

**Aspiring PI Info:**

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**Research interests:**

- **Invariant Relations**
  - Computing program functions
- **Relative Correctness**
  - Faults, fault density, depth, multiplicity
- **Software Testing**
  - Program correctness approach

**Current Project(s)**

- **FX: Function Extraction**
  - Assume(), Capture(), Verify(), Establish().
  - Acta Informatica, 2024
- **A Theory of Program Repair**
  - To repair a program: to make it more-correct.
  - Acta Informatica, 2023
- **Test Data Selection**
  - Detecting faults vs Exposing failures
  - SCP (2025), AST 2024, QRS 2024

**Project Idea(s)...**

- Most/ All CS Curricula:
  - Freshman year: how to write programs
  - Senior or graduate: how to write correct programs.
- Project:
  - Use FX to enable students to derive correct programs.
  - Students use compilers for syntactic correctness, FX for semantic correctness.
- Second Programming course (CS114 @ NJIT)
  - Sufficiently advanced, sufficiently early
- If NSF wants FM to transition to the field,
  - Best to enroll students to the cause.
- Impacts on Education
  - Teacher: Showcasing vs Preaching.
  - Student: Proving vs Praying.
  - Grader: Assume(precondition), Verify(postcondition).

**... and possible collaborators sought**

- Educators
  - Apply tool, provide feedback/ recommendations.
  - Author of textbook used in CS114. Textbook website.
- Industrial partners
  - Productize/ market.
  - Evolve the tool for subsequent courses, application domains.

