



**Bhattacharya**

**Computer Science & Engineering Graduate  
Awarded USF Outstanding Dissertation Award**

**Tampa, Fla. (July 29, 2010)** – Koustav Bhattacharya, a 2009 PhD graduate in Computer Science & Engineering received a USF Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2009.

“Congratulations to Dr. Bhattacharya, on being selected for this prestigious award. This university-wide recognition of the outstanding quality of his dissertation reflects positively on our College's entire graduate program,” Rafael Perez, associate dean for academic affairs for the USF College of Engineering.

Bhattacharya received a B.Tech degree in Computer Engineering from Kalyani University, West Bengal, India in 2002; and an MS in Computer Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India in 2004. That same year, he also worked as a design engineer for ST Microelectronics, Noida, India. He was awarded the Richard E. Merwin Scholarship in 2007, created in honor of the late past president of the IEEE Computer Society to recognize and reward active leaders in the IEEE Computer Society student branch chapters who show promise in their academic and professional efforts.

Presently employed as an EDA R&D Engineer with the Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, OR, his research interests include design automation, VLSI design and test, computer architecture, design for reliability, design for manufacturability and FPGA design. He has co-authored more than 15 papers for respected international journals and conference presentations.

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