



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
MICROSOFT NEW FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS
INTERNAL NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 26**

The Microsoft Corporation has announced the New Faculty Fellowships program to support exceptional new faculty members engaged in innovative computing research. The program's objective is to stimulate and support creative research by promising researchers who have the potential to make a profound impact on the field of computing in their research disciplines. The focus of the program is on novel, interdisciplinary approaches with computing "at the heart of the research." Examples of research areas may include but are not limited to: security, interdisciplinary research, scientific computing, bioinformatics, computational biology, software engineering, and other areas in which computing transforms the discipline and advances the state of the art. An emphasis is placed on departments working on computing research areas and areas that involve the innovative application of computing.

The award provides a cash gift of \$200,000 and other Microsoft resources. Five fellowships will be awarded per year. Dr. Svetlana Lazebnik, Assistant Professor of Computer Science was named a 2009 New Faculty Fellow. Dr. Wei Wang, Associate Professor of Computer Science, was named a 2005 New Faculty Fellowship winner.

Nominees must be tenure-track faculty in the first to third year of their initial faculty appointments, and may be no more than six years from the completion of their Ph.D., Sc.D., M.D. Ph.D.

For more information about the award, please click on the link to Microsoft's website below:

http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/awards/msrff_application.aspx

The university may forward **one** nominee to the Microsoft New Faculty Fellows program. Due to this limitation, a centralized nomination process is necessary. To propose a nominee for the Microsoft New Faculty Fellowships program, please send the following to regina_bartolone@unc.edu or ord@unc.edu:

1. a nomination letter for the candidate, addressed to Ms. Jacqueline Resnick, Director, ORD;
2. a current copy of the candidate's CV;
3. a one page summary of the research that would be proposed to the Microsoft Corporation;
4. the names, titles, and affiliations of three established researchers who may serve as letter writers should the candidate be identified as the institutional nominee. Microsoft requires three letters of recommendation from established researcher with the New Faculty Fellowships application. At least two of these letters must be authored by individuals outside the university. It is not essential to secure commitment of proposed letter writers prior to internal review.
5. a list of up to three internal scientific experts who could knowledgeably discuss the candidate's research and qualifications for the award as part of an internal review panel. To avoid a potential conflict of interest, please **DO NOT** include the names of department chairs or deans on this list.

To meet the Microsoft Corporation's deadline of 12 noon, PDT, November 16, we must have your nominations by **Monday, October 26**. We apologize for the short turn-around time, but the agency has just recently opened the nomination process.

This announcement may be passed on to others with an interest in this program. For additional assistance, contact Regina Bartolone by telephone at 962-7504 or by email at regina_bartolone@unc.edu.