

Thank you for your interest in our department and in the topics of my research. There are many creative and important projects in progress in our department, and we are delighted that some of our own excitement has come to you through our brochures or web pages.

If you have not yet applied for admission, please go to <http://www.cs.unc.edu/Admissions/>.

You can request application materials by sending e-mail to admit@cs.unc.edu. You should not send your curriculum vitae to that e-mail address; however, you may submit it as part of your application package.

If you have already applied for admission, you have done all that is required to gain full consideration for admission and financial support.

It is not possible for faculty to provide an individual assessment of your chances of admission to our department. The volume of such requests makes such assessments impractical for us, and our department's admission procedure makes them irrelevant. In our department, a faculty Admissions Committee reviews all applications, ranks the applicants by overall merit, and makes decisions on admission and financial support based on the application material submitted. Your chances of gaining admission depend on the quality of the applicant pool and on the quality of your application.

In particular, students are not admitted to the department by research project directors, so contacting individual faculty has no effect on your chances of being admitted.

The department is usually able to offer financial support to admitted students in the form of teaching or research assistantships

or fellowships. If you are admitted, you will be notified in your admission letter whether you are being offered financial support and what form that support will take.

Admission to the department is not initially tied to any research project. Final assignments of students to research or teaching assistant positions are made just before each semester begins, after students and faculty have had an opportunity to meet and hold interviews. Similarly, Ph.D. advisor-advisee relationships are established by mutual consent, usually after the student has completed a year of coursework and has passed the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination.

Admission to our program is highly competitive. We get as many as 600 applications for about 60 admission slots. It is hard to say "no" to many of the excellent candidates who apply here.

Thank you for your interest in our department, and best wishes in the admission process.