【**About School and Area**】

The University of Maryland Department of Computer Science is consistently top-ranked for research and education worldwide. In the United States, UMD CS is a top-10 department in CSRankings, #16 in US News and World Report, and #15 in student placement. The research outcome of UMD is among the top CS programs across AI, systems, and theory areas.

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[From cs.umd.edu] UMD is located in College Park, MD, about 7 miles from the center of US capital, Washington, D.C. Many of our students and faculty live in D.C., College Park, Silver Spring, and other surrounding towns. Washington, D.C. is a profoundly culture-rich, diverse city. Many of our students and faculty live in D.C. or visit it frequently, because:

- There is a Metro stop in College Park, making a commute to D.C. fast and easy.
- Most museums and art galleries in D.C. are free, year-round.
- Some of the best restaurants in the nation are in D.C.
- D.C. has a vibrant and diverse arts and music scene.

UMD is uniquely situated among top computer science programs given its proximity to nation's capital and the many groups who affect policy at national and international levels, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the major branches of the U.S. government (Judiciary, Congress, and the White House).