

# Computer Science Fellows Program

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## **I. The Computer Science Fellows Program**

### **Mission Statement**

The Computer Science Fellows (CSF) Program embraces Baylor's mission "to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community." To this end, the program provides an individualized academic experience for intellectually gifted, highly motivated computer science students entering the School of Engineering & Computer Science with a wide range of interests who desire a more diverse experience across the disciplines.

### **The Computer Science Fellows Advantage**

The program seeks to broaden Computer Science Fellows' backgrounds in their chosen area(s) of diversification while preparing them for graduate studies or for successful computer science careers. The Computer Science Fellows is a major within the School of Engineering & Computer Science where Fellows are free to create an individualized, albeit rigorous, course of study with the advice of a program director. Thus, rather than being subject to the specialized course requirements of a traditional major, Fellows are mentored throughout their undergraduate years by the CSF Director and the Computer Science Review Committee.

### **Applicant Profile**

Admission to Computer Science Fellows Major is competitive and is separate from and subsequent to admission to Baylor University. Although the major is designed to appeal to students with high ACT/SAT scores and class rank, or National Merit designees, admission is not based solely on scores and grades. Consideration is given to genuine intellectual curiosity and a desire to excel in computer science studies as well as achieve a broad education in the humanities. Computer Science Fellows, while being interested in computer science as a discipline, will also be interested in a wider variety of disciplines. They seek a rigorous program in Computer Science that also allows them the flexibility to study across disciplines while still being prepared for either graduate school or successful careers.

## **II. Program Administration**

### **Program Organization**

The Computer Science Fellows (CSF) Program is a degree plan within the Department of Computer Science. Its organization is comprised of the Director, the Fellows Review Committee, and an Honors College Advocate. In addition, as each Fellow develops their junior reading list, they will request a Computer Science faculty member to serve as their Fellows Research Advisor.

### **Director**

The Director of the Computer Science Fellows program is appointed by the Chair of Computer Science and approved by the Dean of the School of Engineering & Computer Science. He/she will serve at the pleasure of the Chair, with periodic reviews of the program and its execution. The Director will chair the Fellows Review Committee and oversee the CSF program, and track each Fellow's progress through their approved plan.

### **The Fellows Review Committee**

The Fellows Review Committee is chaired by the CSF Director, and is further comprised of the Chair of Computer Science, and one other faculty member in Computer Science. The Fellows Review Committee will oversee the program and approve each fellow's last two-year plan. The Fellows Review Committee will meet once a semester (usually at the beginning of each regular semester) to approve new Fellows, monitor the progress of the current Fellows, and review the two-year plans of Fellows being accepted into the Upper Division of the Fellows program.

### **Fellows Research Advisor**

During the spring semester of their sophomore year, Fellows will review their reading list with the CSF Director and make a preliminary decision on a field within computer science upon which they will concentrate their Junior readings and then their Senior research and thesis. A Fellows Research Advisor will be selected, based on the Fellow's selected area of interest. Fellows Research Advisors will be tenured or tenure-track faculty members in the Computer Science department.

### **Honors College Advocate**

The Dean of the Honors College will appoint a liaison to the Fellows Review Committee. This Honors College Advocate will assist those Fellows opting to go through the CSF program and the Honors Program concurrently. The Honors College Advocate will also meet with the Fellows Review Committee at least once a year to go over any changes in the Honors Program or the University Scholars program.

### **III. Program Structure and Policies**

#### **Admission Process**

Most students enter the Computer Science Fellows Program as freshmen. A student must first be accepted to Baylor before applying. An application form is available online on the admissions section of the CSF website, [www.ecs.baylor.edu/fellows](http://www.ecs.baylor.edu/fellows). In order to receive word by the May 1st college notification deadline, the applicant must ensure that the completed form, the required essay, and three letters of recommendation arrive in the CSF office by April 1st. The director of the program and the CS Review Committee will select all students admitted into the program.

The major is open to incoming freshmen, transfer students with less than 36 Baylor credit hours after previous school credits have transferred, current Baylor students with less than 36 Baylor credit hours at time of application, or current students in good standing transferring from the University Scholars Program. Acceptances are made on a rolling basis, and letters of admission are sent in the month following receipt of a complete application.

#### **Criteria for Admission**

In order of priority, the following are the five criteria for admission into Computer Science Fellows:

1. Because of the great disparity in the level of secondary school programs throughout the country, primary emphasis is necessarily placed on SAT/ACT scores.
2. Class rank and GPA
3. A detailed essay stating the student's reasons for applying to the program and the applicant's planned course of study
  - a. The applicant should discuss how the Computer Science Fellows program will help them attain their academic and professional goals
  - b. This essay/plan should sufficiently detail the applicant's planned course of study over their four years at Baylor University
  - c. The 4-year plan should be updated as any changes occur in the applicant's planned course of study
4. Three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic record and potential for success at the university level
5. Since Computer Science Fellows are exempt from taking many of the specialized course requirements of a traditional major, the number and type of Advanced Placement or college-level courses previously taken will be considered.

#### **Late Entries and Transfers**

In order that students derive the full benefit from the program, Computer Science Fellows will not ordinarily accept students who have fewer than three years or 90 hours remaining to complete their undergraduate degree at Baylor. Computer Science Fellows are therefore generally expected to complete at least 90 hours as students within the program. Students who enter late, i.e., after their freshman year or as a transfer student with more than 36 Baylor credit hours, need to seek a special waiver to this requirement from the Program Director before they can be admitted to the program.

#### **Maintaining Computer Science Fellows Status**

Computer Science Fellows will be required to maintain a 3.5 GPA through their sophomore-level courses (including CSI 3471, "Software Engineering I", CSI 3344, "Introduction to Algorithms", and MTH 1322, "Calculus II"). Once admitted to the Upper Division of the Computer Science Fellows program (courses

beyond those listed above), they must have at least a 3.25 GPA to graduate. If dismissed from the program, students must select another major and then fulfill the general requirements of the University as well as requirements for the new major.

At any time a Fellow's term and/or cumulative GPA is below 3.5 before they are admitted to the Upper Division of CSF, the CSF Director will notify the student that he or she will be placed on academic probation in the CSF program during the upcoming term. If at the end of the first probation term the student's term GPA is again below a 3.5, the student will be suspended from the CSF program. However, if at the end of the first probation term the student's term GPA is 3.5 or above but the student's cumulative GPA is still below 3.5, the student will be continued on probation within the CSF program. The same criteria for suspension, continued probation, or removal from probation will apply at the end of each succeeding semester on probation. The probation/suspension policy for the CSF program differs from the policy and procedure for Academic Probation and Suspension in the current undergraduate catalog, but does not replace the University's policy, which applies to the student's academic status in the University in general, rather than within a specific program.

**The minimum GPA policies will be strictly enforced for the benefit of the student, since a Computer Science Fellow cannot be admitted to the CSF Upper Division with less than a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and cannot graduate from Baylor with a Computer Science Fellows major with less than a 3.25 cumulative average. Students at risk of not reaching the minimum GPA must therefore change majors within enough time to complete both the core curricular courses and the requirements for another major.** Students who drop below a 3.25 GPA after being accepted into the CSF Upper Division will go through the same probationary review process. The decision to remain in or resign from the program will rest with the Fellows Review Committee and the student's research advisor.

### **Computer Science Fellows Honor Code**

Computer Science Fellows must abide by the strictest code of honor. At a minimum, all Fellows will be subject to and in agreement with the Code of Conduct as described in the current Undergraduate Student Handbook. Fellows proven guilty of any form of academic dishonesty will be automatically dismissed from the program, and will be reported to the University Honor Council.

### **Course Load**

Fellows will demonstrate their love of learning through consistent coursework. The highest ranked graduate and professional schools consider not only grades and test scores but also the quality of courses and the number of hours completed per semester. Therefore, in order to enhance their academic profile, Computer Science Fellows are expected to take a minimum of 15 hours each semester, unless they petition for and are granted an exemption from the CSF Director prior to registration for the following semester. Computer Science Fellows are never allowed to take courses on a pass/fail basis, with the exception of HP courses.

### **Academic Majors and Minors**

Computer Science Fellows may not declare an additional major, but may have academic minors. They graduate from Baylor with a Bachelor of Science in Computing degree with a Computer Science Fellows major. Nevertheless, Fellows may fulfill the regular requirements of one or more majors in order to state that they hold the equivalent of that major. With the assistance of the CSF Director, Fellows should carefully plan their course of study in order to reflect their academic interests and career goals.

## Computer Science Fellows Requirements\*

The BSC with a major in Computer Science Fellows degree has the following course requirements:

- REL 1310 and 1350
- Two semesters of Chapel
- MTH 1321, 1322, 2311
- Eight semester hours of science courses with associated labs chosen from among Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Neuroscience, or Physics. Each course must apply to a major in its department.
- STA 3381
- Computer Science courses:
  - CSI 1430, 1440, 2334, 2350, 3334, 3344, 3471
  - 5 additional upper-level CSI courses
- CSF 3101, "Independent Readings I," and 3102, "Independent Readings II," junior independent readings courses
- CSF 3001, "Independent Reading Survey," an exit survey to summarize a student's independent readings, and ascertain readiness for the senior thesis
- CSF 4v01, "Research/Fellows Thesis I," and 4302, "Fellows Thesis" (presentation in the annual ECS Scholar's Day is mandatory for the fulfillment of CSF 4302)
- CSI 4001, "Senior Exit Survey," the exit survey for all Computer Science graduates
- Completion of 124 hours, including 36 hours of "3000" - "4000" level credits
- The requirement for advanced credit, residence, chapel, and maximum credit are the same as for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree. Additional information about requirements is listed under the "General University Regulations." Computer Science Fellows cannot declare additional majors. Committee approval is required for graduation.

\* Students who enter the CSF program after the fall of their freshman year should meet with the CSF Director to discuss how best to complete the required courses.

### CSF Four-Year Plan

After initial acceptance into the CSF program, Fellows must complete their first four-year plan. This should happen sometime after completing 15 semester hours of work at Baylor and before completing 30 hours. After their initial 4-year plan is developed and approved by the Fellows Review Committee, each Fellow will review their 4-year plan with the CSF Director every semester. If any changes are needed in the plan, a new plan must be developed and approved by the Fellows Review Committee. In particular, during the spring semester of the sophomore year but prior to admittance to the Fellows Upper Division, each Fellow must revise their 4-year plan to reflect their remaining 60 hours.

### The Independent Reading List (Freshman through Junior Year)

Fellows will select a number of texts that they will read on their own during the first three years of the program. The first two years, the Fellows reading list will be approved by the CSF Director. During the spring of their sophomore year, in preparation for their junior year and admittance to the Fellows Upper Division, Fellows will develop a junior reading list with the help of a Fellows Research Advisor. This list should reflect the research interests of the Fellow, and may include texts, white papers, journal articles, or other scholarly material approved by their Research Advisor. The resulting list will comprise the requirements for the registration in both CSF 3101, "Independent Readings I," and CSF 3102, "Independent Readings II". If Fellows wish to make changes subsequent to the approval of their Junior Reading list, they must submit a new list and have it signed by their Research Advisor and the CSF Director.

## **Computer Science Fellows Upper Division**

During the spring semester of their sophomore year, Fellows must officially apply for admission to the Upper Division of the Computer Science Fellows program. The requirements for Upper Division admission are:

- Maintenance of 3.5 cumulative GPA during previous semesters
- Submission of updated CSF Four-Year Plan, updated to reflect changes to the Fellow's last 60 hours, along with a copy of their current degree audit
- The approved Junior reading list and assigned Fellows Research Advisor

### **The Junior Readings Interview (Spring of Junior Year)**

Fellows must register to take CSF 3001, "Independent Reading Survey" during the spring semester of their junior year. In this interview they will demonstrate their knowledge of the texts on their reading list in an Exit Interview, which generally lasts from 45 minutes to one hour. The interview committee will consist of the CSF Review Committee and the Fellow's Research Advisor.

Junior Readings Interviews will take place during the last month of the spring semester of the Junior year (or during the last month of the semester in which they are enrolled in CSF 3001). Fellows must register for the interview (CSF 3001) along with the other courses they will take during the semester in which they plan to do the interview, leaving one year to complete their senior research and thesis.

To schedule the junior readings interview, Fellows should contact the CSF Director one month ahead of the time their desired interview date and time. For most students this contact will take place in the second month of the spring semester of their junior year.

### **The Senior Thesis (Fall of Senior Year)**

For their Senior Thesis, Fellows will register for CSF 4v01, "Research/Fellows Thesis I". They will work with their Research Advisor to determine the scope of work required in CSF 4v01, so the Fellow will be ready to register for CSF 4302, "Fellows Thesis," during the spring semester of their senior year. The research done in the fall, and the completion of the thesis in the spring of the senior year can be independent work conducted with their Research Advisor, but can also be an extension of one of the Senior Capstone projects available to all Computer Science majors. In partial fulfillment of the requirements of CSF 4302, all Fellows will present their thesis during the annual ECS Scholar's Day, even if their work is not yet complete.

The Fellow's Research Advisor will direct the thesis. In addition, Fellows must invite a second professor in that field as well as a third professor outside of that field to serve as readers. In the spring of the junior year, Scholars register for CSF 4v01 to be taken in the fall of the senior year. A detailed outline, the first chapter of the thesis, and a bibliography must be submitted to the research advisor and the CSF Director at the end of that semester. In the fall of the senior year, students register for CSF 4302 to complete the thesis in the spring.

A complete draft of the thesis must be turned in to the research advisor and readers by April 1st. After this draft has been read by the three faculty members, students must present themselves before them for a formal defense of their thesis. Thesis defenses will take place between April 5th and April 15th. As with the Exit Interview, students are responsible for arranging the date and time of their defense. A final copy of the thesis including all additions and corrections recommended by the faculty is due to the CSF Director no later than April 30th. For students graduating in December, a completed thesis must be turned in by November 1st with the defense scheduled between November 5th and November 15th. A final copy is due before December 1st.

Fellows must complete and defend a thesis in order to graduate from Baylor. Without successful completion of the thesis, a Fellow will not be permitted to graduate from the program, even if all other required courses have been completed.

Fellows in the Honors Program fulfill the CSF thesis requirement by completing the Honors Thesis and should coordinate their thesis preparations with the Honors Program Office.

The thesis will be bound by the Computer Science Department. After all corrections have been made, print out on 25% bond paper the number of thesis copies that you would like bound in addition to one copy for the CSF office (for example, if you want 3 bound personal copies, you should provide 4 printouts of the thesis). Bring these copies to the office before you leave for the summer. Each copy of the thesis should include a title page and signature page with spaces for signatures by the department chair, your thesis/research advisor, the Computer Science Fellows Director, and the members of the Fellows Review Committee. Please request your thesis advisor's signature before submitting your copies. An acknowledgement page is optional for each copy. Our office will then forward the copies to the CSF director and other members of the Review Committee for their signature. Students will need to submit a check, payable to Baylor University, for personal copies. Fellows are responsible for the printing costs of personal copies; they will not be charged for the department copy. Leave a mailing address for the summer and fall, and we will mail you the bound copies when they return from the binder if you are not returning to Waco.

### **Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE)**

UPE is the first and only, existing international honor society in the Computing and Information Disciplines. Since its inception it has received endorsements from the two largest computer organizations in the world, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Institute for Electronics and Electrical Engineering Computer Society (IEEE-CS). The international organization now consists of chapters in various colleges and universities in North America and overseas.

The mission of UPE is to recognize academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Computing and Information Disciplines. Membership in UPE is limited to candidates who can effectively achieve the goals of the society:

- Recognition of outstanding talent in the computing sciences
- Promotion of high scholarship in the computing sciences
- Establishment and maintenance of high standards
- Representation of the computing sciences in interdisciplinary communications
- Encouragement of individual contributions to society through the computing sciences

Since Fellows will maintain a GPA higher than that required for membership, the CSF Director and Fellows Review Committee will work with the Fellow to ensure their acceptance in UPE. Membership requirements for UPE can be found at: [http://upe.acm.org/member\\_requirements.htm](http://upe.acm.org/member_requirements.htm).

### **Visiting Lecturers**

Students who love learning seek to expose themselves to diverse ideas through every means available. Therefore, in addition to reading and discussing great texts, Scholars are expected to attend as many of the cultural events on campus as possible. The CSF office will provide information via e-mail on these events.

### **Computer Science Fellows and Other Programs**

Computer Science Fellows are also encouraged to participate in the Honors Program or the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC). However, Computer Science Fellows enrolled in BIC must fulfill the core

requirements of that program. Those requirements include a lab science course, a mathematics course, and two hours of Human Performance in addition to the BIC courses. Since the BIC is a separate program, completion of BIC requirements is the responsibility of the student with the assistance of the BIC advisors. The CSF director, however, will make every effort to assist with BIC compliance. Computer Science Fellows in BIC should meet with their BIC advisors each semester to determine that their BIC requirements are being met. Similarly, fulfillment of Honors Program requirements is the responsibility of the student, with the assistance of the Honors Program advisors.

## IV. Advising and Registering for Classes

### Advisement

Fellows must be advised by the CSF director before the first day of registration. They will be notified by email to sign up for an appointment, and they should bring a proposed schedule, complete with course numbers (e.g., CSI 1440), with them to their advising session. Fellows who have not turned in a reading list must bring their completed list for approval to the advising session as well.

Advisement Schedule:

- For Spring Semester: Advisement appointments begin in October.
- For Fall Semester: Advisement appointments begin in February.
- For Summer Semesters: Advisement is concurrent with advising for the fall.

Upon advisement, students receive an advisement slip that the director will fill out and sign. The student then takes the signed slip to the Computer Science department where the office manager will keep the yellow copy for the student's file and clear him/her to register. The student should keep the white copy for his/her own files. Students, therefore, will not be able to register unless they have been advised.

### Premedical/Predental/Honors/BIC Students

Computer Science Fellows should be advised by applicable Premedical/Predental/Honors/BIC Program advisors before requesting final schedule approval from CSF. Premedical/Predental students who have earned over 45 total hours (including AP and transfer credits) no longer have to be advised by those programs before their Computer Science Fellows advisement.

**N.B.** Despite the Computer Science Fellow's exemption from virtually all core courses, most medical schools require at least six hours of English, and some schools do not accept AP credits for premedical coursework, particularly in English and science. Students should research potential medical schools to determine the specific requirements of each school. Students can make an appointment to speak with a premedical/predental advisor if they have questions about their coursework, especially if they are from out of state.

Premedical & Predental Program	710-3659
Honors Program	710-1119
Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC)	710-3981

### Class Registration

The Computer Science office manager must have the yellow copy of the advising slip, signed by the director, in order to clear students for online registration. Students will personally input the course call numbers into BearWeb on their registration day. Fellows may also register in person in the Office of the Registrar (Robinson Tower, 3rd floor).

### Registration Day

The date for registration will be announced well in advance by the CSF office via email. No advisement sessions will occur on the day before scheduled Computer Science Fellows registration. If Fellows have completed the proper steps for advisement during the weeks preceding registration, they will have the advantage of registering for classes on the first day of scheduled registration.

### **Drop/Add Process**

The Computer Science Fellows director must approve any course changes after registration. For all schedule changes, Fellows should email the director with the original, approved schedule, indicating the proposed change(s) and offering a rationale for such change(s). The director will then reply with his/her approval and will send a copy to the Computer Science departmental office. Changing courses without approval is cause for dismissal from the program. Students should keep a hard copy of any approved changes on file in the event of questions related to proper adherence to this procedure.

### **Graduation Petition Process**

Students scheduled to graduate in the following calendar year will receive a graduation card during the summer to be filled out and returned in September. For example, students planning to graduate in May, August, and December will receive their graduation cards in the prior year's summer. Candidates for graduation will then receive an e-mailed notice from the Computer Science department instructing them to file a petition to document Computer Science Fellows "COMMITTEE APPROVAL" of the graduation class schedule as soon as they have been advised for the graduation semester. Students can obtain the petition form from the CSF Director or the Computer Science department. Scholars must list the courses (including course prefixes and course numbers, e.g., CSF 4v01) that they will complete for the semester in progress as well as for any additional semesters preceding graduation. After the CSF director signs this petition, he/she will forward to the Degree Planner in the Computer Science department.

## V. Withdrawal from the CSF Program

A Scholar will be considered as “withdrawn” from the program in the following situations:

1. Notification in writing or via electronic mail to the program office or the CSF director of intent to withdraw;
2. Failure to consult with an advisor prior to registering for classes for the following semester;
3. Unauthorized course or program changes;
4. Failure to attain a 3.25 cumulative GPA with 45 or fewer hours left to graduate; or
5. Failure to complete the junior readings interview or the senior thesis.

In all of the above cases, the Computer Science department and the Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science will be notified that the Fellow has withdrawn. The former Fellow must then declare a major and fulfill all general education and major requirements of the university in order to graduate.

Once a Fellow has withdrawn from the program, he or she cannot be readmitted.

All final decisions regarding Computer Science Fellows policy and procedure will reside with the CSF program director.

## **VI. Computer Science Fellows Petitions**

### **Computer Science Fellows Four-Year Planning Document**

When a Fellow is admitted to the CSF program, they should have a completed four-year plan that has been developed in concert with the CSF Director. At each advising session the Fellow and the CSF Director will go over the next two semesters in the plan to make sure everything is on track. Any changes in the plan must be documented and approved by the CSF Director as a requirement for continuance in the CSF program or admittance to the CSF Upper Division.

During the spring of the sophomore year, during that semester's advising for the coming fall, the Fellow must update the four-year plan to detail their plans for their last 60 hours in the program.

### **Petition for Probationary Semester**

If a Fellow's cumulative GPA is below 3.5 after completing 60 Baylor credit hours or four semesters at Baylor (either condition is grounds for probationary review), he or she may submit a petition for one additional probationary semester. To submit a petition, the student's GPA must be at least a 3.25. If the student has not raised his or her GPA to the minimum 3.5 by the end of that semester, he or she will be released from the program.

### **Probation Waiver**

The Computer Science Fellows Program will not allow any Fellow to graduate with less than a 3.25 grade point average. Any student whose grade point average falls below 3.5 within their first two years, or below 3.25 after completing 75 credit Baylor hours must sign a release form indicating their knowledge of this policy.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE FELLOWS PROGRAM**  
**Petition for Probationary Semester**

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY MAIL OR FAX TO THE COMPUTER SCIENCE FELLOWS OFFICE WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE PROBATIONARY LETTER.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT scores \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Parent's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Parent's Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships/Awards that you have received in college; fellowships or internships for which you have applied:

In the following space, please explain what your strategy is to bring your GPA back to the 3.5 level and how much time you require to do so. If your petition is accepted, you will be held accountable for what you propose. Please be specific.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE FELLOWS PROGRAM**  
**Probation Waiver**  
**G.P.A. Acknowledgment**

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, understand and acknowledge that, in order to remain in good standing within the Computer Science Fellows Program of Baylor University, I must maintain an overall grade point average of no less than 3.5 during the first two years, and an overall grade point average of no less than 3.25 once I am admitted to the Upper Division of the Computer Science Fellows program. I further understand that, if my overall grade point average falls below 3.25 at the end of my final semester, I will not be allowed to graduate.

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Signature

Date

**Computer Science Fellows  
Reading List**

Name: Betty Baylor  
Baylor ID: 889123456  
Entry Semester: Fall XXXX  
Exit Interview Semester: Spring XXXX

Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Texts in Area of Interest:**

**White Papers in Area of Interest:**

**Journal Publications in Area of Interest:**

**Other Scholarly Works in Area of Interest:**