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MEDIA ADVISORY

HPI@UCI Symposium & Grand Opening

EVENT: The Hasso Plattner Institute ([HPI](#)) Research Center in Machine Learning and Data Science at UC Irvine, founded in 2020, invites guests to a symposium and (COVID-delayed) grand opening to learn more about the innovative AI research of UCI and HPI students and faculty.

WHEN/WHERE: The event takes place Friday, November 4 from 1:30-7:30 p.m. at the Beckman Center of the National Academies, 100 Academy Way, Irvine, CA 92617. Parking is free.

INFORMATION: This free event is by invitation only. The evening will include research talks by faculty and graduate students, a keynote by Andrew Wright (Disney Digital Technology), a poster session and catered reception/dinner.

Featured speakers include:

- Keynote: Andrew Wright, principal software engineer, Disney Digital Technology
- Professor Erik Sudderth, Director of HPI@UCI Research Center
- Professor Christoph Meinel, Director & CEO, Hasso Plattner Institute
- Professor Marios Papaefthymiou, Dean, UCI School of Information & Computer Sciences (ICS)
- Distinguished Professor Michael Carey, UCI Department of Computer Science

The full event schedule can be found here:

<https://hpi.ics.uci.edu/hpiuci-2022-grand-opening-event/>

Media planning to attend should contact Matt Miller at 714-317-8771 or matt.miller@uci.edu.

BACKGROUND: The Hasso Plattner Institute ([HPI](#)), dedicated to pioneering research into information technology, announced on Feb. 26, 2020 the opening of its newest research school, the HPI Research Center in Machine Learning and Data Science at UCI. The goal is to promote research and educational activities in these two fields between the two leading universities as they work to make AI systems more adaptive, safe, and human-centered.

HPI@UCI will fund three-year fellowships for 15 Ph.D. students in the UCI Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences (ICS), which started with five students in spring 2020 and has added five students each winter for the last two years. Students are jointly supervised by eight ICS professors while closely being integrated into HPI's research activities.

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