Laboratory for Virtual and Augmented Reality Communications and Networked Systems

Staff (student, postdoc, and developer) Openings

Multiple PhD, postdoc, intern, and developer openings are available in the 5D VREALITY Lab for Next Generation Communications led by Prof. Jacob Chakareski, supported by cutting-edge projects (NSF, NIH, Adobe). The lab is hosted in the College of Computing of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). It features state-of-the-art equipment: large field of view immersion displays, high-definition visual and range sensors, virtual and augmented reality head-mounted displays, UAV-IoT devices, and 5G/LTE-A MIMO SDR boards. The doctoral positions are fully funded (stipend and tuition for up to four years, including summer support) and are available immediately, once a candidate completes the application and admission requirements. The postdoc openings are on a multi-year basis, renewed every year, subject to performance evaluation. The developer openings feature flexible working hours, require experience in Unity 3D, C#, and JavaScript, and can be part time.

Students at the B.S./M.S. level with background in electrical/computer engineering, computer science/applied computing, or applied mathematics are encouraged to apply. The accepted candidates will work on cutting edge research in the areas of mobile 6DOF VR/AR networked systems and synergies with computer vision, machine learning and HCI, 5G edge computing and network architectures, UAV-IoT sensing and networking, optical and millimetre wave mobile wireless networking, domain-aware real-time reinforcement learning (RL) and deep RL for communication systems and applications, and multi-connectivity 360-degree video streaming. We also explore novel interdisciplinary applications to remote sensing, disaster relief, environmental monitoring, and cyber-physical health care systems and devices.

Solid mathematical background and knowledge of programming languages and software tools (e.g., Matlab, NS-3, C#, Unity 3D, HEVC) is required. Above all, an applicant must be self-
motivated to learn quickly and work effectively on challenging research problems. For a description of recent activities carried out by Prof. Chakareski, please visit [www.jakov.org](http://www.jakov.org).

**Application process:** Please send your CV in attachment to [jacobcha@njit.edu](mailto:jacobcha@njit.edu) and specify in the subject line “X opening application”, where “X” could be {PhD, postdoc, internship, or developer}. Outline your background and research interests in the e-mail. Include a one-page research statement describing your qualifications and how you can contribute to our investigations (summarized on the web site referenced above). Include 3-4 references (names and contact details) and any publications you may have authored.

GRE and IELTS/TOEFL scores are required for international student applicants (please include them if you have already taken these admission tests). An applicant is also advised to include course transcripts and arrange for reference letters to be sent to Dr. Chakareski directly.

**Recent references:**
- IEEE COMMAG 2021: Improving Data-driven Reinforcement Learning in Wireless IoT Systems using Domain Knowledge
- WiOpt 2021: Decentralized Collaborative Video Caching in 5G Small-Cell Base Station Cellular Networks
- NOSSDAV 2021: Wifi-VLC Dual Connectivity Streaming System for 6DOF Multi-User Virtual Reality ([best paper award](#))
- PiMRC 2020: Deep Reinforcement Learning for Delay-Sensitive LTE Downlink Scheduling
- IEEE TSP 2020: Accelerated Structure-Aware Reinforcement Learning
- MMSP 2020: RF-FSO Dual-Path UAV Network for High Fidelity Multi-Viewpoint 360° Video Streaming
- IEEE TVT 2020: Lifetime Maximization in Mobile Edge Computing Networks
- IEEE TMM 2020: Collaborative Content Placement Among Wireless Edge Caching Stations
- IEEE TIP 2019: UAV-IoT for Next Generation Virtual Reality
- Globecom 2019: Neighbor Discovery in a Free-Space-Optical UAV Network
- ACM ICDCS: Displacement Error Analysis of 6-DoF Virtual Reality
- IEEE MMSP 2019: Millimeter Wave meets Edge Computing for Mobile High-Fidelity 360° VR
- ACC 2018: Coalition Formation for Coordinated Task Allocation in Heterogeneous UAV Networks
- ICC 2018: Viewport-Driven Rate-Distortion Optimized 360° Video Streaming
- ICC 2018: Energy Efficiency Analysis of UAV-Assisted mmWave HetNets
- Asilomar 2017: Optimal measurement policy for predicting UAV network topology
- MMSP 2017: Convexity characterization of virtual view reconstruction error in multi-view imaging
- MM 2017: Optimal Set of 360-Degree Videos for Viewport-Adaptive Streaming
- MobiSys 2017: Drone Networks for Virtual Human Teleportation
- ICC 2017: Viewport-adaptive navigable 360-degree video delivery ([best paper award](#))
- INFOCOM 2017: UAV-IoT for Ubiquitous Immersive Communication and Virtual Human Teleportation
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