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Donald Bren Hall at UCI

UC Irvine's Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences (ICS) is proud to celebrate 10 years as an NSA/DHS National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research. As one of the few computing-focused schools in the nation—and the only in the UC system after 50 years—ICS is uniquely positioned to advance cybersecurity research. UCI is centrally located in Irvine, known as the "City of Innovation," which has quickly become one of Southern California's fast-growing tech and security hubs—home to numerous tech Fortune 1,000 companies, fast-growing startups, and a collaborative community of highly innovative people.

ICS has long been at the forefront of cybersecurity in education, housing over a dozen internationally renowned professors, including senior faculty members Michael Franz, Ian Harris, Scott Jordan, Sam Malek, Sharad Mehrotra, and Gene Tsudik, as well as new ICS faculty members Alfred Chan and Josh Garcia, whose research examines both technical and nontechnical dimensions of cybersecurity.

Over the last decade, ICS has also graduated over 30 Ph.D. students, and many more master's students, with a cybersecurity focus who have gone on to work in academia and industry at organizations such as IBM, Xerox PARC and SPAWAR. In 2016, UCI deepened its commitment to cybersecurity research by opening the Cybersecurity Policy and Research Institute (CPRI), with the goal of finding multidisciplinary legal, policy and technological solutions to combat cyber threats while protecting and enhancing individual privacy and civil liberties. CPRI is led by Executive Director Bryan Cunningham, an international expert on cybersecurity law and policy who formerly served as a White House lawyer and CIA officer and helped draft the first National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace.

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