



Adrian Johnson Receives Travel Award for IEEE Virtual Reality Conference

TAMPA, Fla (February 18, 2014) Adrian Johnson, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has been accepted into the prestigious 2014 IEEE Virtual Reality (VR) Doctoral Consortium, from March 30-April 1, in Minneapolis, MN. The purpose of the doctoral consortium is to help prepare participants to succeed in their research careers and strengthen their ability to effectively lead the VR community in the future. Johnson will receive a full-week registration to IEEE VR 2014 and the IEEE Symposium on 3D User Interfaces, airfare, lodging, and mentoring support.

Students were selected for funding through a competitive process that required the submission of a four-page paper similar to a PhD proposal. In addition to summarizing their dissertation research, applicants were required to describe how their research fits into and advances the field of VR, including augmented reality, wearable computing, HCI, social informatics, information technology, cognitive science, and related disciplines.

Johnson is advised by Yu Sun, assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

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The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in the top tier of research universities, a distinction attained by only 2.2 percent of all universities. The Carnegie Foundation also classifies USF as a community engaged university. It is ranked 44th in total research expenditures and 34th in federal research expenditures for public universities by the National Science Foundation. The USF System has an annual budget of \$1.5 billion, an annual economic impact of \$3.7 billion, and serves 47,000 students in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland.

The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida is ranked at #69 among public institutions by U.S. News & World Report's 2014 engineering graduate school rankings. The college serves 4,600 students offering ABET-accredited undergraduate degrees in seven programs, as well as eleven masters and nine doctoral degrees. The College is actively engaged in local and global research activities with foci on sustainability, biomedical

engineering, computing technology and transportation. For the fiscal year 2012 the college had \$28.3 million in research expenditures.

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