Summer 2010 MAP/MIP Application

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Instructions

Information on summer projects is available at:

- http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~weinman/courses/CSC499/2010U/projects.html

Applications for summer research with Professor Jerod Weinman must include answers to some preliminary questions as well as a description of a project you wish to undertake. You must also submit the divisional application online:

- Science Division Summer Research Application

Please submit your answers to the questions below **in hardcopy** to Professor Weinman. You should include a copy of your Division Summer Research Application form as well.
   Both applications are due Friday, 26 February 2010.

Application

Preliminaries

1. Name

2. Major (or "Undeclared" and intended major) and Year

3. Overall GPA

4. This research requires some preparatory work in spring, and some followup work in fall and spring, as described in the project information. Will you, to the best of your ability, do this work, even though it is *uncompensated* work in the spring and fall?

5. What courses have you taken in mathematics and computer science? Please indicate what grades you received in those courses.

6. What other courses have you taken that will contribute to your ability to do this project?

7. What programming languages do you know, and how would you rate your ability to use each of these languages?

8. Assess your writing skills.

9. What other applicable skills or background do you bring to your project?

10. Experience shows that group projects are more successful. Would you be willing to work with other students on your project?

11. What projects of those listed in the accompanying document would you prefer to work on? You may want to provide a ranked list.

12. Are you prepared to do summer research under Grinnell's Mentored Advanced Project (current second- and third-year students) or Mentored Introductory Project (current first-year students) rubric? See

    - Grinnell College MAP Home Page

13. Are you applying for summer opportunities elsewhere? If you were offered both a Grinnell MAP and the other, which whould be your first choice?

14. Will you be willing to have your work released under an open-source license?

15. What sets you apart from other students? (That is, for what reasons should I select you rather than other applicants?)

16. What else would you like me to know?

Project Description

First-year Students

Pick one of the projects and explain what you find interesting about the project. If you have ideas on how you might approach the project, please include them. (Since you're relatively new to CS, I don't expect you to have a particularly in-depth response, but your response will give me some sense as to how you might fit into the project group.)

Second- and Third-year Students

Pick one of the projects that you indicated you would prefer to work on and write a few paragraphs describing what component of the project you find most interesting and how you would approach it. Make sure that you note how it relates to my overall research agenda. You should also discuss technologies you will rely on (languages, other programs, etc.) and some of your preliminary design ideas. You will *greatly* strengthen your application by showing me that you've looked into related research. You will weaken your application by writing poorly. You must write these paragraphs even if you intend to do one of the suggested projects, since your project description will show me how you intend to approach the project.

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