

## Isenberg Graduate Students Excel in Award-Winning Student Group

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*Isenberg doctoral students at a recent INFORMS gathering.*

For the fourth consecutive year, Isenberg graduate students are honored for their crowning achievement in collaboration and innovation. On November 9th, they will travel to Austin, Texas as members of the UMass chapter of INFORMS (The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences), to receive a *Magna cum Laude* award for outstanding chapter achievements. The honor--awarded to Isenberg and other graduate students from multiple disciplines across UMass--recognizes excellence based on high performance in categories such as motivation, collaboration and innovation. The UMass chapter was lauded for its cutting-edge, interdisciplinary, cross-collegiate speaker series that showcased talks by prominent leaders from MIT, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, McGill, IBM, ISO New England, and many other leading organizations. The speaker series, hosted at the Isenberg School, facilitated cross-pollination and encouraged students from a wide-range of backgrounds and interests to discuss and consider solutions to issues faced in Operations Research, the Management Sciences, and more generally by society as a whole.

Management Science Ph.D. candidate [Min Yu](#) and the chapter's faculty advisor, [Anna Nagurney](#), will accept this year's award on behalf of the UMass student group. "The students in our chapter understand what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication, mutual support and teamwork," emphasizes Professor Nagurney. "This award is a fulfilling testament to their accomplishments as a team. The memories and friendships that they have developed through these efforts will last throughout their careers."

The chapter gives its Isenberg members unique opportunities to share research, social, and professional networking opportunities with their fellow members in engineering, computer science, economics, and other disciplines. And its internationally diverse students--hailing from Turkey, China, India, Iran, the United States, and other countries--enrich the cultural landscape for all Isenberg students.

Pictured above, standing, left to right:

Farbod Farhadi (Management Science)  
Min Yu (Management Science)  
Jun Kang (Marketing)  
Dong Li (Management Science)  
Ameera Ibrahim (Management Science)  
Nathan Kollett (Management Science)  
Milad Ebtehaj (Management Science)  
Xuan Che (Finance)  
Armagan Bayram (Management Science)

Seated, left to right:

Ze He (Industrial Engineering)  
Amir Masoumi (Management Science)  
Guven Ince (Management Science)