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University of California Berkeley

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Job Title	Director and Full Professor - Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing
Department	
Institution	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
Date Posted	Oct. 2, 2024
Application Deadline	11/11/2024
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Director/Manager
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Position overview **Position title:** Director, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing

Salary range: The current salary range for this position is \$139,800-\$246,900 (9-month academic year salary), however, off-scale salary and other components of pay, which would yield compensation that is higher than this range, are offered to meet competitive conditions.

Anticipated start: July 1, 2025

Application Window

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Open date: October 1, 2024

Next review date: Monday, Nov 11, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Monday, Nov 11, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

Position description

The University of California, Berkeley invites applications for **Director of the Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing**, reporting to the Vice Chancellor for Research. The successful applicant will also be appointed to a tenured full professorship on campus. Upon completion of their tenure as Institute Director, which is for an initial period of five years with the possibility of renewal, the position will revert to that of a regular professor. The candidate's designated home department is open, but should be in a field closely related to the theory of computing. We seek a visionary leader who will identify important theoretical topics, oversee the Institute's staffing and operations, lead the Institute's fundraising efforts, and connect with the international theoretical computer science community to attract leaders and participants for its programs.

The Director will:

- Serve as the scientific and administrative leader of the Institute;
- Guide the scientific vision of the Institute and participate in the selection of scientific programs and of the participants in those programs;
- Steward the relationship with the Simons Foundation, which includes completing a fundraising match for a \$25 million pledge from the Simons Foundation to the Simons Institute.
- Lead the Institute's efforts to attract funding from public and private sources to support its growth and long-term sustainability;
- Identify and pursue opportunities for building research collaborations with local, regional, national and worldwide institutions;
- Interact effectively with departments and research units within the University of California and in the broader scientific and industrial community;
- Support the development of outreach and educational activities that communicate the nature and aims of the theory of computation to scientific colleagues, students and the general public;
- Lead efforts to ensure that the Institute fosters a diverse, equitable, and inclusive climate.

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About the Institute: The Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing is dedicated to collaborative research in theoretical computer science. Established on July 1, 2012 with a grant of \$60 million from the Simons Foundation, the Institute is housed in Calvin Lab, a dedicated building on the Berkeley campus. Its goal is to bring together the world's leading researchers in theoretical computer science and related fields, as well as the next generation of outstanding young scholars, to explore deep unsolved problems about the nature and limits of computation. For more information, visit:

<https://simons.berkeley.edu/>.

Commitment to Equity and Inclusion: The Simons Institute, in common with all units on the Berkeley campus, values diversity, equity and inclusion and uses inclusive hiring practices. We recognize the intrinsic relationship between diversity and excellence in all our endeavors, and embrace open and equitable access to opportunities for learning and development. Successful candidates for our faculty positions will demonstrate evidence of a commitment to equity and inclusion through their teaching, research and service activities.

We are committed to addressing the family needs of faculty, including dual-career couples and single parents. We are also interested in candidates who have had non-traditional career paths or who have taken time off for family reasons, or who have achieved excellence in careers outside academia. For information about potential relocation to Berkeley, or career needs of accompanying partners and spouses, please visit <http://ofew.berkeley.edu/newfaculty>.

Authorization to Release Information: The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community dedicated to the advancement, application, and transmission of knowledge and creative endeavors through academic excellence, where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in a safe and secure environment, free of violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation, or intimidation. Consistent with this commitment, UC Berkeley requires all applicants for Senate faculty positions to complete, sign, and upload an Authorization of Information Release form into AP Recruit as part of their application. If an applicant does not include the signed authorization, the application will be considered incomplete, and as with any incomplete application, will not receive further consideration. Although all applicants for faculty recruitments must complete the entire application, applicants will only be subject to reference checks if and when they are selected as the candidate to whom the hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer. More information is available on [this website](#).

Unit: <https://simons.berkeley.edu/homepage>

Department: <https://eecs.berkeley.edu/>

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Department: <https://math.berkeley.edu/home>

Department: <https://statistics.berkeley.edu/>

Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

PhD (or equivalent international degree) at the time of application.

Preferred qualifications

Preferred qualifications include a demonstrated record of excellence in teaching, research and mentorship, as well as global leadership in theoretical computer science and its applications.

Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter - The cover letter should draw attention to any significant vision-setting, management, fund-raising, outreach or similar relevant experience possessed by the applicant
- Authorization to Release Information Form - A reference check will be completed only if you are selected as the candidate to whom the hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer. Download, complete, sign, and upload the [Authorization to Release Information form](#).

Reference requirements

- 3-5 required (contact information only)

Please include the names of three to five persons who may be contacted confidentially on behalf of the applicant. We will only request letters of reference for the finalist and we will seek your permission before reaching out to letter writers.

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Help contact: eeecs-faculty-recruiting@eeecs.berkeley.edu

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UC Berkeley is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. The excellence of the institution requires an environment in which the diverse community of faculty, students, and staff are welcome and included. Successful candidates will demonstrate knowledge and skill related to ensuring equity and inclusion in the activities of their academic position (e.g., teaching, research, and service, as applicable).

The University of California, Berkeley is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status.

Please refer to the [University of California's Affirmative Action Policy](#) and the [University of California's Anti-Discrimination Policy](#).

In searches when letters of reference are required all letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the [UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality](#) prior to submitting their letter.

As a University employee, you will be required to comply with all applicable University policies and/or collective bargaining agreements, as may be amended from time to time. Federal, state, or local government directives may impose additional requirements.

Job location

Berkeley, CA

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