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ICS PhD Qualifier result for Moseli

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Hi Moseli,

You will be happy to hear that you have passed the ICS PhD qualifier exam!

The points are below. It was actually close and subject to discussion. While we don't use a strict score threshold and take what we know about students into account, generally 70% is our default reference point. You were just about there with 69.2% so we look at where the deficiency is. Clearly it is in Discrete Structures. You are not the only student who had trouble with the first question on expected length of sequence, but the proof of equivalence was lacking too.

It was ironic that this result came after I had tentatively decided to assign you to ICS 141 as TA. But rather than taking this as evidence that we should change the TA assignment, I decided (in consultation with Kay) that it would be appropriate for you to TA 141 as it will give you an opportunity to strengthen in this area. (I can attest to learning by teaching: I learned a lot teaching 311!)

As I am sure you are aware, your next task is to prepare the PhD portfolio. See the PhD web page for details and coordinate plans with your advisor.

But setting the caveat aside, Congratulations!

Dan Suthers

Points:

5	Part 1: Discrete Structures
19.5	Part 2: Algorithms
18	Part 3: Architecture
14	Part 4: Operating Systems
14	Part 5: Network Computing
12.5	Part 6: Programming Languages & Information Management

Total: 83 = 69.2%