

# Purdue honors Computer Graphics Technology faculty with Seed for Success Acorn Award



On November 1, 2023 Dr. Vetria Byrd was honored by Purdue with the Seeds of Success award. The award recognizes Purdue principal investigators and co-investigators who obtain their first research grants with external funding of \$1 million or more for a single proposal project. This year's ceremony honored winners from the past three years, because award ceremonies were cancelled in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to Covid-related restrictions.

Dr. Byrd is part of a multidisciplinary research team awarded a five-year \$15 million grant from the National Science Foundation to establish a new institute for geospatial data-driven scientific research. Purdue research investigators are responsible for \$2.5 million. Dr. Byrd is the first CGT faculty to receive an Acorn award.

- Xiaohui Carol Song, **Vetria L. Byrd\***, Iman Haqiqi\*, Thomas W. Hertel, David R. Johnson, Venkatesh Mohan Merwade, Mark Daniel Ward, from HDR  
Institute: *Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment*,  
HDR Institute: *Geospatial Institute for Digital Innovation to Enhance Resilience and Sustainability*, \$2,450,000.00

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