

#### FACULTY MENTOR Xinyu Zhang

# **PROJECT TITLE**

Generative Agents for Augmented Learning

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The objective of this project is to explore an augmented cognition framework which tightly synthesizes AI and humans (both instructors and students) in a closed-loop to enhance the effectiveness of online learning. The high-level idea is to leverage ubiquitous mobile sensors to tap into the students' focus zones and cognitive states in real time. A generative agent will then be developed to create a "digital twin" of each student, which helps assess the student's real-time learning performance and provides feedback to the teacher. This platform will enhance the current video-based remote learning platforms such as Zoom and make them as interactive as in-person classes.

This project will be in person.

# **INTERNS NEEDED**

≻ 2

# PREREQUISITES

- > Experience with high-level programming languages such as Python.
- > Experience with machine learning.



#### FACULTY MENTOR Xinyu Zhang

# **PROJECT TITLE**

Sensing Everyday Activities Using Non-Visual Sensors: A Machine Learning-Based Framework

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Knowledge about what a person does across the day is a critical input for many ubiquitous computing applications, such as life logging, elderly care, in-home patient care, etc. To obtain such information, existing approaches use either specialized on-body sensors, which are intrusive and cumbersome to maintain, or cameras, which do not work in low-light conditions and often impinge on people's privacy. In this project, we propose to reuse non-visual sensors on smartphones/smartwatches to track people's activities. The non-visual sensors include motion sensors and ultrasonic sensors, along with WiFi--repurposed as a sensor. Different activities will affect the WiFi signals in different ways. By collecting signal traces on WiFi devices, we can identify the activity based on a pattern recognition algorithm. When combined with motion and ultrasonic sensors, we can potentially achieve near-vision sensing resolution. This project will involve a substantial amount of data collection, machine-learning model design, and implementation.

This project will be in person.

#### **INTERNS NEEDED**

≻ 2

# PREREQUISITES

- Experiences in machine learning
- > Experiences in high-level languages, such as Python.



#### FACULTY MENTOR Xinyu Zhang

# **PROJECT TITLE**

A Software Radio Platform for Joint Communications and Sensing Beyond 5G

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

"The first four generations of wireless networks mainly run on the low-frequency microwave band. For 5G and beyond, millimeter-wave will become the dominant communication medium. The availability of mobile millimeter-wave devices will also enable novel wireless sensing applications, such as automobile radar and the Google Project Soli gesture sensing hardware. In this project, we will design and implement a hardware platform to enable the exploration of such new communication and sensing paradigms. The platform will assemble existing RF evaluation boards and FPGA baseband processors into a programmable software-defined radio. The radio can be dual-used as a high-resolution imaging radar for security and medical applications.

This project will be in person.

INTERNS NEEDED

≻ 3

# PREREQUISITES

- > Experiences in FPGA programming or RF hardware design.
- > Experiences in signal processing.