



# SCS Student Awards

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## Carnegie Mellon Siebel Scholars

-The Siebel Foundation has established the Siebel Scholars Program to recognize the most talented students who have demonstrated academic and leadership excellence at the world's leading graduate schools of business and computer science. Each year, these outstanding students are selected based upon academic merit and leadership in the first year of the graduate studies. Each student receives an award of \$25,000.

The purpose of the Siebel Scholars program is threefold: to recognize graduate students who have demonstrated the highest levels of academic achievement and leadership; to support the graduate programs at universities that have made great contributions to the information technology industry and society; and to create a unique community of individuals who will share knowledge, engage in innovative projects, and provide one another with professional support throughout their careers. There is no end to what these Scholars, the best and brightest in their fields, can achieve individually and as a community.

## 2008/2009

- [David Abraham](#), Ph.D., Computer Science Department
- [Andrew Gilpin](#), Ph.D., Computer Science Department
- **Ryan D. Miller**, MS, Software Engineering, Institute for Software Engineering
- [Daniel Munoz](#), MS, Robotics Institute
- [Merhbod Sharifi](#), MS, Language Technologies Institute

## 2007/2008

- [Shilpa Arora](#), MS, Language Technologies Institute
- [Eric Davis](#), MS, Language Technologies Institute
- [Jason Ernst](#), Ph.D., Machine Learning Department
- **Uma Menon**, Master of Software Engineering
- [Jahanzeb Sherwani](#), Ph.D., Computer Science Department

## 2006/2007

- **Michael Dille**, MS, Computer Science Department
- **Michael J. Heilman**, MS, Language Technologies Institute
- **Lucia de Lascurain Hinojosa**, MS, Software Engineering Program
- **Pradeep Kumar Ravikumar**, Ph.D., Machine Learning Department
- **Adam Wierman**, Ph.D., Computer Science Department

## 2005/2006

- **Dinesh Govindaraju**, MS, Robotics Institute
- **Anna Goldenberg**, PhD, Center for Automated Learning and Discovery  
Advisor: Andrew Moore
- **Estefania Pickens**, MS, Entertainment Technology Center
- **Alla Safonova**, PhD, Computer Science Department  
Advisor: Jessica Hodgins
- **Sebastian Scherer**, MS, Robotics Institute

## 2004/2005

- **Guy Lebanon**, Language Technology Institute  
Advisor: John Lafferty
- **Spiros Papadimitriou**, Computer Science Department  
Advisor: Christos Faloutsos
- **Jeremy Searock**, Robotics Institute  
Advisor: Manuela Veloso
- **Ricardo Silva**, Center for Automated Learning and Discovery  
Advisor: Richard Scheines
- **Christopher Urmson**, Robotics Institute  
Co-Advisors: William Whittaker and Reid Simmons

## 2003/2004

- **Aditya Agarwal**, Computer Science Department  
Advisor: William Scherlis

- [Nikhil Bansal](#), Computer Science Department  
Advisor: Avrim Blum
- [Jun Gao](#), Computer Science Department  
Advisor: Peter Steenkiste
- [Nicholas Hopper](#), Computer Science Department  
Advisor: Manuel Blum
- [Aleksandar Nanevski](#), Computer Science Department  
Advisor: Frank Pfenning

### 2003/2004

- [Yiheng Li](#)  
Advisor: Christos Faloutsos
- [Aaron Greenhouse](#), Computer Science Department, Ph.D.  
Advisor: William Scherlis
- [Brigitte Pientka](#), Computer Science Department, Ph.D.  
Advisor: Frank Pfenning
- [Ashish R. Venugopal](#), Language Technologies Institute, Ph.D.  
Advisor: Alexander Waibel
- [Ulas Bardak](#), Language Technologies Institute, Ph.D.  
Advisor: Yiming Yang

### 2002/2003

- [Deepayan Chakrabarti, Ph.D.](#)  
Advisor: Christos Faloutsos
- [Timothy Eck](#), Entertainment Technology Center, M.S.  
Advisor: Randy Pausch
- [John Langford](#), Computer Science Department, Ph.D.  
Advisors: Avrim Blum, Sebastian Thrun
- [Gregory Steffan](#), Computer Science Department, Ph.D.  
Advisor: Todd Mowry
- [David Wilkinson](#), Robotics Institute, Ph.D.  
Advisors: Dimitrios Apostolopoulos, Yoky Matsuoka

## 2001/2002

- **Frank Dellaert**, Computer Science, Ph.D.  
Advisors: Chuck Thopre, Sebastian Thrun
- **Rayid Ghani**, Center for Automated Learning and Discovery, MS  
Advisor: Tom Mitchell
- **Craig Olinsky**, Language Technologies, MS  
Advisor: Alan Black
- **Jovan Popovic**, Computer Science, Ph.D.  
Advisors: Steve Seitz, Michael Erdmann
- **Jeffrey Smith**, Robotics, Ph.D.  
Advisor: Irving Oppenheim