



Adrian Johnson, CSE Doctoral Student Awarded NSF EAPSI Fellowship

TAMPA, Fla. (April 18, 2012) – Adrian Johnson, a doctoral student in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, is the recipient of a prestigious NSF East Asia Summer Pacific Institute (EASPI) fellowship to conduct research in China. Adrian’s research titled “Study of On-Body Immersive Learning system in Chinese society” will be in collaboration with Linmi Tao, Professor at the Institute of HCI and Media Integration at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Tsinghua University is internationally regarded for its strength in computer science, and The Institute of HCI and Media Integration is a recognized leader in the areas of Human Computer Interaction and pervasive Computing, Media Information and Understanding.

The primary goals of the EAPSI program are to introduce U.S. domestic students to East Asia and Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan) science and engineering in the context of a research setting, and to help students initiate scientific relationships that will better enable future collaboration with foreign counterparts. The fellowship provides a \$5,000 stipend, living expenses, and round-trip airfare.

Adrian is a member of the Robot Perception and Action Laboratory (RPAL) under the supervision of Yu Sun, assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. He has studied Chinese culture and language (Mandarin) and expects that conducting impactful research in China will enhance his graduate education. In his fellowship application, Adrian wrote “exploring the culture of China has been a long time goal of mine. I believe having a deeper understanding of the country which is already producing the most practitioners in my field of science is crucial to the success of my career.”

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