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# ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

# THINK OF ALL THE POSSIBILITIES

Are you curious about how things work?

Are you excited about the next big thing in the electronics world?

Do you want to join forces to advance a technologypowered future?

# What is Electronic & Computer Engineering (ECE)?

We create and integrate technologies into devices and systems that communicate and compute. Electronic and computer engineers are the pioneers of rapidly advancing technology, from speech-operated apps, learning robots, ultra-thin smartphones and laptops, to 3D flat-screen displays and 4G wireless broadband networks.

We make information move faster, devices work smarter and systems run more efficiently.

# Rigorous & Rewarding

Our world-class engineering education rewards you with a world of opportunity.

## The Electronic and Computer Engineering Curriculum:

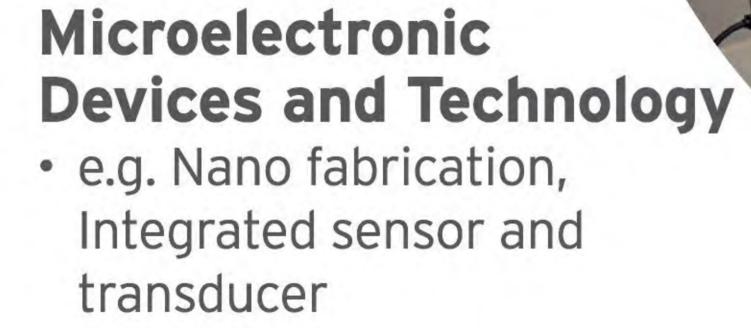
Our in-depth specialty courses broaden students' horizon in ECE and equip students with the necessary tools to proceed to advanced courses within the area.

## Electromagnetics: From wireless to photonic applications • e.g. Liquid crystal devices,

## Signal Processing and Communications

Optical fiber

• e.g. Social media delivery, processing and storage



## Integrated Circuits and Systems

e.g. RF transceiver, Power

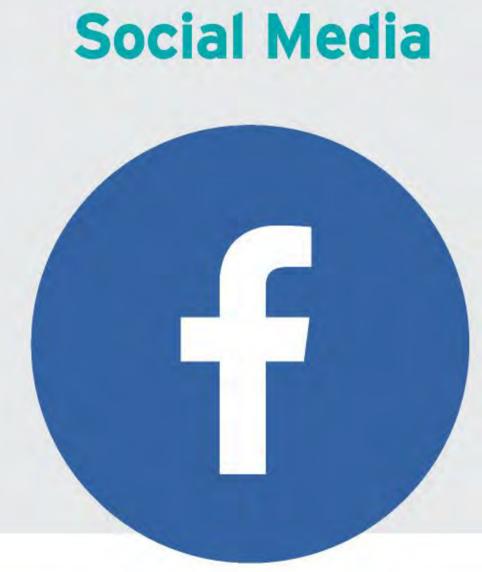
## **Embedded** Systems

e.g. Smart phones

## System Modeling, **Analysis and Control**

 e.g. Design, manufacturing and control techniques of robotic systems

# We Turn Imagination into Reality







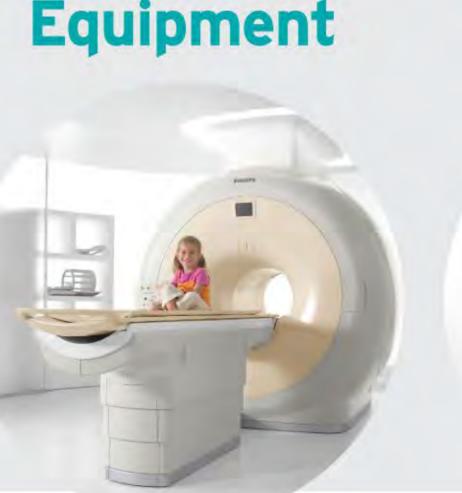














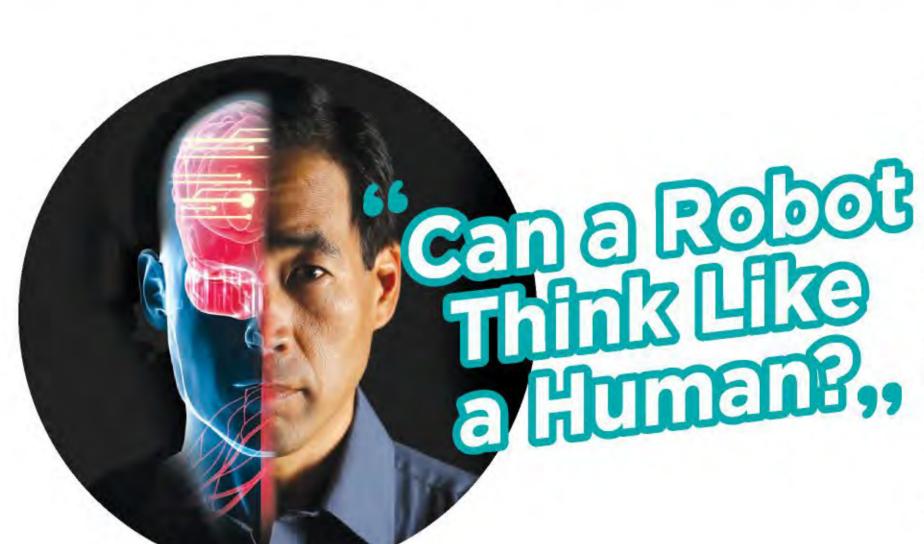
Face-tracking





# Inspiring & Cutting Edge

The future begins with cultivating curiosity, challenging the norm and dreaming bold dreams. ECE faculty and students strive to be at the forefront of technology.



The function of the brain inspires research of ECE systems that communicate and compute. Our professors design intelligent and interactive systems that mimic the way the

## Bertram Shi

- Bio-electronics, Signal & Information Processing
- Department Head & Professor

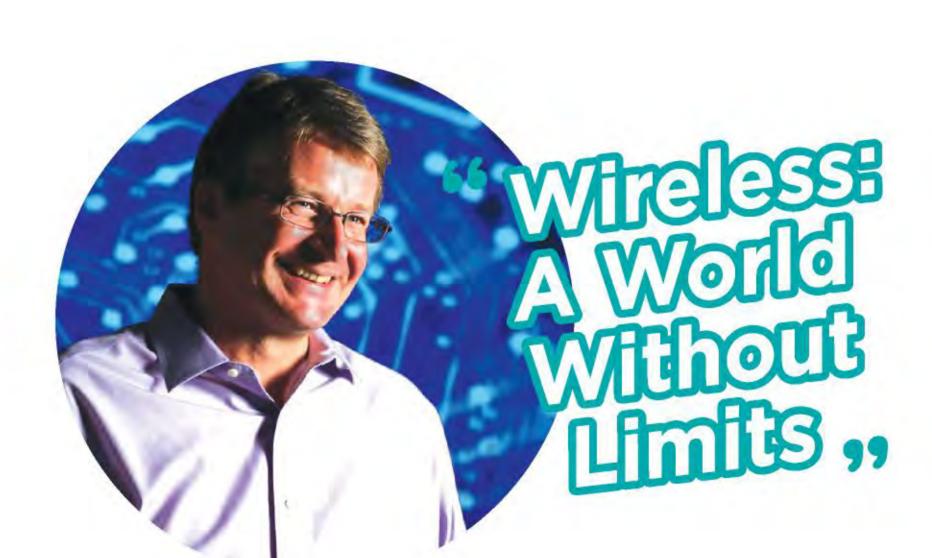


ECE's research analyzes a song's lyrics and acoustic signals to identify the moods and emotions behind the enjoyment of music. Our work enables listeners to better use music

## Pascale Fung

Speech, Language, Music & Information Processing

Professor



ECE professors are leaders in the field of wireless communications. They have defined many of the standards and technologies we now use in mobile and networking

## Ross D. Murch

- Wireless Communications & Networking
- Chair Professor



Imagine information travelling at the speed of light so you can download a Blu-ray movie within a minute. Our professors are conceiving and designing transceivers that hope to turn this dream into reality.

## Patrick Yue

Integrated Circuit Design

Professor











# ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

# A World Of Opportunities

A leading education qualifies our graduates for many opportunities in Hong Kong and around the world. They become Electronic and Integrated Circuit (IC) Design Engineers, Communications Engineers, System Analysts and Designers, Information Technologists, Researchers, Financial Analysts, Senior Managers, Entrepreneurs...

A small selection of companies and universities ECE graduates have joined:

## High-Tech Industry





**Microsoft®** 

**Business and Management** 



















Postgraduate Studies





UNIVERSITY



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology

# Entrepreneurial & Pioneering

Through openness to new ideas, innovation and persistence, we pioneer and promote rapidly advancing technology.



Designed and built by ECE alumni Frank Wang and Jianyu Song under the guidance of Professor Zexiang Li, the unmanned, robotic helicopter's intelligent tracking system enables drones to fly even in difficult and dangerous conditions. To continue his innovations, Frank formed a company in China which hires over 14,000 people today. Frank was selected by Forbes as one of the TOP 10 INNOVATORS in CHINA.

Honored with an asteroid named after him, Chan Yik Hei joined HKUST when he was only 16. His team's invention, iMenu, won the '2011 HKUST One Million Dollar Entrepreneurship Competition' student award and has become a core product of his company. He was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) from the HKSAR Government.

# Broaden Your Horizon

Hone the skills you learn in class through working in teams with ECE and other engineering students to participate in local, regional and international competitions. Through various creative and technical challenges, you learn to develop a true engineering mindset.

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#### Bertram Shi

Bio-electronics, Signal & Information Processing

#### Can a robot think like a human?

The brain is a fascinating inspiration for the design of ECE systems that communicate and compute. Professor Bertram Shi's research uses knowledge about the brain to design intelligent interactive systems, mimicking the way the brain integrates different signals (e.g. sound and images) to make decisions. Self-learning robots and adaptive braincomputer interfaces are just two of the real world applications.

ECE department invented flexible photon nanowells to efficiently capture light for next generation solar cells

#### **Let There Be Light**

Imagine a world where LED lights can illuminate, control smart devices and track movements. Imagine information travelling at the speed of light so you can download a Blu-ray movie within a minute. Professor Patrick Yue's research aims to design fully integrated transceivers that can tackle the bottleneck in electronic circuits, turning imagination into reality.



Patrick Yue Integrated Circuit Design Professor

#### Pascale Fung Speech, Language, Music & Information Processing Professor



#### In the Mood for Music

Emotion is behind the composition, performance and enjoyment of music. By analyzing a song's lyrics and acoustic signals, Professor Pascale Fung's research uses machine learning classifiers to identify whether the song is happy, exciting, melancholic, etc., thus enabling listeners to use music search engines to find songs based on mood categories.

#### Wireless: A World Without Limits

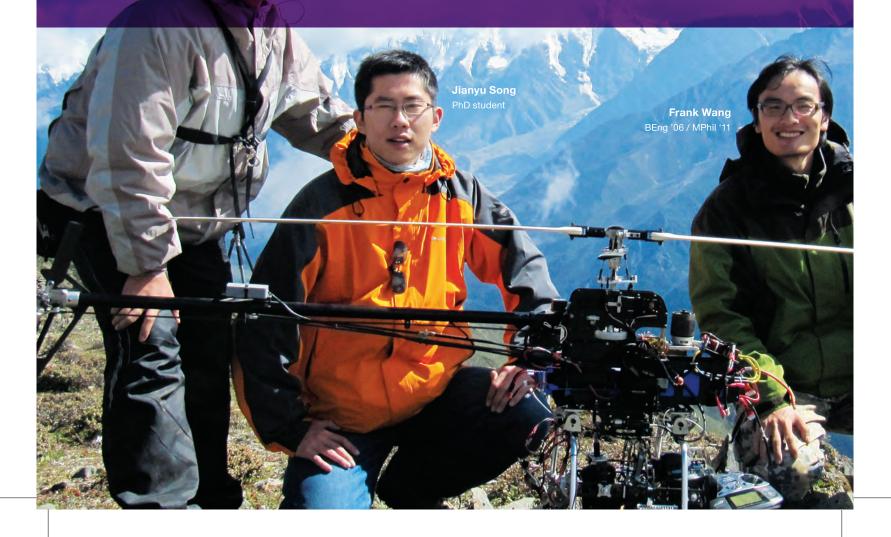
Professor Ross Murch and his colleagues are leaders in the field of wireless communications, having defined many of the standards and technologies we now use in mobile and networking devices. From superfast download speeds to novel multiple antenna systems, chances are, parts of your 4G smartphones use technologies pioneered right here at ECE.



Ross Murch
Wireless Communications & Networking
Chair Professor

# Entrepreneurial & Pioneering

Electronic and Computer engineers are natural pioneers who challenge conventional limitations. By developing applications for leading edge research, they turn ideas into meaningful and practical solutions that change people's lives. Our department's vibrant entrepreneurial culture fosters students' creativity and encourages them to work hard and dream big. After all, the ideas inspired at ECE might be the beginning of your future.



### **Imagination Takes Flight**

Conceived, designed and built by ECE students Frank Wang and Jianyu Song under the guidance of Professor Zexiang Li, the unmanned, robotic helicopter's intelligent tracking system enables it to execute tasks and return home even without wireless and global positioning signals.

The helicopter proved itself during the 2008 Sichuan earthquake disaster relief mission where it flew in conditions that were too dangerous for manned helicopters. To continue his innovations, Frank formed a company in China which hires some 3000 people today.

Frank was selected by Forbes as one of Top 10 Innovators in China.



### From Inventor to Entrepreneur

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#### **Invention with a Cause**

Reading is something many of us take for granted. But, the visually impaired must depend on expensive and hard-to-find printers called Braille embossers to print pages they can read through their fingers. Patrick Lee (BEng '10), with supervising Professor Tim Woo, invented a low cost Braille embosser made from used inkjet printers. After winning numerous awards in Hong Kong, China and Malaysia, it is now commercially marketed.





ECE is a broad and fast changing field, so the faculty continuously updates the curriculum to ensure students receive a world-class engineering education and maintain a competitive edge. Within the department, expertise in a comprehensive range of areas allows students to enjoy the breadth, depth and flexibility of the program.

#### The Electronic & Computer Engineering Curriculum:

#### **Capstone Final Year Project University** Core **Education In-depth Specialty Courses** Choose from six areas: ▶ Signal Processing & Communications → Integrated Circuits & Systems Digital and analog chip designs that are vital Processing, storing and transmission of multimedia data and next-generation wireless for product development in the electronics communications and broadband networks. industry. Year 4 ▶ System Modeling, Analysis & Control ▶ Microelectronic Devices & Technology Robotics, computer aided design/ Fundamentals and applications of semimanufacturing (CAD/CAM), and control, such conductor devices and technology at the as the design, manufacturing, and control micro- and nano-scale. techniques of robotic systems. ▶ Electromagnetics: From wireless to Embedded Systems photonic applications Computer systems designed to control A wide scope of applications using light, including LED, displays, solar energy, specific functions in mechanical parts and hardware devices (e.g. MP3 players, digital biomedical diagnostics, sensors and optical cameras). communications. Year 2 & 3 **Major Foundation & Core Courses Engineering Introductory Courses Engineering Fundamentals** Start with two ECE Introductory Courses: Mathematics, Science, Computing, Year 1 **Technical Communication** ▶ Introduction to Electro-Robot Design ▶ A System View of Communications: from Signals to Packets

Through close interaction with the faculty, collaboration with fellow classmates and a wide variety of enrichment programs, our graduates gain a well-rounded education that equips them for challenging and fulfilling careers.

#### Optional Minor & Enrichment Programs

- ▶ Minor Programs (e.g. IT & Business)
- UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)
- ▶ Internships
- ▶ Exchange Programs
- ▶ Competitions

#### **International Exchange Programs**



**SHI Jiahui**BEng '10
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

#### **Broaden Your Horizon**

Experience a whole new culture and learning environment. Make new friends, be adventurous and learn to be independent. ECE's relationships with top universities around the world allow you to find an exchange program that will complement your studies at HKUST.



Anthony Lo & Ng Wai Shan
BEng '12
Demonstrating FYP project to industry visitors

#### **Put It All Together**

Nothing excites students more than channeling all their learning into practice by designing and creating a final product. After choosing a topic of their interest, students invite a faculty member to supervise the project and finally showcase it on Industrial Day.



Underwater Robot 2017 Winner of Champion Award MATE International ROV Competition (Asia's First Championship over the past 16 years)

#### **Collaborate to Win**

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YU Fei BEng '13 Internship at HP

#### **Make the Connections**

Acquire work experience through internships and bring your classroom learning to life. Sharpen your technical and interpersonal skills and build valuable professional networks and friendships for the future.



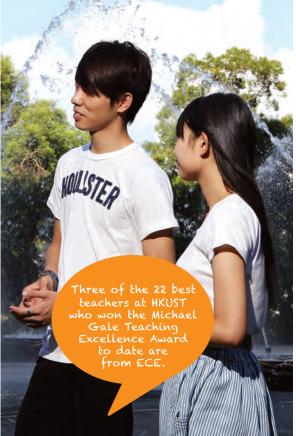






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With a world-class education in technical, analytical and problem-solving skills, our graduates are qualified for many opportunities in Hong Kong, China, the Asia Pacific region and around the world. Some pursue an engineering career in technology companies or technical positions for the government or financial services. Others enter business and management or continue on to graduate studies in overseas universities. And some students pursue their dream of becoming entrepreneurs and company founders. Whatever path they choose, ECE graduates benefit from the faculty's extensive academic and industrial international network.



#### ECE sharpens your mind so you can be anything you want to be. "

Kei May Lau Photonics & Microelectronics Chair Professor

A small selection of companies and universities ECE graduates have joined:

























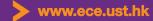








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