and collaborate with the... Posted 15 days ago.
- Usability Analyst** at **Direct Energy** (3.5 rating). Location: Houston, TX. Description: solid understanding of user-centered design values and usability; An understanding of best practices in web design. Posted 15 days ago.
- Usability and Project Management Partnership** at **United Health - College** (3.7 rating). Location: Wausau, WI 54602. Description: Communicates the benefits of customer and associate research to the Enterprise...

Computational Modeling/Machine Learning

Implement “Smart”
Algorithms using
Machine Learning Software
Development Environments.



Computational Modeling/Machine Learning

- Use Machine Learning Algorithms to Analyze Cognitive-Neuroscience Data
- Develop and Evaluate Machine Learning Algorithms as Behavioral or Neural Information Processing Models



Intelligent Systems/Computational Modeling Specialization Area

- **Core Coursework:**

- **Computational Models** (ACN5314) (Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
- **Research Methods 2**

- **Advanced Coursework**

- **Neural Network Math** (Fall 2022, Fall 2024)
(prerequisite: Linear Algebra, Calculus-based Probability Theory)
- **Statistical Machine Learning**
(prerequisite: Neural Net Math) (Spring 2023, Spring 2025)
- **Multivariate Data Analysis** (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
(prerequisite: Research Methods 2) [Limited Enrollment]
- **Multivariate Data Analysis using R** (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
(note both multivariate data analysis courses must be taken at same time.
Also note that there are very limited number of seats available for this pair of classes)



NOTE: Students
In this area typically
Enter the program
with intermediate/ advanced
Computer programming
Skills and strong math
Backgrounds.

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In order to have a successful career in this area you MUST have strong computer programming skills and familiarity with one or more machine learning development languages. For more details:
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Students with weak math backgrounds who want to take “Neural Net Math” should take both of the following MIT Course sequences (or equivalent) as prerequisites before taking “Neural Net Math”:
<https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mathematics/18-06-linear-algebra-spring-2010/> [lower-division linear algebra]
<https://www.edx.org/course/probability-the-science-of-uncertainty-and-data-0> [upper-division probability]

[Data Science Coursework Offered in School of Economic Political and Policy Sciences](#)
(for students who may have difficulty taking graduate coursework in Computer Science or Electrical Engineering)

Examples of Machine Learning Labs/Centers at UTD

(good resources to learn more about machine learning)



www.learningmachines101.com

(Dr. Golden's podcast)

Center for Applied AI and Machine Learning (UTD Computer Science)

Center for Machine Learning

Cognitive Informatics and Statistics Lab (Dr. Golden) (Golden Research Lab)

Multimodal Signal Processing Lab (Dr. Busso)

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 - Data Scientists
 - Machine Learning Engineers/Interns
 - Software Developers that Implement Machine Learning Algorithms
 - \$50K to \$150K (depending upon experience and expertise)

Searching for Jobs in Machine Learning Area on “INDEED.COM”

INDEED Search Keywords (www.indeed.com)

- Machine Learning Engineer
- Machine Learning Scientist
- Statistician
- Data Scientist
- Deep Learning Engineer

Machine Learning/Deep Learning Engineer

Roots Infovision - Dallas, TX

[Apply On Company Site](#)



Overview

THIS IS A JUNIOR LEVEL POSITION (Need 1-2 years of experience) We have immediate positions with our R&D team; this is going to be either contract or fulltime with InfoVision. If you are interested, please send me your updated resume along with the following details Expected hourly rate: \$_/hr on W2 Availability: Current Location: Visa Status: Primary contact details: Job Title: Machine Learning/Deep Learning Engineer Location: Richardson, TX Duration: 1 Year Key Skills: Design, develop, train, evaluate and deploy systems using various Deep Learning and Machine Learning Algorithms The design of interfaces between your code and other components in the complete system Create detailed documentation including design concept, flowcharts, layouts, diagrams and charts Project management as needed

Company:

Infovision

Qualifications:

Must Have Skillsets: 0-2 years of work or educational experience in Computer Vision / Deep Learning or Machine Learning Strong software skills in Python & C/C++ Experience with OpenCV or other computer vision libraries Experience with common Machine Learning methods Experience in using a machine learning framework such as TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, Keras, Torch and Caffe MS/BS degree in Computer Science, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, or related technical field Experience with Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a plus Experience in UI is a plus Ability to easily adapt to new technologies

Level of experience (years):

Entry Level (Less than 2 years of Experience)

ot
sted Remote within 25 miles Salary

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data scientist jobs in Allen, TX

Sort by: **relevance** • date

Page 1 of 92 jobs

Mathematician

Event Dynamic

Dallas, TX 75219 (Oak Lawn area)

Requirements

Software development: 4 years

Machine Learning: 2 years

Language: English



Easily apply



Responsive employer

- This position will interface with the subject matter experts and machine learning team to communicate business impacts of technical decisions.

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Director Data Scientist - Data Science Hub

USAA 3.9

Plano, TX 75023

- Leads a team of Data Scientists responsible for advanced analytical solutions that include predictive analytics, machine learning, simulation, and optimization...

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Staff Data Scientist - Technology - Large Scale Financial Forecasting

Walmart 212,533 reviews - Plano, TX 75024

[Apply On Company Site](#)



Position Summary...

What you'll do...

Data Strategy: Understands, articulates, and applies principles of the defined strategy to routine business problems that involve a single function.

Data Source Identification: Supports the understanding of the priority order of requirements and service level agreements. Helps identify the most suitable source for data that is fit for purpose. Performs initial data quality checks on extracted data.

Applied Business Acumen: Provides recommendations to business stakeholders to solve complex business issues. Develops business cases for projects with a projected return on investment or cost savings. Translates business requirements into projects, activities, and tasks and aligns to overall business strategy. Serves as an interpreter and conduit to connect business needs with tangible solutions and results. Recommends new processes and ways of working.

Model Assessment & Validation: Identifies the model evaluation metrics. Applies best practice techniques for model testing and tuning to assess accuracy, fit, validity, and robustness for multi-stage models and model ensembles.

Data Visualization: Generates appropriate graphical representations of data and model outcomes. Understands customer requirements to design appropriate data representation for multiple data sets. Work with User Experience designers and User Interface engineers as required to build front end applications. Presents to and influences the team and business audience using the appropriate frameworks and conveys clear messages through business and stakeholder understanding. Customize communication style based on stakeholder under guidance, and leverages rational arguments. Guide and mentor junior associates on story types, structures, and techniques based on context.

Problem Formulation: Translates business problems within

Research Methods Sequence

- BBS Research Methods Sequence: Research Methods 1, Research Methods 2
- The Research Methods sequence provides important marketable skills.
- However, if your goal is a PhD program in Cognition and/or Neuroscience, focus less on methodology and more on identifying your research interests.

Suggestions for Choosing Research Methods Section

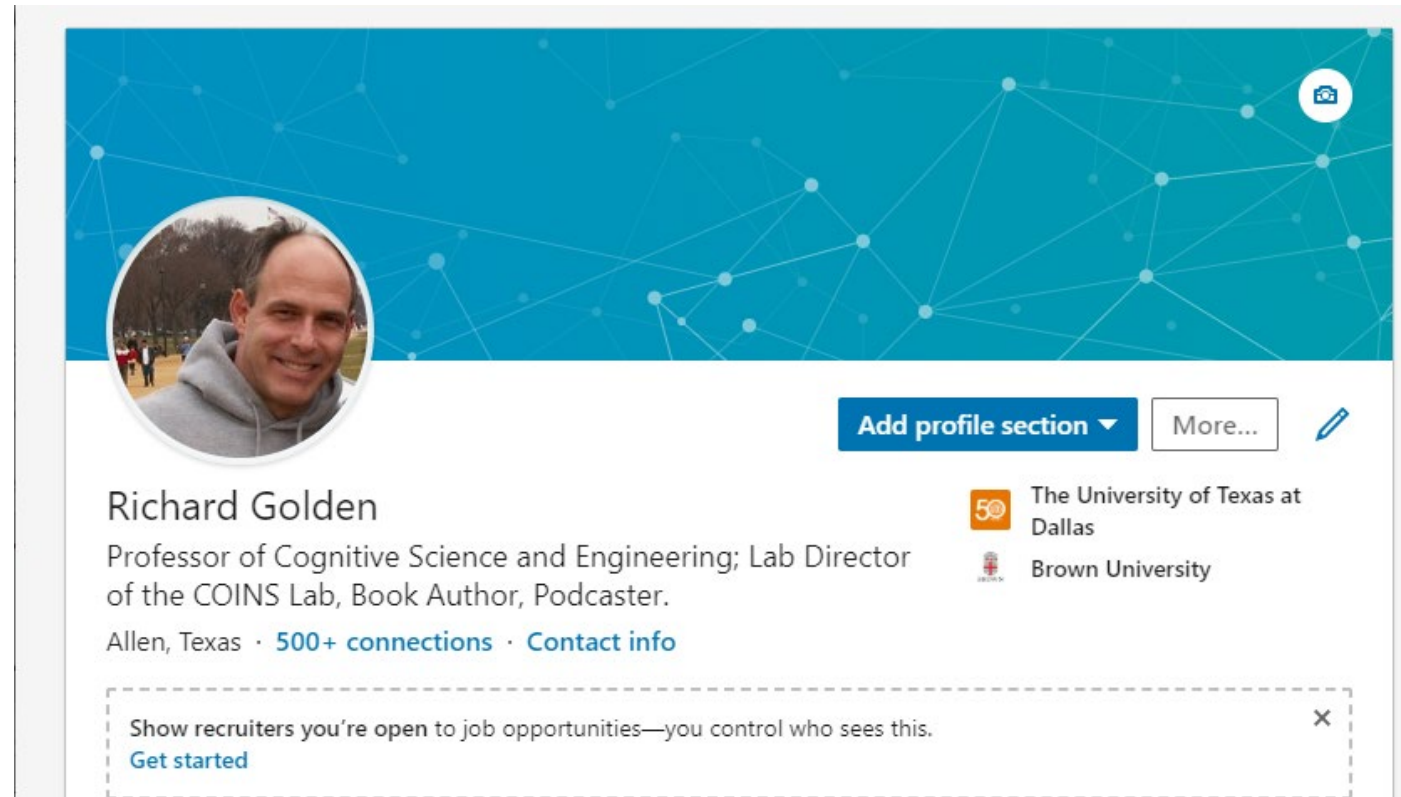
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- Students with undergrad degrees in Math, Physics, Computer Science, Engineering should skip RM1 and take RM2
- Both Instructors are Excellent Both Cover Similar Material!
My goal here is to “match up” the right student with right instructor!!

NETWORK using LINKED-IN

- Connect with “Richard Golden” on LINKED-IN
- This is a good way to network with other alumni of the ACN program
- Aggressively explore career opportunities BEFORE you graduate!!!



Internship/Research Requirement

- The purpose of the internship/research requirement is to provide you with practical experience to improve post-graduation career opportunities.
- There is a 6 credit hour internship/research requirement.
- You may replace a portion or all of this requirement with 1 or 2 courses.
- General rule of thumb is 10 hours/week for 15 weeks is about 3 credit hours.
- Internship may be on-campus or off-campus.
- Melanie Davis has list of some potential off-campus opportunities.
- On-campus opportunities may be found by checking out
 - <https://bbs.utdallas.edu/research/labs/>
 - <https://vitallongevity.utdallas.edu/research/>
 - <https://brainhealth.utdallas.edu/>
 - <https://centers.utdallas.edu/pain/>
 - <https://www.utdallas.edu/txbdc/research/>

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At the end of the meeting say:

“Thank you for meeting with me. I really enjoyed the meeting and was particularly interested in _____. Would it be possible for me to participate as a member of your lab or research group working in the area of _____?”

Phd Programs

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- Or identify your research interests by just finding journal articles on research that you would like to pursue and then talk to the Program Head about which faculty members are pursuing work in those areas.

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 5. Provide 2 or 3 examples of the types of research projects you would like to pursue as a PhD student. About 2-6 sentences per example.
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 5. Provide 2 or 3 examples of the types of research projects you would like to pursue as a PhD student. About 2-6 sentences per example.
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3. Provide an overview of “relevant extra-curricular or research experiences”
4. Provide an explicit statement about the general area of research which you intend to pursue as a PhD student.
5. Provide 2 or 3 examples of the types of research projects you would like to pursue as a PhD student. About 2-6 sentences per example.
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- **Enrolling for classes.** Use Qualtrix or UTD email. You can't enroll yourself.
- **Academic Probation.**
Need to maintain B average or you will be asked to leave university.
- **Graduation.** Declaring that you are ready to Graduate.
- **Personal Emergencies.**
Please send us a quick email indicating you need to drop out.
This is very important otherwise we may have difficulty re-enrolling you at some later time in the future.

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- Catalog (<https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2019/graduate/programs/bbs/applied-cognition-and-neuroscience>)
- Academic Calendar (<https://www.utdallas.edu/academiccalendar/>)
- Comet Card (<https://www.utdallas.edu/cometcard/>)
- Parking and Transportation (<https://www.utdallas.edu/services/transit/>)
- UTD Maps (www.utdallas.edu/maps)
- Activity Center (<https://www.utdallas.edu/directions/activity-center/>)
- Software Discounts (<https://www.utdallas.edu/oit/services/software/>)

Graduate Student Life at UT Dallas



Jennifer Chi

BBS Representative
UT Dallas Graduate Student Assembly

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- **What does Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) do?**
- **Our main focus is to provide academic, professional, and social opportunities for graduate students at UT Dallas**
- Represent graduate students for the different school across campus
 - Each school has a GSA School Representative
- Work with Office of Graduate Education and other administrators to communicate about key issues
 - PhD stipend and health insurance
- Help promote and provide Health and Wellness events
- Organize social events for graduate students every semester
 - Happy hours, game nights, mixers

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