The Power and Promise of Data Science and AI:

Johns Hopkins University's Transformational Investment

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The Investment

Johns Hopkins Data Science and AI Institute

Johns Hopkins has made a commitment to build the **nation's foremost destination** for emerging applications, opportunities, and challenges presented by data science, machine learning, and AI.

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The Investment

Johns Hopkins Data Science and AI Institute

The new Data Science and AI Institute will enable the **recruitment of outstanding faculty** on a scale (and pace!) that's unprecedented and include a **significant expansion of our computing infrastructure.**

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Over the last decade, the Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships have charted an innovative course in research and scholarship.

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The BDP Program

Bloomberg Distinguished Professors bridge the university's schools and divisions, conduct and **stimulate interdisciplinary research** that crosses traditional boundaries, and train a new generation of collaborative scholars.

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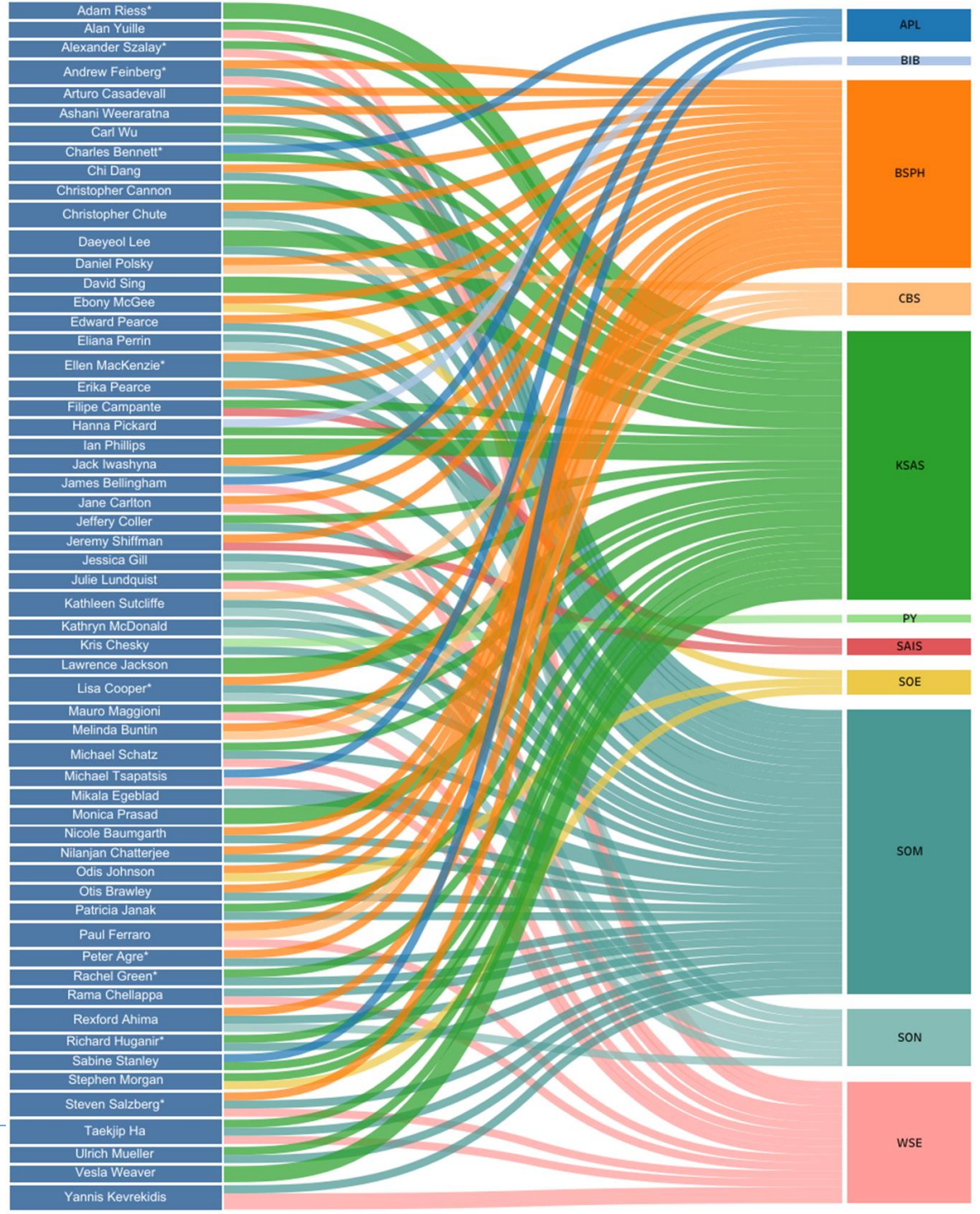
BDP Bridges

The 65 BDPs recruited to date hold **appointments in every division** of Johns Hopkins. These new BDPs will bridge data science and AI into domains across the university.



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The Investment

Johns Hopkins Data Science and AI Institute

Our initiative includes adding:

- **80 NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY,** the largest cluster hire in the history of the Whiting School of Engineering, in the departments of Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Applied Mathematics and Statistics.
- **30 NEW ENDOWED CHAIRS** as part of the Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships program, with joint appointments across JHU divisions.
- **30 AI-FOCUSED RESEARCH SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS** to support new engineering faculty projects.
- **40 NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY** outside of AI to strengthen all engineering departments.
- **A PROJECTED 750 NEW PHD STUDENTS** across all areas of engineering.

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The Physical Infrastructure

Johns Hopkins Data Science and AI Institute

- **CREATING COMMUNITIES OF SCHOLARS:** Intellectual neighborhoods and communities that drive the programming of space.
- **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH:** Labs and computational spaces will be proximate and integrated, encouraging interaction.
- **INTEGRATION OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH:** The educational experience of our students and the opportunities to engage in research will be integrated with their “classroom” experience.
- **SCALE OF RESEARCH FACILITIES:** We will build cores at a scale that can more adequately support the research enterprise of our faculty.

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The Opportunity

Johns Hopkins Data Science and AI Institute

We're looking for the most **daring thinkers and changemakers in data innovation** across academia, government, and private industry.

Joining the institute means joining Hopkins's global community—an ecosystem that offers unparalleled opportunities: exceptional funding, cross-field collaboration, professional advancement, and career-defining work.

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A historic investment in the future of data science begins with people.

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Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships Clusters

Dr. Denis Wirtz
Vice Provost for Research

Julie Messersmith
Assistant Vice Provost for Research

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The Goal

Recruit 30 BDPs to bridge data science and AI across Johns Hopkins, focusing on translating technologies into practical **solutions for real-world problems** in specific interdisciplinary research areas.

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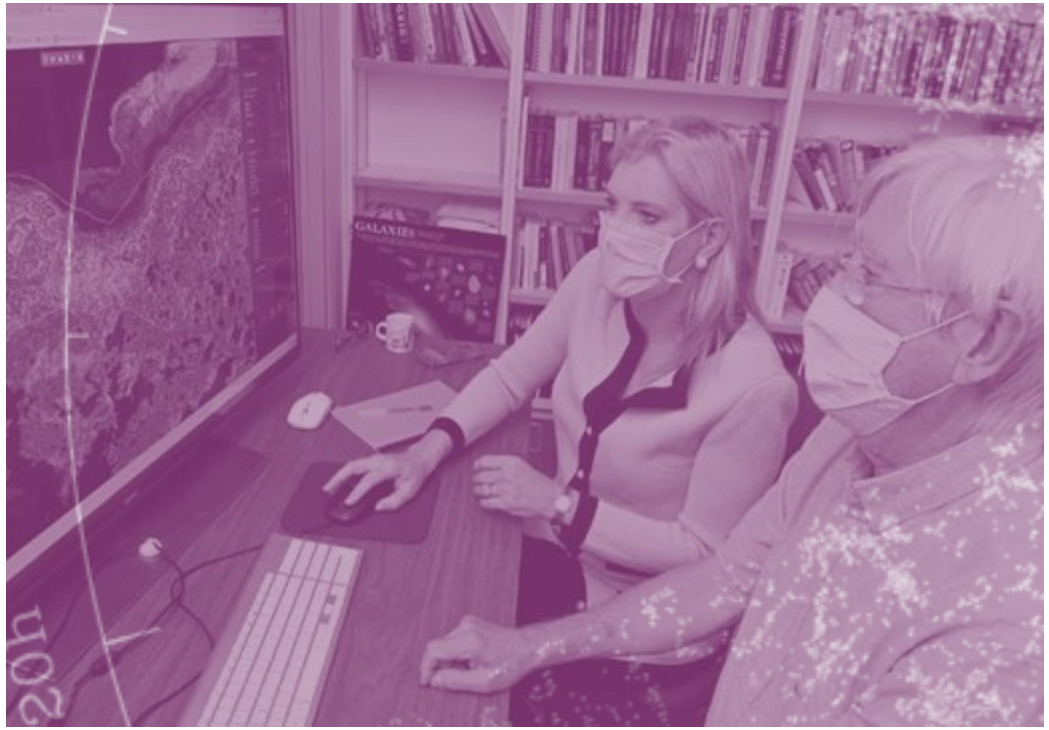
Program Objectives

These Bloomberg Distinguished Professors will:

- **Weave data science, data-driven research, and AI even more fully into the fabric and future of the university.**

- **Integrate diverse application domain knowledge into the data science and AI initiative.**

- **Transform discovery and innovation in areas such as medicine, energy, public policy, society, the humanities, climate, public health, business, and education.**



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Cluster Framework

Each research cluster will be composed of 3-4 BDPs at the associate or full professor level:

- **The majority of appointments will be between the Whiting School of Engineering and another academic division or APL.**
- **The BDP can hold their administrative home in either school depending on the academic case.**
- **The clusters will include investment by the participating departments or schools through start-up packages, salary support, infrastructure investments, and more.**

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Selection Process

Three stages for BDP cluster selection:

1. **An internal committee representing all schools, APL, and institute leadership will select LOIs for full proposal invitations.**

2. **Full proposals will be assessed by committees of distinguished external researchers.**

3. **President, Provost, Deans and Directors, and the institute director will make a final selection based on committee review.**

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Cluster Selection Timeline

November 2023
Call for clusters

December 6, 2023
Town Hall Webinar

February 19, 2024
Letters of intent (LOIs) deadline

Mid-March 2024
Full proposal invitations

April 22, 2024
Full proposals due

April-May 2024
Distinguished external committee review

Summer 2024
Final selection

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Resources

Visit these resources for more information on the call for clusters and BDP positions:

- **CALL FOR BDP CLUSTERS**
- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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Thank You

We thank you in advance for your innovation, passion, and thoughtfulness with this important process.