Computational Science, Ph.D.

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Joint Doctoral Program with UC Irvine and San Diego State University
A joint offering with San Diego State University (SDSU), the Ph.D. program in Computational Science trains professionals capable of developing novel computational approaches to solve complex problems in both fundamental sciences and applied sciences and engineering. A program of study combining applied mathematics, computing, and a solid training in basic science culminates in doctoral research focused on an unsolved scientific problem.

The Ph.D. in Computational Science produces broadly educated, research-capable scientists that are well prepared for diverse careers in academia, industry, business, and government research laboratories.

Students are admitted into the joint program via a Joint Admissions Committee. Applicants apply to UCI directly using the UCI graduate application.

Applicants are expected to hold a Bachelor's degree in one of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their prior academic record and their potential for creative research and teaching, as demonstrated in submitted materials. These materials include official university transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a Statement of Purpose, and a Personal History statement.

Program Requirements
The normative time to completion is five years. The maximum time to completion is seven years. A total minimum of 66 units of course work, independent study, and research must be completed. These units must be distributed as follows:

- Minimum of 18 units of graduate-level coursework as SDSU.
- Minimum of 24 units of graduate-level coursework at UCI.
- Minimum of 24 units of combined research, practicum, and dissertation research units at either institution.

Summer Research Survey
Students are required to attend the annual summer seminar series featuring participating faculty members describing their current research and possible projects.

Course Requirements
Core Courses at SDSU
MATH 636 - Mathematical Modeling OR MATH 638 - Continuous Dynamical Systems and Chaos
MATH 693B - Advanced Computational PDEs
COMP 605 - Scientific Computing

Elective Courses at SDSU
Students select 9 units from the following list, or appropriate substitutions, with the approval of the program director and their research mentor

AE 601 - Computational Fluid Mechanics
AE 641 - Structural Optimization
AE 670 - Optimal Control
BIOL 606 - Biological Data
BIOL 668 - Advanced Biological Data Analysis
BIOL 740 - Phylogenetic Systematics
BIOMI 608 - Programming Problems in Bioinformatics
CHEM 711 - Chemical Thermodynamics
CHEM 712 - Chemical Kinetics
CHEM 713 - Quantum Chemistry
CIVE 620 - Traffic Flow and Control
CIVE 697 - Traffic Signals Systems Operations and Control
COMP 526 - Computational Methods for Scientists
COMP 607 - Computational Database Fundamentals
COMP 670 - Seminar: Problems in Computational Science
CS 600 - Bioinformatics
CS 610 - Computational Genomics
CS 653 - Data Mining and Knowledge  
CS 666 - Advanced Distributed Systems  
CS 696 - Programming Problems in Bioinformatics  
EE 645 - Antennas and Wave Propagation  
EE 657 - Digital Signal Processing  
EE 658 - Advanced Digital Signal Processing  
EE 665 - Multimedia Wireless Networks  
EE 740 - Advanced Topics in Physical Electronics Antenna Design  
MATH 693A - Advanced Computational Optimization  
MATH 693B - Advanced Computational PDEs  
MB 610A-B - Advanced Topics in Molecular Biology  
ME 610 - Finite Element Methods  
PHYS 604 - Electricity and Magnetism  
PHYS 606 - Statistical Mechanics  
PHYS 608 - Classical Mechanics  
PHYS 610 - Quantum Mechanics  
STAT 657 - Statistical and Machine Learning Methods  
STAT 658 - Advanced Data Analytics  
STAT 678 - Survival Analysis  
STAT 700 - Data Analysis  
STAT 701 - Monte Carlo Methods  
STAT 702 - Data Mining

Core Courses at UCI

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<td>Principles of Scientific Computing</td>
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<td>COMPSCI 271</td>
<td>Introduction to Artificial Intelligence</td>
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<td>ENGRCEE 290</td>
<td>Merging Models and Data</td>
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<td>STATS 201</td>
<td>Statistical Methods for Data Analysis I</td>
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Elective Courses at UCI

Students select 8 units from the following list, or appropriate substitutions, with the approval of the program director and their research mentor

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<td>Classical Mechanics and Electromagnetic Theory</td>
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<td>COMPSCI 211A</td>
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<td>Probabilistic Learning: Theory and Algorithms</td>
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<td>Learning in Graphical Models</td>
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## Research Units at SDSU

- **COMP 897** - Doctoral Research  
- **COMP 898** - Practicum  
- **COMP 899** - Dissertation

## Research Units at UCI

- **COMPSCI 298** - Thesis Supervision  
- **COMPSCI 299** - Individual Study  
- **ENGR 299** - Individual Research

### Practicum and Doctoral Research

Dissertation research is carried out at either UCI or SDSU, or at an industry or national laboratory under the supervision of the Doctoral Advisor. While conducting dissertation research, students must enroll in the appropriate research units at the campus of the Doctoral Advisor. If research is done outside of UCI or SDSU, students should register in-absentia if appropriate.

### Research Report Exam

The student is expected to pass the Research Report Exam within three years of admittance. This examination consists of a term research project supervised by a faculty mentor. The student is required to prepare a written account of research work performed and its results, and offer an oral presentation before the members of the Doctoral Committee. The student must submit a paper based on their research report before giving the oral presentation to the Doctoral Committee. Should a student fail the Research Report Exam, one retake is allowed.

### Dissertation Proposal

Students must submit a dissertation proposal to the doctoral committee by the end of their third year in the program. This proposal should take the form of a scientific grant proposal to a major funding agency. It should describe the research project that the student intends to carry out and upon which their doctoral dissertation will be based. The student must also offer an oral presentation of the proposal before the Computational Science faculty. Upon successful completion of this presentation, the student will be recommended for advancement to candidacy for the doctoral degree.

### Advancement to Doctoral Candidacy

After successful completion of the dissertation proposal and certification that all other requirements are fulfilled, the student is advanced to candidacy at both campuses. Students not registered at UCI will need to formally advance to candidacy in the summer term. Advancement to candidacy for the Ph.D. must occur at least one term prior to dissertation defense.
Dissertation and Final Oral Examination

On completion of the research, the student prepares the dissertation in accordance with UCI regulations. A final draft of the dissertation is presented to each member of the doctoral committee at least three weeks prior to the final oral examination. The oral defense is held on the campus of the primary faculty advisor. Students must follow UCI filing deadlines. Students are required to be registered for Dissertation Research (3 units) at SDSU and Dissertation Research (4 units) simultaneously at UCI during the semester in which they present their doctoral defense. Alternatively, students can request filing fee status at UCI in the quarter in which they present their doctoral defense.

University of California, Irvine Faculty

Mohammad A. Ali Faruque, Ph.D. University of Kaiserslautern, Chair of Emulex Career Development and Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (system-level design, embedded systems, cyber-physical-systems, multi-core systems)

Jun F. Allard, Ph.D. University of British Columbia, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Physics and Astronomy (Mathematical and computational biology, biopolymers, biomembranes, force-sensitive biomolecular bonds)

Ioan Andricioaei, Ph.D. Boston University, Professor of Chemistry (Theoretical Chemistry and Biophysics: Developing novel theoretical techniques and applying computer and modeling methods to describe, in terms of dynamics and thermodynamics, biologically important molecular processes, with the aim to complement, enhance or predict experimental findings.)

Pierre F. Baldi, Ph.D. California Institute of Technology, UCI Chancellor's Professor of Computer Science; Biological Chemistry; Biomedical Engineering; Developmental and Cell Biology (Bioinformatics, computational biology, AI and machine learning with particular emphasis on: Deep Learning, Neural Networks, Reinforcement Learning, and their Theoretical Foundations and Applications)

Kieron Burke, Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, Professor of Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy (Physical chemistry and chemical physics, polymer, materials, nanoscience, theoretical and computational)

Filippo Capolino, Ph.D. University of Florence, Italy, Professor of Electrical and Computer Science (Optics/electromagnetics in nanostructures and sensors, antennas/microwaves, RF and wireless systems)

Ann Marie Carlton, Ph.D. Rutgers University, Associate Professor of Chemistry (Atmospheric chemistry, aerosol liquid water, cloud processing, secondary organic aerosol)

Peter Chang, M.D. Northwestern University, Assistant Professor in Residence of Radiological Sciences; Computer Science; Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Olivier Cinquin, Ph.D. University College London, Assistant Professor of Developmental and Cell Biology (Mathematical modeling of networks, systems biology)

Donald A. Dabdub, Ph.D. California Institute of Technology, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Civil and Environmental Engineering (Mathematical modeling of urban and global air pollution, dynamics of atmospheric aerosols, secondary organic aerosols, impact of energy generation on air quality, chemical reactions at gas-liquid interfaces)

Kristen Davis, Ph.D. Stanford University, Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Earth System Science (Coastal Dynamics)

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Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, Ph.D. University of Florida, Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering (hydrology and geomorphology with emphasis on modeling the interactions between the atmosphere, land, and the terrestrial environment at plot to large-watershed scale)

Filipp Furche, Ph.D. University of Karlsruhe, Professor of Chemistry (Physical chemistry and chemical physics, theoretical and computational)

Robert Benny Gerber, Ph.D. University of Oxford, Professor of Chemistry (Vibrational spectroscopy, chemical reaction dynamics, biological molecules, molecular dynamics)

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Marco Levorato, Ph.D. University of Padua, Associate Professor of Computer Science; Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (artificial intelligence and machine learning, networks and distributed systems, statistics and statistical theory, stochastic modeling, signal processing)

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Mauro Tambasco, Ph.D. University of Western Ontario, Associate Professor of Physics (Medical Physics: Biophysics effects of ionizing radiation in the presence of strong magnetic fields)

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Ahmad Bani Younes, Ph.D. Texas A&M University, *Assistant Professor of Aerospace Engineering* (Space research topics: including the development of fast and high fidelity gravity model for the earth anomalies; fast and efficient trajectories propagation for satellite motions; optimal control theory, and, algorithms development for optimization theory, perturbation theory, orbital motion, and very broadly algorithmic differentiation for automatically generating mixed sets of high-order partial derivatives.)