

Interviews with 2019 AAI/ACM SIGAI Doctoral Dissertation Awardees

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The Joint AAI/ACM SIGAI Doctoral Dissertation Award recognizes and encourages superior research and writing by doctoral candidates in artificial intelligence. The award is presented annually at the AAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, and the winner is invited to present a talk at the conference. Before diving into the winners of the 2025 Award, we thought we'd catch up with some former awardees.

In 2019, Jiajun Wu won the award for his work "Learning to See the Physical World", while Aishwarya Agrawal achieved an honourable mention for her dissertation entitled "Visual Question Answering and Beyond". We interviewed them both to learn about where their research has taken them since then, and what future avenues they are looking to in the field of computer vision.