PhD candidates are solicited in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the University of Alabama (UA). The candidates will join the Laboratory for Immersive Communication [lion.ua.edu] headed by Prof. Jacob Chakareski. The lab features state-of-the-art equipment: head/wall-mounted immersion displays, high-definition visual/range sensors, augmented/virtual reality goggles, UAV-IoT devices, and 5G/LTE-A MIMO SDR boards. The positions are fully funded (stipend & tuition for up to four years) and are available immediately, once the suitable candidates pass the application requirements.

Students at the B.S. or M.Sc. level with background in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Science, or Applied Mathematics are encouraged to apply. The accepted candidates will work on exciting research problems at the intersection of augmented/virtual reality, UAV-IoT sensing/communication, rigorous machine learning for stochastic control, and ubiquitous immersive communication. We also investigate future 5G IoT architectures, graph-based signal/information processing, and the integration of multi-view imaging into cyber-physical health care systems and devices.

Solid mathematical background and knowledge of programming languages and software tools (e.g., Matlab, NS-2/3) is required. Above all, the applicants must be self-motivated to learn quickly and work effectively on challenging research problems. For a description of recent research activities carried out by Prof. Chakareski, please visit the site www.jakov.org.

Application process: Please send your CV in attachment to jacob@ua.edu and specify in the subject line “Application for ECE PhD positions at UA”. Please describe briefly 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 own studies (summarized on the two web sites referenced earlier).
GRE and IELTS/TOEFL (for international applicants) exam scores are required for the university application. The applicant is encouraged to include in the application coursework transcripts and arrange for three reference letters to be sent separately to Prof. Chakareski. PDF copies of research articles authored by the applicant are welcome to be included, too.

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