Jayita Das Receives Grace Hopper Celebration in Computing Travel Award

TAMPA, Fla. (July 16, 2014) Jayita Das, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Electrical Engineering, has received a travel award to attend the 2014 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing (GHC). GHC is the world’s largest gathering of women technologists as it brings together the best minds in computing from academia, industry, and government and provides increased visibility for their contributions in the discipline. The conference will be held from October 8-11 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Annually, the GHC is organized by the Anita Borg Institute (ABI), and co-presented with the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM). This year’s conference received a record number of 1,400 scholarship applications worldwide, an unprecedented 78% increase in the number of applicants seeking travel support. Jayita was among the 26% who will be provided funding. GHC offers a unique combination of sessions focused on the latest in technology as well as career development for participants. The award includes full registration, meals, lodging, and reimbursement for airfare and other expenses.

Jayita’s dissertation research is in emerging memory technologies and analog and digital CMOS design focusing upon STT-MRAM and hardware security. She is advised by Sanjukta Bhanja, associate professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

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