Opportunity Title: Development of real-time Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) Hardware
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Description

About the Research

Current approaches optimize machine learning training largely by exploiting Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) sparsity. The compute-intensive floating-point 32-bit representation represents remaining non-zero valued network parameters. These approaches need to be improved to develop a real-time hardware implementing Deep Reinforcement Learning algorithms for the tactical arena. Additionally, High Level Synthesis (HLS) will be incorporated to obtain hardware designs optimized for various criteria, e.g. power, latency, computation, etc.

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About CISD

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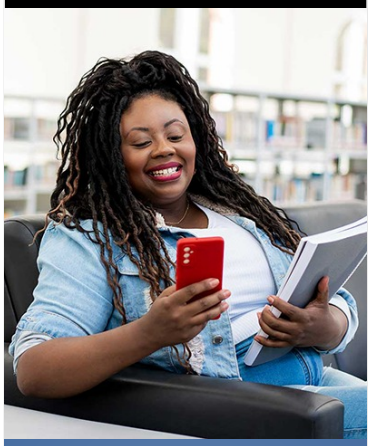
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- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- **Three References Forms**
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    - References should be from persons familiar with your educational and professional qualifications (include your thesis or dissertation advisor, if applicable)
- **Transcripts**
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- The objective of the research topic should be clear and have a defined outcome
- Explain the direction you plan to pursue
- Include expected period for completing the study
- Include a brief background such as preparation and motivation for the research
- References of published efforts may be used to improve the proposal

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- **Degree:** Any degree .
- **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
- **Discipline(s):**
    - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (11 👁)