

A3D3 Postbaccalaurate Fellowship

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Computing

Hardware

Applications

A3D3

Artificial

Intelligence



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A3D3 Institute

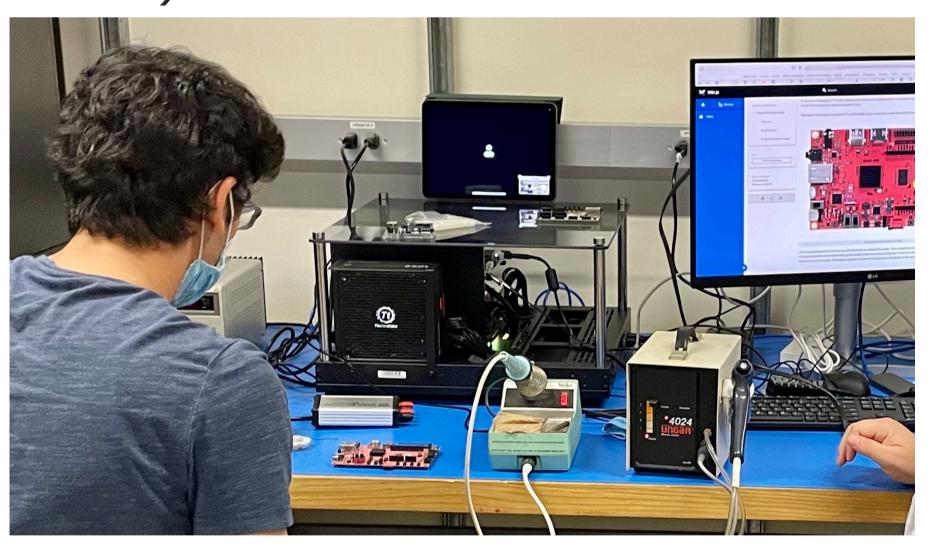
 Mission of the NSF HDR Accelerated Al Algorithms for Data-Driven Discovery

(A3D3) Institute is to apply real-time AI at scale to advance scientific knowledge and accelerate discovery

- Algorithms Collaborative effort of Caltech, Duke, MIT, Purdue, UCSD, UIUC, UMN, UW, and UW-Madison
- Domains: high energy physics (HEP), multimessenger astronomy (MMA), and neuroscience

Postbaccalaurate Fellowship

- I-year A3D3 Postbac Fellowship to increase opportunities for women and underrepresented groups in STEM (African American/Black, Chicano/Latino, Native American/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiin/ Pacific Islander, and Filipino)
- Postbac fellows are matched to a project (listing) and hosting institution based on preferences, availability, and balance



- Access to professional development opportunities including career guidance, individual mentorship, and graduate school preparation
- Program acts as a bridge to graduate study and industry positions

Recruitment and Selection

- Position posted on <u>AcademicJobsOnline</u> and advertised via email lists, Slack channels, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Black in AI, LatinX in Al, and more
- Application requirements (CV, I letter of recommendation, responses to prompts on career goals, project preferences, and leadership, research, and EDI experiences) kept minimal to encourage applicants
- Equity and Career Committee (3 Pls, 2 grad students, and I postdoc) met to create holistic equity-minded rubric and choose 4 top applicants
- Ist year: recruited 4 fellows to work on MMA, HEP, and neuroscience domains at UCSD, Duke, UMN, and UW

Plans and Lessons Learned

- Professional development activities planning in progress, including orientation, grad student panel, and writing seminar
- Many university HR departments not accustomed to creating postbac positions; need to request position months in advance
- Low number of applicants; need for better advertising and recruitment strategies, e.g., attending SACNAS, Grace Hopper Celebration conferences

Summary

- Ist year of A3D3 Postbac Fellowship Program underway!
- Improve and expand program in 2nd year



