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SIM Chicago and Northeastern Illinois University announce the first scholarship at the University dedicated to undergraduate students in the Department of Computer Science

CHICAGO — The Society for Information Management (SIM) Chicago and Northeastern Illinois University are proud to announce a new partnership, resulting in the first scholarship for undergraduate students in the [Department of Computer Science](#).

As part of its philanthropic efforts, SIM Chicago will award two \$2,500 scholarships this fall. Applicants must be full-time or part-time Northeastern undergraduate students with a declared major in [Computer Science](#) or [Cybersecurity](#), have financial need, be willing to participate in SIM Chicago events and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The scholarship will be administered annually through the [Northeastern Illinois University Foundation](#) in partnership with the University's [College of Business and Technology](#) (CBT).

George Wang is the Chief Marketing Officer of Peterson Technology Partners and a SIM Chicago Board Member, Vice President of Philanthropy. He also serves on Northeastern's [College of Business and Technology Executive Advisory Council](#).

“SIM Chicago believes that helping to develop the next generation of IT leaders is critical to our collective future success,” said George, who coordinated this scholarship. “Scholarships provide valuable support to students pursuing studies in business and technology fields, helping them achieve their educational goals and preparing them for successful careers in the tech industry.”

The SIM Chicago chapter is one of the largest in the international association with more than 200 members. Along with scholarship funds, Northeastern student awardees will be invited to participate in regular events hosted for SIM members to network, share knowledge and join in

social and philanthropic opportunities. In addition to the new Northeastern partnership, SIM Chicago also sponsors scholarships at the City Colleges of Chicago, DePaul University and Loyola University Chicago.

“These scholarships play a crucial role in promoting education, producing a quality candidate pipeline, and fostering well-trained talent ready to contribute to the technology sector,” said **Xiwei Wang**, Northeastern’s Chair of the Department of Computer Science. “We are incredibly grateful for this partnership with SIM Chicago.”

Northeastern’s College of Business and Technology, which houses the Department of Computer Science, prepares students for a successful education and career in business and technology for further study of business topics at the graduate level. The College is accredited by the [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International \(AACSB\)](#). In addition to an undergraduate major and minor in Computer Science, the department also offers a [graduate degree](#) and [endorsement](#) in the subject.

“By collaborating with Northeastern Illinois University’s College of Business and Technology, SIM Chicago will significantly impact the lives of our computer science students,” said **Michael Bedell**, Northeastern’s Dean of the College of Business and Technology. “Our students will gain real-world experiences, insights from industry leaders, participate in academic research and technology innovation, as well as positively contribute to the role of technology within their communities.”

More information about Northeastern’s College of Business and Technology scholarships and ways to financially contribute to student success can be found at neiu.edu/cbt-scholarships.

About SIM Chicago

The [Society for Information Management \(SIM\) Chicago](#) provides a unique opportunity to interact with thought leaders throughout the technology and business fields. SIM Chicago sponsors regular programs for members to network, hosts social and philanthropic events to enhance the community, and acts as a forum for business and technology leaders in partnership with peer executive organizations in Chicago.

About Northeastern Illinois University

[Northeastern Illinois University](#) offers more than 40 undergraduate degree and certificate programs and more than 50 graduate degree, certificate, licensure and endorsement programs. The Main Campus is located on 67 acres in an attractive residential area on the Northwest Side of Chicago. The University has additional locations in the metropolitan area, including the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies, El Centro and the University Center of Lake County.

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