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Southern California

## Computer Scientist, Senior Job Description

### JOB INFORMATION

<i>Job Code:</i>	199407
<i>Job Title:</i>	Computer Scientist, Senior
<i>FLSA Status:</i>	Exempt
<i>Supervisory:</i>	May oversee student and/or temporary workers.
<i>Job Family:</i>	Computer Science
<i>Job Family Group:</i>	Information Technology
<i>Management Level:</i>	7 Individual Contributor

### JOB SUMMARY

Generates research ideas and solutions to complex computer science problems. Provides research support on problems of a diverse scope and executes research projects in collaboration with others. Writes articles for publication.

### JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

#### Education

<i>Req</i>	<i>Pref</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field of Study</i>
X		Doctorate	
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#### Additional Education

*Check here if experience may substitute for some of the above education.*

Combined experience/education as substitute for minimum education

#### Work Experience

<i>Req</i>	<i>Pref</i>	<i>Work Experience</i>	<i>Experience Level</i>
X		5 years	

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#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

<i>Req</i>	<i>Pref</i>	<i>Functional Skills</i>
X		Knowledge of research processes and computer science.
X		Ability to take specific research problems, apply computer science principles, and derive solutions.
X		May possess a specialized knowledge in one area such as linguistics, psychology, or physics, and be able to bridge the gap between that specialized knowledge and the physical constraints of machine architecture.
X		Ability to interact with other project members in a positive and constructive manner to reach solutions to research problems.
	X	Nationally recognized reputation for excellence in area of expertise.

## Other Job Factors

### JOB ACCOUNTABILITIES

	% Time	Essential	Marginal	N/A
Generates research ideas. Applies computer science principles and concepts in the planning, coordinating, and executing of research objectives. Contributes state-of-the-art technology and theories.				
Solves a wide-range of research problems in creative and effective ways. Selects methods and techniques for obtaining solutions.				
Writes articles for publication.				
Makes presentations at conferences, participates in workshops, and collaborates in specific areas of research.				
Stays informed of new developments and technologies by reading journals and other pertinent publications, maintaining contact with vendors, and participating in professional organizations, meetings and seminars.				

### Other Requirements

<i>Essential:</i>	<i>Emergency Response/Recovery</i>	<i>Essential:</i>	<i>Mandated Reporter</i>
	In the event of an emergency, the employee holding this position is required to "report to duty" in accordance with the university's Emergency Operations Plan and/or the employee's department's emergency response and/or recovery plans. Familiarity with those plans and regular training to implement those plans is required. During or immediately following an emergency, the employee will be notified to assist in the emergency response efforts, and mobilize other staff members if needed.		A mandated reporter who in his or her professional capacity has knowledge of, or reasonably suspects a person who is under the age of 18 years, elderly, or a dependent adult has been the victim of abuse or neglect must report the suspected incident. The reporter must contact a designated agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone or in writing within 36 hours. By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a mandated reporter as required by state law and USC's policy at: <a href="https://policy.usc.edu/mandated-reporters/">https://policy.usc.edu/mandated-reporters/</a>
<i>Campus Security Authority (CSA)</i>			<i>Essential:</i>
By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a Campus Security Authority as required by law and USC's policy at: <a href="https://dps.usc.edu/alerts/clery/">https://dps.usc.edu/alerts/clery/</a>			No

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The above statements reflect the essential and non-essential functions as necessary to describe the principle contents of the job. They are not intended to be a complete statement of all work requirements or duties that may be required of the position. I understand that I may be asked to perform other duties as assigned. USC reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

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I acknowledge receipt of this job description and its associated physical requirements. I have read and understand the job description and job requirements and agree to abide by their contents. I realize that duties may be requested of me that are not specifically stated herein. I understand that I will be expected to adjust to potential fluctuations in work volume. I understand that, if I have any questions about the essential functions or expectations of my position, my supervisor and/or HR partner are available to discuss them with me.

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Print Employee Name

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Signature

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Print Manager Name

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Signature

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This job description describes the general nature and level of work required by the position. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of qualifications, skills, duties, responsibilities or working conditions of the job. The job description is subject to change with or without notice, and

Management reserves the right to add, modify or remove any qualification or duty. Nothing in this job description changes the existing at-will employment relationship between the university and the employee occupying the position.