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## Welcome Message

As we approach the end of the year, reflecting on each step the Faculty of Data Science has taken over the past year fills our hearts with immense emotion and pride. This year has been characterized by a blend of innovation and breakthroughs, as well as a time when all faculty and students have joined hands to create brilliance together.

In the past three hundred sixty-five days, FDS has achieved remarkable accomplishments in various fields, including teaching, research, academic exchange, and community service. Behind each achievement lies the wisdom and hard work of all faculty and staff, as well as the efforts and dedication of every student. We have witnessed significant advancements in academic research and deep explorations, experienced steady improvements in teaching quality, and felt the endless power that teamwork brings.

I would like to extend special thanks to every member of the FDS, whether you are the teachers standing at the podium sharing knowledge or those immersed in research laboratories, the administrative staff who work silently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of the faculty, or the students who are diligent and dream big. It is your hard work and relentless pursuit that have forged the brilliance of our faculty today. At the same time, we express our sincere gratitude to the leaders, colleagues, and friends from all walks of life who have continuously cared for and supported the development of FDS.

Looking ahead, we are filled with confidence and anticipation. In the new year, FDS will continue to uphold the motto of "Virtue, Knowledge, Practice" adhere to the spirit of "Seeking Truth and Innovation, Pursuing Excellence," deepen educational reforms, strengthen interdisciplinary integration, promote the transformation of research achievements, and strive to cultivate more talents in data science and computer technology with an international perspective and innovative capabilities. We believe that through the collective efforts of all faculty and students, the future of the Faculty of Data Science will be even more brilliant.

Let us join hands and move forward together in the new year, writing an even more splendid chapter for the Faculty of Data Science!

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## Introduction to the Faculty of Data Science

### Overview of the number of students and faculty members in the faculty in 2024

In 2024, Faculty of Data Science has made significant progress and breakthroughs in many fields, especially in academic construction, faculty and student scale and scientific research. By the end of 2024, the overall scale of FDS will be further expanded, with 1,451 students and 49 full-time staffs, including 45 full-time academic staff and 4 administrative staff. The faculty has played a key role in cultivating high-quality data science talents, promoting innovative scientific research results, and providing high-quality academic support. The distribution of programs and student numbers of FDS is detailed in the table below:

*Table 1. Overview of Faculty Programs*

FDS Program Overview						
Program Name	Number of students					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Deferral	Total
Bachelor of Science in Intelligent Technology and Services	170	173	183	157	-	683
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	41	43	-	-	-	84
Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Big Data Technology (co-organized with Minzu University of China)	120	119	-	-	-	239
Master of Data Science	78	76	-	-	6	160
Master of Computer Science	56	38	-	-	-	94
Doctor of Data Science	37	37	39	-	8	121
Doctor of Computer Science	38	32	-	-	-	70
<b>Total number of students</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1451</b>

Among them, doctoral students account for 13%, master's students account for 18%, and undergraduates account for 69%. The specific situation is shown in Table 2.

*Table 2. Student levels*

	PH.D.	Masters	Bachelors	Total
<b>Number of students</b>	191	254	1006	1451
<b>Percentage</b>	13%	18%	69%	100%

Faculty of Data Science continues to optimize its curriculum and disciplinary direction and is committed to providing students with an academic environment that keeps pace with the times, is challenging and innovative, and has laid a solid foundation for cultivating high-quality talents in the field of data science. By the end of 2024, the Faculty of Data Science has a total of 45 full-time academic staff and 4 administrative staff. Among the full-time academic staff, there are 5 full professors, 4 associate professors, 33 assistant professors, 1 lecturer and 2 distinguished professors. The academic team members have diverse backgrounds, covering many cutting-edge fields such as data science, computer science, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, etc., and can provide students with high-level teaching and scientific research guidance.

To meet the needs of the faculty's future development, FDS is actively promoting a personnel introduction plan. To support teaching and research work in 2025, the faculty plans to recruit 16 new academic staff. These new members will officially join the faculty in August 2025 to further enhance their teaching and research capabilities. By then, the total number of full-time academic staff in the faculty will exceed 50. As the faculty continues to grow, FDS will be able to more effectively promote the progress of academic research, provide students with richer and more diverse academic experiences, and promote academic innovation and the transformation of scientific research results.

**Overview of Faculty Papers Published in 2024**

As shown in Table 3, the Faculty of Data Science published a total of 268 papers in 2024. Among them, 176 papers were included in SCI and 130 were listed in JCR Q1 journals. These data show the faculty's remarkable achievements in academic research and highlight the continuous improvement in the number and quality of papers published by FDS, reflecting the faculty's efforts in promoting scientific research innovation and enhancing academic influence. These achievements not only enhance the academic status of the faculty, but also provide students with more learning and research opportunities.

*Table 3. Publication numbers from 2022 to 2024*

	Q1	Q2-Q4	EI	Monograph	CSSCI Core Journals	General Journals	ESCI	SCI Indexed	Total
<b>2022</b>	41	21	14	1	1	-	2	62	80
<b>2023</b>	52	12	19	5	-	2	1	64	91
<b>2024</b>	130	34	85	1	6	6	6	164	268

## Teaching and Learning

In 2024, the Faculty of Data Science has achieved remarkable results in teaching. The undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs in computer science successfully began to recruit students and teach in the 2023 academic year, and continued to make good progress, attracting outstanding students. These new programs not only enrich the academic system of the faculty, but also provide students with diversified learning options and promote their professional development in the field of data science. In addition, existing programs have also successfully passed the accreditation assessment. This achievement further proves the rigor and excellence of the faculty in teaching quality and academic standards. These accreditations not only enhance the reputation of the faculty, but also add value to students' degrees, making them more competitive in the job market. With the continuous improvement of teaching quality, the Faculty of Data Science is on its way to becoming an industry-leading educational institution.

### Current status of faculty programs and planning of new programs

As of the end of 2024, the Faculty of Data Science (FDS) will have the following seven programs:

Table 4. Faculty programs

Degree Category	Degree Name
Bachelor	Bachelor of Science in Intelligent Technology and Services
	Bachelor of Computer Science
	Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Big Data Technology (co-organized with Minzu University of China)
Master	Master of Data Science
	Master of Computer Science
Doctorate	Doctor of Data Science
	Doctor of Computer Science

In 2024, several main programs of the Faculty of Data Science have achieved important teaching results. The Bachelor's Degree Program in Intelligent Technology and Services, the Master's Degree Program in Data Science, and the Doctoral Degree Program in Data Science have all successfully passed the re-accreditation of the Education Quality Evaluation Agency of the Ministry of Education and have received high praise. Specifically, the Bachelor's Degree Program in Intelligent Technology and Services was praised as "fully demonstrating the program characteristics of the cross-domain integration of intelligent technology and modern services"; the Master's Degree Program in Data Science was rated as "providing a clear-cut, strong and in-depth program, and exploring an interdisciplinary and diversified talent training model"; and the Doctoral Degree Program in Data Science was highly recognized for its "distinctive program characteristics and significant impact on the domestic and foreign academic circles."

The evaluation report also recommended that the faculty should increase the number of full-time teaching staff to further improve the quality of teaching and research. To this end, FDS plans to increase recruitment efforts in the next few years to further improve the teaching staff.

In addition to applying for new programs on its own, FDS also actively applying for new programs with other faculties in the university. The programs currently being applied for cover a full range of education from bachelor's to doctoral degrees, including "Bachelor's Degree Program in Electronic and Computer Engineering", "Master's Degree Program in Electronic and Computer Engineering", "Doctoral Degree Program in Electronic and Computer Engineering", and "Bachelor's Degree Program in Artificial Intelligence", "Master's Degree Program in Artificial Intelligence", and "Doctoral Degree Program in Artificial Intelligence". The application of these programs not only reflects the faculty's commitment to educational quality, but also demonstrates its pursuit of depth and breadth of disciplines. Programs jointly applying with other faculties of the university include: the "Master of Science in Health informatics" jointly applied with the Faculty of Health and Wellness, the "Master of Science in Management Analytics" jointly applied with the Faculty of Business, the "Bachelor of Science in Urban Intelligence and Informatics ", "Master of Science in Urban Intelligence and Information", and "Doctor of Urban Intelligence and Information" jointly applied with the Faculty of Innovation and Design, and the "Master of Digital Applied Linguistics" jointly applied with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. FDS has demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and innovation in program application and actively promoted cross-disciplinary cooperation and communication in the academic community. The Faculty of Data Science is committed to promoting innovation in educational models to adapt to the ever-changing academic and industry needs. Not only strengthen the faculty's important position in the field of data science, but also provide students with a broader academic perspective and richer career development paths.

Furthermore, the Faculty has actively promoted the university to sign joint training cooperation agreements with domestic universities, and has launched joint training doctoral and master's degree programs with Shenzhen University of Technology, and has launched joint training doctoral degree programs with Shenzhen University of Technology, Yunnan University, Qingdao University of Science and Technology, Qilu University of Technology, Hangzhou Dianzi University, and Guangdong University of Technology, to jointly train students in the field of data science. Among them, the number of jointly trained graduate students has reached 35, including 9 joint doctoral students with Shenzhen University of Technology, 16 joint doctoral students with Shenzhen University of Science and Technology, 7 joint doctoral students with Qilu University of Technology, 1 joint doctoral student with Qingdao University of Science and Technology, 1 joint doctoral student with Yunnan University, and 1 joint doctoral student with Hangzhou University of Electronic Science and Technology.

### **Student internship and exchange**

FDS has signed cooperation agreements with many companies and universities, aiming to provide students with valuable internship training and exchange opportunities, thereby enhancing their practical

ability and professional quality. These collaborations not only expand students' learning platforms, but also promote in-depth cooperation between academia and industry, providing students with a wider range of career development paths. Through these cooperation agreements, students will be able to participate in the internship programs of enterprises, gain practical work experience, and establish connections in the professional field. Table 5 lists the units that have cooperated with the faculty, covering multiple industries and fields, and demonstrating the faculty's efforts and achievements in promoting industry-university cooperation. The diversity of these partner institutions not only reflects the academic breadth of the faculty, but also provides students with a variety of internship options, helping them stand out in the fierce workplace competition.

Table 5. Internship Units

Ref	Internship Unit	Location	Participation Category
1	Guangdong University of Technology	Guangzhou	Undergraduate & Postgraduate
2	Data tells stories Big data and AI intelligent applications	Henqin	Postgraduate
3	Orbit-Spatial-temporal Big Data and Artificial Intelligence Joint Laboratory	Henqin	Postgraduate
4	NetCraft Information Technology (Macau) Co., Ltd.	Macau	Undergraduate (Local student only)
5	Guangdong Provincial First Veterans Hospital	Guangzhou	Undergraduate & Postgraduate
6	BoardWare Intelligence Technology Co., Ltd. /Pengcheng Laboratory	Shenzhen	Master students
7	Zhuhai Yingying Technology Co., Ltd.	Zhuhai	Postgraduate
8	Baidu Online Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd	Beijing	Undergraduate & Postgraduate
9	Aerospace Hi-Tech Holding Group Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	Postgraduate
10	CTM - Macau Telecom Company, Ltd	Macau	Undergraduate & Postgraduate (Local student only)
11	Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology Chinese Academy of Sciences	Shenzhen	Doctors
12	First Affiliated Hospital of Shandong First Medical University	Shandong	Postgraduate
13	Zhuhai Institute of Advanced Technology, Chinese Academy of Science	Zhuhai	Postgraduate



**Student Activities and Awards**

In 2024, students of the Faculty of Data Science actively participated in various activities and competitions and achieved excellent results, demonstrating their talents and abilities. These activities not only improved students' practical skills, but also enhanced their teamwork spirit and innovative thinking. The faculty regularly invites industry experts and academic leaders to give lectures, which provide students with valuable learning opportunities, broaden their horizons, and promote the diversity of disciplines. Through these exchanges, students can not only understand the latest industry trends, but also get advice and guidance on future career planning.

The student activities organized this academic year are detailed in Table 6, which lists the time, location, and number of students participating in each activity. In addition, Table 7 shows the various competitions and awards won, further demonstrating the performance and honors of students in different competitions. These activities and competitions not only improve students' academic abilities, but also lay a solid foundation for their career development, demonstrating the comprehensiveness of the Faculty of Data Science in education and practice.

*Table 6. Student Activities*

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Participation Category</b>
Baidu • Macau Artificial Intelligence Strategic Cooperation Signing Ceremony and Wen Xinyiyan Macau Smart City Press Conference	2024/1/17	500	Teachers & students
Pengcheng National Laboratory Global Talent Introduction Seminar	2024/3/28	30	Teachers & students
Research Workshop - Information Security	2024/4/29	40	Teachers & students
Research Workshop - Artificial Intelligence Medical Imaging	2024/5/8	40	Teachers & students
Intelligent Technology and Service Program Graduate Internship and Design Briefing for 2021	2024/5/17	158	Bachelor students
Research Workshop - Data Science Theory and Algorithms	2024/5/22	40	Teachers & students
City University of Macau and Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications jointly organize artificial intelligence and information security training	2024/8/12	60	Teachers & students
Master's Thesis Explanatory Meeting	2024/8/16	115	Master students

Doctoral Thesis Explanatory Meeting	2024/8/16	100	Doctor students
Graduate Student Graduation Design Explanatory Meeting	2024/8/22	40	Teachers & students
Teaching workshop	2024/8/22	28	Teachers & students
New Student Orientation for 24/25 Academic Year	2024/9/4	400	Teachers & students
2024 Capital Overseas Chinese Intellectual Development Conference	2024/8/27-30	115	Teachers & students
Commencement Ceremony of the Honors Class for the 2024 Academic Year	2024/9/6	60	Honors Class Teachers & students
2024/2025 Postgraduate Explanatory Meeting	2024/9/25	160	Postgraduate
Macau Science Center “Discovery and Nourishing the Heart” themed digital experience center	2024/9/28	20	Teachers & students
Honorary Class Teachers and Students Academic Trip in Shenzhen	2024/9/28-29	45	Teachers & students
Huawei ICT Competition 2024-2025-City University of Macau Roadshow	2024/10/22	80	Teachers & students
Information Security Awareness Week Exhibition	2024/10/29	2000	Society
Research Workshop	2024/11/27、12/4、12/11	60	Teachers & students

*Table 7. Student achievements and awards*

<b>Competition Name</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Award Winners</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Date</b>
Mathematical Contest in Modeling	Finalist Winner	Song Li Dongxiao, Tian Xingyuan, Zhang Xinyue	-	2024/5/6
2024 China College Student Computer Design Competition Hainan Provincial Competition	Undergraduate group Third prize	Group 1: Zhang Xinyue, Tian Xingyuan, Li Dongxiao, Xie Yizhe Group 2: Xie Zihan, Lin Boen Group 3: Lu Weiyi, Liu Haijun, Chen Ruinan, Li Baixi Group 4: Song Haoyu, Zhang Xun, Wang Yinzhou, Wang Mai	-	2024/5/25
Chinese international	High priest	Li Dongxiao, Tian Xingyuan,	Jing Fengshi,	2024/6-8

college students Innovation Competition (2024) Hainan Division Competition	circuit Silver Award	Zhang Xinyue, Xie Yizhe, Chen Ruinan, Huang Yijun, Chang Shangxu, Xu Weiwenxin, Shi Weihan	Zhang Lefeng, Qi Minfeng	
The 14th "Challenge Cup" Hainan University College Student Entrepreneurship Plan Competition	Social Governance and Public Service Group Bronze Award	Wang Mengchen, Cao Zhongming, Gao Jingze, Zhao Ye, Zhao Zihou, Zhao Yangkun, Zhao Yuxi, Fan Yajun, Wang Yixiang, Liu Yumeng	-	2024/6/23
The 13th National Ocean Vehicle Design and Production Competition (South China Regional Competition)	Third prize	Yuan Ziang	-	2024/7/18
2024 (17th) China College Student Computer Design Competition National Finals	National third prize in the category of "Digital Media Games and Interaction Design"	Song Haoyu, Zhang Xun, Wang Yinzhou, Wang Mai	-	2024/7/21
2024 Shenzhen X-Institutue Disruptive Innovation Challenge University Camp	Innovation Project Award	Chen Tianyu	-	2024/8/2
2024 "Yangcheng Cup" Guangdong-Hong Kong- Macau Greater Bay Area Cyber Security Competition	Hong Kong and Macau Group Award of excellence	You Sicheng, Guo Yaoqun, Zhu Kefan, Zhou Junye	Cui Sanshuai	2024/8-9/12
2024 China College Student Mechanical Engineering Innovation and Creativity Competition Smart Precision Assembly Competition	Second Prize	Zhao Ruixuan, Zhan Chuntian, Huang Tianqi	Kong Hoi lo	2024/8/17

Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Division Selection Competition				
Macau Youth ESG Business Challenge Finals	Second Place	Zhang Huaixin, Shi Xueru, Xu Huiwen, Wu Pengjia	Chen Xiuyi	2024/10/19
The 14th "Challenge Cup" Qin Chuangyuan Chinese College Student Entrepreneurship Program Competition National Finals	Silver Award	Li Dongxiao, Tian Xingyuan, Xie Yizhe, Zhang Xinyue, Chen Ruinan, Chang Shangxu	Jing Fengshi, Zhang Lefeng, Qi Minfeng	2024/10/29-11/2
Huawei ICT Competition 2024-2025 Macau Station	Third Prize in Computing Track College Group	Wu Yihong, Zhang Lanwei, Wang Pengxiang	-	2024/12/2

## Alumni

### **Bachelor of Science in Intelligent Technology and Services**

Since the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Intelligent Technology and Services, 100 graduates have successfully graduated from our university. According to the survey report of graduates from 2023 to 2024, the majority of graduates are male (78%), while females account for a smaller proportion (22%). Graduates are mainly from mainland China (84%) and local students from Macau (16%). According to the 2023/2024 academic year graduation survey report, there are 58 second-term graduates in the 2023/2024 academic year, with a graduation rate of (95%). In terms of satisfaction with the major, (42.6%) graduates gave the highest rating of 5 points, and 35.2% of graduates gave 4 points, indicating that most (77.8%) graduates are very satisfied or satisfied with the major. In addition, (27.8%) graduates are optimistic about the prospects of the major, and (42.6%) graduates are even very optimistic. The sum of the two exceeds (60%), indicating that most graduates have a positive attitude towards the prospects of the major. As for future, (75.9%) graduates chose to continue their studies (already enrolled in master's programs and applied for spring admission), while those who chose to work (including unemployed)/internship and start their own business accounted for (20.7%) and (3.4%) respectively. These results fully demonstrate the hard work and dedication of the graduates, as well as the high-quality education provided by the faculty. They will continue to make important contributions in their respective fields in the future.

**Further studies:** In the 2023/2024 academic year, (67.5%) of our graduates received 1-3 conditional offers, and (25%) of our outstanding students received more than 3 conditional offers. The vast majority (90.5%) of our graduates chose majors related to computer science, such as data science, artificial intelligence, and information technology. However, relatively few graduates chose tourism services (catering management) and other majors (such as interactive media). In addition, in terms of admission to overseas universities, many of our outstanding graduates received multiple admission notices and were admitted to universities in the UK (10), Australia (6), Hong Kong (3), and Macau (13). A total of 32 students continued their studies (17 of them were admitted to famous overseas universities ranked in the top 100 of the QS World University Rankings, such as the second-ranked Imperial College London in the UK, the ninth-ranked University College London, and the eighteenth-ranked University of Sydney in Australia), and another 12 students are preparing to apply for spring campus recruitment.

**Employment:** In the 2023/2024 academic year, 12 bachelor's degree graduates chose to work (accounting for 20.7% of the whole class), and the employment rate of those who chose to work was (50%). Among them, 2 local Macau students joined MGM International Hotel Group and Macau Federation of Trade Unions Vocational and Technical Secondary Faculty respectively, 1 local Macau student stayed in the original unit, and 3 mainland students joined China Merchants Bank (Dongguan Branch), Habitat Technology Co., Ltd. (Shenzhen) and HSBC Software Development (Guangdong) Co., Ltd. respectively. There are 6 graduates who are unemployed (have been looking for a job for 1-3 months).

**Business Start-up:** In the 2023/2024 academic year, 2 bachelor's degree graduates chose to start their own business, accounting for the entire class (3.4%). The reason for one Mainland student's entrepreneurship was personal ambition and family support, while the reason for one Macau local student's entrepreneurship was to discover market opportunities.

### **Master of Data Science Program**

Since the establishment of the Master of Data Science program, 194 graduates have successfully graduated from our faculty. According to the survey report of graduates from 2023 to 2024, the majority are male (73%), while females account for a smaller proportion (27%). Graduates are mainly from mainland China (100%). In terms of satisfaction with the major, 52 graduates (68.4%) gave the highest 5 points, and 19 graduates (35.2%) gave 4 points. In addition, most graduates are optimistic about their career prospects (40.8%), some are very optimistic (42.1%), a few have no opinion (10.5%), and some are confused (5.2%). Currently, most graduates are employed (40.8%), while a small number choose to pursue further studies (22.4%).

**Employment:** In the 2023/2024 academic year, employed graduates are engaged in data science-related jobs (48.1%), followed by software development (11.1%), network engineering and security (7.4%), and non-information science industries (7.4%). Most of these graduates' work in mainland China (96.3%), and

a few work overseas (3.7%). The main factors affecting their choice of current jobs are salary and benefits (25.9%) and family wishes (25.9%), followed by their own abilities (18.5%) and hobbies (11.1%). Their future career plans are mainly to continue working in the same company (88.9%), followed by plans to join other companies in data science-related industries (7.4%).

### **Doctor of Data Science Program**

Since the establishment of the Doctor of Data Science, 50 graduates have successfully graduated from the faculty. According to the 2023-2024 graduate survey, the majority of graduates are male (87.5%), while females account for a smaller proportion (12.5%). Graduates are mainly from mainland China (100%). As for career prospects, most graduates are optimistic (50%) and very optimistic (50%). Currently, most graduates are employed (62.5%), while a few are unemployed (37.5%).

**Employment:** According to the 2023-2024 graduate survey, employed graduates are engaged in data science-related jobs (80%), and a small number are engaged in computer and data education-related fields (20%). Most of these graduates are employed in mainland China (80%), and a small number are employed in Macau (20%). The main factors affecting their choice of current jobs are personal interests (40%), followed by family wishes (20%), personal abilities (20%), and salary and benefits (20%).

**Business Start-up:** According to the 2018-2024 Graduate Survey, 8.3% of PhD graduates started their own businesses, with most choosing to start their own businesses in the technology industry. This shows that a significant number of PhD graduates are engaging in entrepreneurial ventures, especially in the technology field. This trend suggests that individuals with high academic qualifications are driving innovation and economic growth by establishing technology companies.

## **Research and Innovation**

### **Overview of research areas and key points**

In 2024, the faculty made significant progress in research and innovation. The faculty is committed to promoting the development of data science and has led several groundbreaking projects with a total amount of approximately MOP 7,191,275. One of the most notable funded projects is a data cross-domain security platform developed by several core members of the faculty and Xidian University. In addition to funded projects, the faculty has also published academic papers in top journals and conferences, covering topics such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and bioinformatics.

To share their respective expertise, members of the Academy actively participated in various academic activities and delivered keynote speeches, providing members with valuable opportunities to present their latest research results and insights into the future of data science. As keynote speakers, they discussed important topics such as new trends in artificial intelligence, the outlook for data science security, and the security coordination and privacy protection of cross-border data. Overall, the Academy has made significant progress in research and innovation in the 2024 academic year: multiple grants have been obtained, high-level academic articles have been published, and solid cooperative relationships have been established with well-known institutions. With the continued dedication and enthusiasm of colleagues for data science, the Academy will achieve greater breakthroughs in the field of data science in the coming years.

### **Approved Projects**

The faculty has successfully obtained a research grant of approximately MOP7,191,275 for the 2024 academic year. The research areas include cybersecurity, medical data analysis, collaborative platforms and artificial intelligence, etc. These projects will support our faculty members to contribute to the development of Macau and the Greater Bay Area.

In addition, from 2024 onwards, the University of Macau will become one of the only two private institutions in the Hong Kong and Macau regions to be a supporting unit for the National Natural Science Foundation. Two young teachers from the Faculty of Data Science, Zhang Lefeng and Liu Chi, have been awarded youth projects from the National Natural Science Foundation. The approved projects are titled "Research on Parameter-Free Verifiable Machine Forgetting and Privacy Balance for Large Models" and "Research on Defense Techniques for AI Image Synthesis in Complex Open Interactive Environments." Assistant Professor Zhang Lefeng and Assistant Professor Liu Chi will subsequently represent the university as recipients of the National Natural Science Foundation youth projects at a training program for young scientific and technological talents from Hong Kong and Macau, jointly organized by the China Association for Science and Technology and the National Natural Science Foundation.

Table 8. Research projects funded in the 2024 academic year

Ref	Funding Unit	Project Title	Grant Amount	Principal Investigator	Results
1	Joint scientific research funding from the Macau Science and Technology Development Fund and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (FDCT-NSFC project)	Research on cross-border data collaborative management and privacy computing for credit reporting (2022.12.28 – 2026.01.28)	MOP \$1,600,000.00	Prof. Zhou Wanlei	Published 7 papers: 1. Defense Against Graph Injection Attack in Graph Neural Networks 2. Green bond and green stock in China: The role of economic and climate policy uncertainty 3. A Literature Review on V2X Communications Security: Foundation, Solutions, Status, and Future 4. One-shot Backdoor Removal for Federated Learning 5. Towards Scalable and Secure IoTs Transactions: A New Bi-directional Payment Channel Without Third-Party Monitoring 6. Blockchain Distributed Identity Management Model for Cross-Border Data Privacy Protection 7. NeSi: Netizen Simulator for Evaluating Internet Public Opinion Analysis System Platform: Improve the cross-border data platform based on blockchain that complies with cross-border laws and regulations Education: Train 3 doctor of philosophy's students and 4 master students
2	Macau Science and Technology Development Fund—General scientific research funding	Research on health care data privacy protection model and key technologies for smart medical care in Macau (2022.09.04 – 2024.09.03)	MOP \$487,000.00	Associate Professor Ying Zuobin	Published 13 papers: 1. Efficient Anonymous Authentication and Privacy-Preserving Reliability Evaluation for Mobile Crowdsensing in Vehicular Networks 2. HP-MIA: A Novel Membership Inference Attack Scheme for High Membership Prediction Precision 3. DVIT—A Decentralized Virtual Items Trading Forum with Reputation System 4. Towards Scalable and Secure IoTs Transactions: A New Bi-directional Payment Channel Without Third-Party Monitoring 5. AWI-BS: An Adaptive Weight Incentive for Blockchain Sharding



					<p>6.Payment Channel Network Optimization Composed of Merkle Tree with Election Mechanism</p> <p>7.One-Shot Backdoor Removal for Federated Learning</p> <p>8.Efficient Decoder and Intermediate Domain for Semantic Segmentation in Adverse Conditions</p> <p>9.FedECG: A Federated Semi-Supervised Learning Framework for Electrocardiogram Abnormalities Prediction</p> <p>10.Broad Learning Model with a Dual Feature Extraction Strategy for Classification</p> <p>11.Machine Unlearning in Brain-Inspired Neural Network Paradigms</p> <p>12.Membership Reconstruction Attack in Deep Neural Networks</p> <p>13.動態聚合權重的隱私保護聯邦學習框架</p> <p>Standard formulation: China Association of Graphics "Privacy-enhanced Medical Image Data Joint Modeling Specification" standard</p> <p>Verification platform: Construct a verification platform based on medical and health care data privacy protection</p> <p>Education: Train 2 doctor of philosophy's students and 11 master students</p>
3	Open project of Macau SAR Science and Technology Development Fund, Macau Advanced Materials Research and Development Center (University of Macau)	Research on artificial intelligence-assisted nanofluidic molecule recognition (2023.10.01 – 2024.12.31)	MOP \$200,000.00	Assistant Professor Ge Dongjiao	<p>1. Ge, D., Xie, H., Bai, L., &amp; Yan, Y. (2024, July). Takagi-Sugeno Functional Fuzzy System for Function-on-Function Regression. In 2024 IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems (FUZZ-IEEE). ( DOI: 10.1109/FUZZ-IEEE60900.2024.10611822 )</p> <p>2. Ge, D., Zeng, X.-J. (2024). Learning Functional Data On-line: An Evolving Functional Fuzzy-Neural System Approach. (Manuscript under review by Information Sciences)</p>

4	Macau Science and Technology Development Fund “Technological Innovation Enhancement Plan”	Cross-modal fast image and text retrieval based on deep hashing technology (2023.11.10 – 2025.08.10)	MOP \$423,800.00	Assistant Professor Wu Gengshen	<p>So far, 5 papers have been published:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Fang, S., Wu, G., Liu, Y., Feng, X., &amp; Kong, Y. (2024). Dual enhanced semantic hashing for fast image retrieval. <i>Multimedia Tools and Applications</i>, 1-20.</li> <li>2.Zhou, X., Wu, G., Sun, X., Hu, P., &amp; Liu, Y. (2024). Attention-Based Multi-Kernelized and Boundary-Aware Network for Image semantic segmentation. <i>Neurocomputing</i>, 127988.</li> <li>3.Luo, Y., Wu, G., Liu, Y., Liu, W., &amp; Han, J. (2024). Towards High-Quality MRI Reconstruction with Anisotropic Diffusion-Assisted Generative Adversarial Networks And Its Multi-Modal Images Extension. <i>IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics</i>.</li> <li>4.An, W., &amp; Wu, G. (2024). Hybrid spatial-channel attention mechanism for cross-age face recognition. <i>Electronics</i>, 13(7), 1257.</li> <li>5.Li, L., Wu, G., &amp; Ying, Z. (2024, January). A Citation Count Prediction Model Based on Bi-LSTM and Transformer. In <i>2024 2nd International Conference on Big Data and Privacy Computing (BDPC) (pp. 21-27)</i>. IEEE.</li> </ol>
5	Macau Science and Technology Development Fund “Technological Innovation Enhancement Plan”	Utilizing preemptive multitasking to improve resource scheduling efficiency of deep learning systems (2023.12.11 –2026.01.11)	MOP \$451,000.00	Assistant Professor Wu Xiaofeng	<p>Wu, X., Bojkovic, V., Gu, B., Suo, K., &amp; Zou, K. (2024). FTBC: Forward Temporal Bias Correction for Optimizing ANN-SNN Conversion. In <i>Proceedings of The 18th European Conference on Computer Vision, ECCV 2024</i>.</p>
6	Zhuhai Orbit Aerospace	City University of Macau and	RMB ¥200,000.00	Assistant Professor	<p>1. Q. Zhou, Y. Guo, et al. Progressive Multiscale Attention Network for Diabetic Retinopathy. <i>International Conference on Algorithms and</i></p>

	Technology Co., Ltd.	Zhuhai Orbit Aerospace Technology Co., Ltd. jointly established the "Joint Laboratory of Spatiotemporal Big Data and Artificial Intelligence"		Kuok Weng Tak	<p>Architectures for Parallel Processing (ICA3PP), 2024, Accepted. EI(CCF C)</p> <p>2. J. Run, Y. Guo, J. Yan, et al. AW-YOLOv9: Adverse Weather Conditions Adaptation for UAV Detection. International Conference on Algorithms and Architectures for Parallel Processing (ICA3PP), 2024, Accepted. EI(CCF C)</p> <p>3. Z. Zhang, Y. Guo, et al. Diabetic Foot Monitoring Based on A Lightweight Model. Cross Strait Radio Science and Wireless Technology Conference(CSRSWTC) , 2024, Accepted. EI</p> <p>4. H. Jia, Y. Guo. Remote Sensing Change Detection Based on Multi-scale Spatio-temporal Perceptual Attention Network. Cross Strait Radio Science and Wireless Technology Conference(CSRSWTC) , 2024, Accepted. EI</p> <p>5. Y. Weng, Y. Guo. Remote Scene Image Classification Based on Vision-LSTM Model. Cross Strait Radio Science and Wireless Technology Conference(CSRSWTC) , 2024, Accepted. EI</p> <p>6. Y. Lin, Y. Guo. A Progressive Training Framework for Image Super-Resolution. Cross Strait Radio Science and Wireless Technology Conference(CSRSWTC) , 2024, Accepted. EI</p> <p>7. Guo Y, Gong C, Yan J. Activated Sparsely Sub-Pixel Transformer for Remote Sensing Image Super-Resolution. Remote Sensing, 2024, 16(11): 1895. SCI(Q1)</p> <p>8. 郭永德.基于遥感影像的中国宏观经济与生态环境协调发展研究.重庆出版社, 2023</p> <p>9. 郭永德.基于多源数据驱动的商住建筑碳排放关联预测与优化研究. 华中科技大学出版社, 2023</p>
7	Macau Science and Technology Development Fund	Research and development of key technologies for digestive	MOP \$1,720,400.00	Prof. Gu Jia	<p>The project was just launched in November, and 2 SCI papers have been submitted:</p> <p>1. Double kernel and minimum variance embedded broad learning system based</p>

		endoscopy positioning and map construction systems (2024.9.24-2027.10.30)			autoencoder for one-class classification : NeuroComputing 2. Towards Simplified Graph Neural Networks for Identifying Cancer Driver Genes in Heterophilic Networks : APPLIED SOFT COMPUTING °
8	Macau Science and Technology Development Fund	Research on key technologies for intelligent interaction in digital twin cultural tourism experience (2024.9.24-2027.10.30)	MOP \$2,087,580.00	Prof. Sun Xin	2 papers have been published: 1. Yuting Yang, Xin Sun, Junyu Dong, Kin-Man Lam, Xiao Xiang Zhu, Attention-ConvNet Network for Ocean Front Prediction via Remote Sensing SST Images, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, Accepted, <a href="https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/10750822">https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/10750822</a> 2. Li Qian, Jing Qian, Xin Sun, Wengang Guo, and Christian Böhm, ADOD: Adaptive Density Outlier Detection. IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM) 2024. Talent cultivation: Currently, the project has 2 doctoral students and 4 master students. Under the leadership of the project leader and other participating teachers, the students have clear division of labor and the project is progressing in an orderly manner.

## Publishing

Table 9. Summary of publication status

	Q1	Q2-Q4	EI	Monograph	CSSCI Core Journals	General Journals	ESCI	SCI Indexed	Total
<b>2022</b>	41	21	14	1	1	-	2	62	80
<b>2023</b>	52	12	19	5	-	2	1	64	91
<b>2024</b>	130	34	85	1	6	6	6	164	268

In 2024, the faculty published a total of 265 papers. Among them, 176 papers were included in SCI

and 138 were listed in JCR Q1 journals. Internationally renowned journals such as IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (network security topics), IEEE transactions on Computers (data engineering topics), and ACM Computing Surveys (computing survey topics) were published. These topics are consistent with the research directions of our teachers and the future development of the faculty.

### **Key publications and their impact**

In this year, the research achievements of FDS have been substantial, covering multiple fields such as artificial intelligence, information security, and data science. In artificial intelligence, we explored the issue of machine unlearning in federated learning and developed an efficient model fine-tuning method to protect data privacy and optimize model performance. In information security, we proposed new privacy-preserving algorithms for federated learning, among others. In data science, we introduced wearable device algorithms based on fuzzy algorithms and proposed convolutional neural networks based on attention mechanisms for analyzing remote sensing SST images to predict ocean fronts, which are significant for marine resource management and environmental protection. These achievements demonstrate the research strength of the faculty in the fields of data science and artificial intelligence, providing a solid scientific foundation for future technological advancements and practical applications.

- **Artificial Intelligence**

***Huiqiang Chen, Tianqing Zhu, Bo Liu, Wanlei Zhou, S Yu Philip (2024). Fine-tuning a Biased Model for Improving Fairness. IEEE Transactions on Big Data.***

This study explores how to improve the fairness of biased machine learning models through fine-tuning. The researchers proposed a new method that identifies and reduces biases in the model's decision-making process to ensure fair treatment of different groups. Experimental results indicate that this method effectively reduces the model's biases and enhances its performance across various data subsets, providing a new solution for achieving fairness in artificial intelligence.

***Heng Xu, Tianqing Zhu, Lefeng Zhang, Wanlei Zhou (2024). Federated Machine Unlearning Based on Model Explainability.***

This study presents an efficient machine unlearning scheme in federated learning, aimed at addressing the challenge of removing the influence of specific training samples from the global model while ensuring compliance with privacy regulations. By utilizing artificial intelligence model interpretability techniques, the method identifies and fine-tunes only the most critical channels in the trained model related to the deleted categories. This approach avoids accessing the training data, reduces computational and communication costs, and maintains model performance.

- **Information Security**

***Cai, J., Ye, Q., Hu, H., Liu, X., & Fu, Y. (2024). Boosting Accuracy of Differentially Private Continuous Data Release for Federated Learning. IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security.***

This study aims to enhance the accuracy of continuous data publishing under differential privacy protection in federated learning. By optimizing the differential privacy mechanism, the researchers reduced information loss during the data publishing process while ensuring user privacy security. The proposed algorithm improves the accuracy of model training while protecting data privacy, which is significant for achieving a balance between privacy protection and data sharing.

***Shuai Zhou, Tianqing Zhu, Dayong Ye, Wanlei Zhou, Wei Zhao (2024). Inversion-guided Defense: Detecting Model Stealing Attacks by Output Inverting. IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security.***

This paper presents a new method called "Reverse Guidance Defense" for detecting model theft attacks. This method monitors the model's output using output reversal techniques to identify potential model theft behavior. The research found that abnormal output patterns generated by attackers during the model theft process can be effectively detected, thereby protecting the model from malicious replication. This work provides a new perspective on the security protection of machine learning models.

- **Data Science**

***L. Xing, X. Li, W. Liu and X. Wang, "A Fuzzy-Operated Convolutional Autoencoder for Classification of Wearable Device-Collected Electrocardiogram," in IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, doi: 10.1109/TFUZZ.2024.3388023.***

This study proposes a fuzzy operational convolutional autoencoder for classifying electrocardiogram (ECG) data collected from wearable devices. The model combines deep learning with fuzzy logic, extracting features through the autoencoder and using a fuzzy system for classification decisions. This approach enhances the accuracy and robustness of ECG signal classification, offering potential clinical application value for the detection of arrhythmias.

***Yuting Yang, Xin Sun, Junyu Dong, Kin-Man Lam, Xiao Xiang Zhu, Attention-ConvNet Network for Ocean Front Prediction via Remote Sensing SST Images, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, 2024.***

This study addresses the complexity of ocean front prediction by proposing a temporal-sensitive network called Attention-ConvNet. This network effectively integrates spatiotemporal information and captures the dynamic changes of ocean fronts through a hierarchical attention mechanism and a complex hierarchical branching convolutional network architecture. The performance in ocean front prediction is significantly improved compared to traditional methods, which holds important implications for fisheries and navigational safety.

## Joint Laboratory Construction Status

Table 10. Summary of Joint Laboratory Construction status

Laboratory Name	Partner Companies	Establishment	Research Areas
Joint Laboratory of Spatiotemporal Big Data and Artificial Intelligence	Zhuhai Orbita Aerospace Technology Co., Ltd.	2022	Artificial Intelligence
Local Root and Blockchain Lab	Shenzhen Peng Cheng Laboratory	2022	Cross-border data governance, research on DNS domain name resolution services between Mainland China and Macau
Industrial and Smart Manufacturing Laboratory	Gree Electric Appliances	2022	Smart Manufacturing
Smart Medical Joint Laboratory	Shandong First Medical University	2022	Application of artificial intelligence in medical scenarios
Business Intelligence Lab	Numbers tell stories	2022	Business Intelligence Analysis, Big Data Analysis
Cross-domain Data and Intelligent Collaboration Laboratory	National Engineering Laboratory for Big Data Distribution and Exchange Technologies	2022	Cross-border data governance, data security
Data Security Intelligent Protection Joint Laboratory	Zhiwang Anyun (Wuhan) Information Technology Co., Ltd	2022	Research on data security and privacy protection algorithms
Kangmingke Joint Laboratory	Shenzhen Kangming Technology Co., Ltd.	2022	Computer applications, blockchain application research
Pengcheng Bowei Macau Shooting Range-City University of Macau Network Security Testing Base	Boardware Information System Limited	2022	Network security, network attack and defense sandbox, security testing
Guangdong-Macau Joint Laboratory for Intelligent Computing and Analysis of Medical Images	Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology , Chinese Academy of Sciences	2024	Artificial Intelligence
Green Trusted Intelligent Computing Joint Laboratory	Beijing Chipu Network Technology Co., Ltd	2024	Artificial Intelligence and Trusted Computing

Medical Artificial Intelligence Industry-Academic-Research Joint Laboratory	Macau Baifutang Company Limited	2024	Artificial Intelligence
City University of Macau-Zhejiang Tsinghua Yangtze River Delta Research Institute Joint Laboratory	Zhejiang Tsinghua Yangtze River Delta Research Institute	2024	Research on privacy and security algorithms for artificial intelligence
Youfu Hospital Digital Joint Laboratory	Guangdong Provincial First Veterans Hospital	2024	Application of artificial intelligence in medical scenarios, smart elderly care and rehabilitation fields
Trusted Storage and AI Joint Laboratory	Quantum Core Cloud (Beijing) Microelectronics Technology Co., Ltd.	2024	Data security, intelligent storage
Cloud Campus Digital Education Joint Laboratory	AEMG Education Group	2024	Digital Education
Joint Laboratory of Computational Imaging and Multimodal Intelligent Vision	Suzhou Yishang Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd.	2024	Artificial Intelligence

### Invited speeches, keynote addresses and conference participation

In 2024, the faculty actively organized a few activities and encouraged faculty and staff to actively participate. These activities not only promoted in-depth exchanges with other institutions and accelerated the cooperation process, but also provided a platform for the faculty to showcase the latest research results and unique insights to the outside world. Through these activities, faculty and staff can share their expertise and establish connections with their peers, thereby expanding academic networks and cooperation opportunities. In addition, these activities will help to enhance the faculty's visibility, attract more partners and resources, and further promote the improvement of academic research and education quality. The faculty's efforts have not only enhanced internal cohesion, but also strengthened connections with the external society, laying a solid foundation for future development.

#### 1. Participation in academic seminars

Table 11. Participation in academic seminars

Ref	Conference/Event Name	Organizer	Date	Speakers
1	廣東省醫學會放射醫學分會年度會議(醫學人工智能新進展)	Guangdong Medical Association	2024/1/27	Jing Fengshi



2	Shenzhen University Internationalization Theme Month	Shenzhen University	2024/4/24	Zhu Tianqing, Liu Wenjian, Gu Jia
3	Hainan International College of Minzu University of China Special lectures	Faculty of Data Science	2024/4	Zhou Wanlei, Ying Zuobin, Duan Junwei
4	Hainan International College of Minzu University of China Special lectures	Faculty of Data Science	2024/5	Zhu Tianqing, Kuok Weng Tak, Sun Xin
5	Hainan International College of Minzu University of China Special lectures	Faculty of Data Science	2024/6/4	Liu Wenjian, Chu Chia-Wei, Gu Jia
6	2024 CCF China Blockchain Technology and Application Summit Forum	Chinese Computer Society (CCF)	2024/8/2-4	Zhou Wanlei
7	Xiangtan International Seminar	Xiangtan University	2024/8/8	Ying Zuobin
8	The 9th IEEE International Conference on Data Science Cyberspace	Chinese Information Processing Society	2024/8/23-26	Zhou Wanlei
9	2024 Local experts come to campus	Macau Science and Technology Association	2024/9/19	Liu Wenjian
10	2024 Scientific Research Project Finalization Exhibition and Academic Report	Macau Science and Technology Development Fund	2024/10/18	Zhou Wanlei
11	2024 GBA International Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Summit	Guangdong Artificial Intelligence Industry Association	2024/10/23	Zhou Wanlei
12	Seminar on the application of AI technology and federated learning in the marketing field	China Southern Airlines	2024/10/24-25	Cui Sanshuai
13	Xidian University Guangzhou Research Institute's "Integration of Science and Education, Industry, Research and Venture Capital" series of activities - High-end Talent Academic Report	Xidian University Guangzhou Research Institute	2024/10/26	Cai Jianping
14	The 12th Cyberspace Smart Search and Future Data Summit Forum	Chinese Information Processing Society of	2024/10/26-28	Zhou Wanlei

		China, Future Data Forum Steering Committee		
15	The First Nanning-ASEAN-Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Key Infectious Disease Surveillance Summit Forum	Nanning Municipal Health Commission/ Nanning Municipal Center for Disease Control and Prevention	2024/10/26-28	Liu Wenjian
16	The 24th International Conference on Algorithms and Architectures for Parallel Processing ( ICA3PP 2024 )	City University of Macau	2024/10/29-31	Conference Chairman: Zhou Wanlei Technical Programme Committee Chairman: Zhu Tianqing Local Chair: Liu Wenjian
17	2024 Cross Strait Radio Science and Wireless Technology Conference ( CSRSWTC 2024 )	City University of Macau, South China University of Technology and Anhui University of Technology	2024/11/5-7	Chairs: Zhou Wanlei, Liu Wenjian Co-Chairs: Zhu Tianqing Technical Programme Committee Chair: Sun Xin Technical Programme Committee Co-Chairs: Wu Gengshen Financial Chair: Ying Zuobin Local Organization Chairs: Kuok Weng Tak, Kong Hoi Io, Gao Wanxin
18	Guangdong Mental Health Association 2024 Academic Exchange Meeting and Youth Mental Health Forum	Guangdong Mental Health Association	2024/11/8-10	Liu Wenjian
19	Hainan International College of Minzu University of China Special lectures	Faculty of Data Science	2024/11/12-14	Kong Hoi Io, Liu Chi, Wang Chun, Sun Jing

20	The 6th Pan-Beibu Gulf Biomedical Engineering Academic Exchange Conference	Chinese Society of Biomedical Engineering, Guangxi Medical University	2024/11/19-21	Liu Wenjian
21	Zhengzhou University Graduate Student Forum "Famous Teachers Forum" and the Second "Future Network Big Data Wisdom and Security Symposium"	Zhengzhou University	2024/11/22-23	Zhang Honggang
22	Hainan International College of Minzu University of China Special lectures	Faculty of Data Science	2024/12/16-18	Zhu Tianqing, Wong Chi Fong, Wu Gengshen, Cui Sanshuai
23	2024 Maritime Silk Road International Industry-Academia-Research-Application Cooperation Conference "Cyberspace Security and Digital Application Branch"	Fujian Normal University	2024/12/30	Ying Zuobin

## 2. Host academic seminars

Table 12. Hosted academic seminars

Ref	Meeting Name	Organizer	Date	Participants
1	2024 2nd International Conference on Big Data and Privacy Computing	City University of Macau	2024/1/10-12	Teachers & students
2	Seminar on New Developments in Data Decision-Making and Talent Cultivation in Macau's 1+4 Economy	City University of Macau	2024/4/25-26	Postgraduate
3	The 24th International Conference on Algorithms and Architectures for Parallel Processing	City University of Macau	2024/10/29-31	Society
4	2024 Cross Strait Radio Science and Wireless Technology Conference	City University of Macau, South China University of Technology, Anhui University of Technology	2024/11/4-7	Teachers & students

5	Artificial Intelligence Medical Technology Application Seminar and Opening Event of Cardiac Ultrasound Intelligent Navigation System Technology Exhibition	Faculty of Data Science, City University of Macau, City University of Macau and Macau Xiaocheng Digital Technology Joint Laboratory	2024/12/12	Teachers & students
6	Academic seminar on network security technology innovation and practical application	Inspur Cloud Information Technology Co., Ltd., Inspur Yunzhou Industrial Internet Co., Ltd., City University of Macau	2024/12/12	Teachers & students

### 3. Invite experts to give lectures

Table 13. Expert Lectures

Ref	Category	Lecture topic	Date	Speaker
1	Academic lectures	Opportunities in Spatial Computing and UltraWideBand Technologies	2024/1/11	Dr. Mei-Chi Yang
2	Academic lectures	Pre-sessional course special lectures - cutting-edge topics in data science	2024/1/17	Jing Fengshi Assistant Professor
3	Academic lectures	Preparatory course special lecture - Blockchain technology principles and applications	2024/1/24	Zhu Jiawei Associate Professor
4	Academic lectures	Clustering Methods: Application of Machine Learning in Meteorological Research	2024/1/31	Dr. Wu Zhenpeng
5	Academic lectures	<b>【Master Lecture】</b> “High-end Academic Lecture on Big Health and Artificial Intelligence”	2024/3/28	Academician Gao Fu, Academician Gao Wen, Academician Zheng Quanshui
6	Academic lectures	The application of deep learning in microscale magnetic resonance imaging	2024/3/28	Dr. Shi Diwei, Dr. Chen Li
7	Academic lectures	An Enabling Adaptive Process Modeling Framework with Delayed Process Output Measurement	2024/4/8	Prof. Sheng Chen

8	Academic lectures	Undergraduate Value Chain Management Classroom - Hospitality Industry Sharing Lecture	2024/4/9	Ms. Tracy Lou
9	Academic lectures	How to create your own large model	2024/4/12	Dr. Wenhan Chang, Dr. Hanjin Tong
10	Academic lectures	Some Personal Perspectives and Experiences on Trustworthy AI	2024/4/18	Prof. Zhang Yu
11	Academic lectures	Byzantine Fault Tolerance in the Age of Blockchains	2024/5/21	Prof. Zhang Haibin
12	Academic lectures	Aligning Language Agents' Behaviours with Human Moral Norms	2024/5/31	Prof. Ling Chen
13	Academic lectures	Talk about how to do research and write papers	2024/9/3	Academician Shen Xuemin
14	Academic lectures	【Master's Lecture】Enjoyable Learning and Teaching	2024/9/6	Academician Zheng Quanshui
15	Academic lectures	A Data Science Perspective During a Pandemic	2024/9/20	Prof. Zhang Qingpeng
16	Academic lectures	Lecture by doctor of philosophy's Supervisor of Faculty of Data Science	2024/9/27	Prof. Zhu Tianqing, Prof. Gu Jia, Prof. Sun Xin
17	Academic lectures	Undergraduate Economics Classroom -Live broadcast of lectures on contributions to the economy	2024/10/3	Ms. Xu Qibei , anchor Liana
18	Academic lectures	【Master Lecture】Fangban Seminar Hall: The concrete practice of Feynman learning method	2024/10/9	Academician Fang Binxing
19	Academic lectures	A New Algorithm for Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence	2024/10/23	Prof. Xia Zhihong
20	Academic lectures	Discrete Hadamard Transform and its Variants: Theories, Fast Algorithms, and Applications	2024/10/30	Prof. Susanto Rahardja
21	Academic lectures	New challenges for information security in the era of artificial intelligence	2024/11/1	Academician Zheng Weimin, Prof. Ma Zhuo

22	Academic lectures	When Deep Learning Meets Computer Vision Challenges, Solutions and Trends	2024/11/20	Prof. Han Jungong
23	Academic lectures	Cloud Computing Security Past, Present and Future	2024/11/21	Prof. Willy Susilo
24	Academic lectures	Empowering finance with technology	2024/11/27	Mr. Chen Zhuohua, Mr. Miao Chengyu
25	Academic lectures	How Employee Activity will improve staff engagement within a company	2024/12/2	Mr. Wong Ka Son
26	Academic lectures	Autonomous machine learning for decision support in complex environments	2024/12/3	Prof. Lu Jie

## Teacher Development and Achievement

### Academic recruitment and promotion

Table 14. Academic Staff Recruitment Plan

	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Lecturer
<b>Year23/24 Semester 2</b>	2	1	4	-
<b>Year 24/25 Semester 1</b>	1	-	11	-
<b>Year 24/25 Semester 2</b>	-	-	5	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	3	1	20	-
<b>Total number of new teaching staff</b>	<b>24</b>			

In 2024, we have successfully recruited 24 new employees, including 3 professors, 1 associate professor, and 20 assistant professors. Their research areas cover AI, network security, data analysis, bioinformatics, etc. All full-time academic staff have doctoral degrees and overseas study experience.

### Recruitment strategy and promotion

#### **A. Overseas recruitment visits**

Based on the successful visits to Australia, Singapore and other countries and regions last year, the Faculty of Data Science continues to introduce more potential talents into the faculty's recruitment system through face-to-face preliminary exchanges.

#### **B. Through the recommendation of partner universities**

The faculty actively establishes cooperative relations with well-known universities and research institutions at home and abroad, and expands talent recruitment channels through joint training,

exchange visits and other forms to ensure that it can attract top academic talents in various fields.

**C. Attract talents through project exchanges or academic conferences**

i. The faculty actively participates in academic conferences and seminars at home and abroad, which enhances the international reputation and influence of the faculty, thereby attracting more outstanding academic talents.

ii. Encourage faculty and researchers to participate in various research projects and exchange activities, which not only improves research standards and results, but also brings more talent resources to the faculty.

**D. Attract talents through the faculty's internal talent optimization system**

i. The faculty provides systematic training and career development planning for teachers to help them continuously improve their professional ability and academic level.

ii. Establish an efficient team cooperation mechanism to improve the efficiency of cooperation and scientific research results among teachers.

iii. Provide a broad international platform and exchange opportunities, encourage faculty and researchers to participate in international academic cooperation, and enhance the academic vitality and global vision of the faculty.

**Leadership roles and contributions in professional organizations**

The Faculty of Data Science encourages its members to actively participate in various professional organizations and take on important positions. This will not only help cultivate members' leadership skills and enhance their influence in academia and the industry, but also enable them to make positive contributions to society by sharing professional knowledge and experience, promote cross-disciplinary cooperation, and drive the development of new technologies and innovations. Moreover, Professor Zhou Wanlei, Vice Rector of the University of Macau and Dean of the Faculty of Data Science, has been recognized for his contributions to cybersecurity and privacy protection. In November 2024, he was elected as an IEEE Fellow. He has also been selected for several consecutive years in the "Lifetime Scientific Impact List" of the "Top 2% of Global Scientists" published by Stanford University and Elsevier.

*Table 15. Jobs in professional organizations*

<b>Name of Society/Organization</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Academic Staff</b>
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)	Fellow	Professor Zhou Wanlei
Macau Association for Promotion of Science and Technology	Vice President	
Macau Science and Technology Committee	Member	
China Institute of Communications	Artificial Intelligence Technology and Application Committee	Professor Zhang Honggang

	Vice Director, Member	
China Institute of Communications	Journal and Publishing Committee Vice Director, Member	
China Institute of Communications, IEEE	China Communications Vice Editor ( Associate Editor-in-Chief )	
ERC : European Research Council	Starting Grant PanelMember	
College of Information Science and Electronic Engineering	Adjunct Professor	
Macau Association for Promotion of Science and Technology	Director	Associate Professor Liu Wenjian
Macau Association for the Promotion of Higher Education	Director	
Guangdong Provincial Association for Science and Technology	Special Invited Members from Hong Kong and Macau	
The delegation of Chengdu Chinese Overseas Friendship Association	Director	
Association of Cultural and Educational Interchange, Macau	Vice Chairman and Secretary General	
Smart City Alliance Association of Macau	Supervisor	
Macau Science and Technology Innovation Education Association	Vice President	
Key Laboratory for Cantonese Corpus Construction and Large Model Evaluation	Academic Committee	
Yunnan Key Laboratory of Software Engineering	Member, Distinguished Professor	
IEEE Macau Council	Member Development Committee Chairman and Director	Associate Professor Ying Zuobin
IEEE / CCF	Member	
China Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics	Member	
Guangdong Science and Technology Enterprise Incubator Association	Guangdong Province Entrepreneurship Mentor	
Macau Bay Area Digital Economy Association	Vice President	Assistant Professor Kuok Weng Tak
Center of Physics Olympiad of Macau	Vice Chairman	Assistant Professor Kong Hoi lo



## **Strategic planning and future direction**

### **Vision and Mission Statement**

The Faculty of Data Science is committed to building a high-level data science research and education platform that is leading in Macau and the core of the Greater Bay Area. By exploring cutting-edge technologies to promote interdisciplinary cooperation and the cultivation of innovative talents, the faculty aims to promote the extensive application of data science in scientific research, industry and social services, and provide strong talent support, educational resources and intellectual support for the sustainable development and digital transformation of the Greater Bay Area. The faculty will work closely with all sectors to promote knowledge innovation and technological application in the field of data science, uphold the glorious tradition of patriotism and love for Macau of the City University of Macau, tell Chinese stories well, and promote Chinese culture. With the mission of “taking root in Macau and integrating into the Bay Area”, the university integrates into the overall national development and contributes to the cultivation of talents in the Greater Bay Area and even the country.

### **Goals and objectives for the next few years**

In order to realize our vision, we have the following goals in the next 3-5 years:

- To enter the software science professional rankings in 2027;
- Establish key laboratories led by the faculty of Data Science at the provincial or higher level; obtain approval for the Computer Engineering program (Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate) and the Artificial Intelligence program (Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate);
- Empower more universities in Australia to establish joint programs;
- Collaborate with more universities in mainland China to create joint educational projects;
- Increase the number of students to 2,000 within three years, achieving a student-to-teacher ratio of 18:1.

### **Challenges and Opportunities**

In the process of pursuing its goals, the Faculty of Data Science faces both challenges and opportunities. In order to realize the development vision of the faculty, we will actively respond to these challenges and seize opportunities to promote the continuous progress of the faculty.

#### **Challenges:**

##### **I. Interdisciplinary cooperation and communication**

The wide application of data science requires close cooperation with other disciplines, faculties and fields. However, there may be differences in the knowledge system, research methods and language between different disciplines. How to communicate effectively and establish an efficient interdisciplinary cooperation mechanism is an important challenge facing the faculty. The faculty needs to strengthen interdisciplinary dialogue and exchanges, integrate the advantages of all parties, and promote collaborative innovation.

## II. Technology update and iteration

The technology and tools in the field of data science are changing with each passing day, requiring teachers and students to constantly maintain their enthusiasm for learning and the motivation to make progress in order to keep up with the pace of technological development. At the same time, the faculty needs to flexibly adjust the program settings to ensure that the teaching content keeps up with industry needs and technological advances, thereby improving the quality of education and enhancing the employment competitiveness of graduates.

## III. Attracting outstanding talents

Attracting the world's top research talents has been a long-term goal of the faculty. As international competition becomes increasingly fierce, how to attract and retain top scientific research talents on a global scale has become a major challenge for the development of the faculty. To this end, the faculty will further optimize the allocation of scientific research resources, provide a good academic environment and support system, help newly introduced outstanding talents smoothly integrate into the faculty culture, and provide them with sufficient research support and development opportunities.

### **Opportunities:**

## IV. Rapid development of City University of Macau

In recent years, City University of Macau has ushered in a historical opportunity of rapid development. With the improvement of the international environment and the continuous accumulation of scientific and technological resources, the faculty's conditions for running facilities have been significantly improved. The Faculty of Data Science could take advantage of this environment to further enhance its strength in education, scientific research, and talent training. Greater educational investment and social support provide a solid foundation for the faculty's continued development.

## V. Rapid development of artificial intelligence and big data

With the rapid development of artificial intelligence and big data technology, the tools and algorithms of data science are becoming increasingly powerful, greatly promoting the efficiency of data processing and analysis. This provides the Faculty of Data Science with new research directions and application scenarios and brings opportunities for innovation. The faculty can take this opportunity to strengthen cooperation in industry and academia and occupy a more advantageous position in the integration of industry, academia and research.

## VI. The surge in social demand for data science

With the acceleration of digital transformation, the demand for data science in all walks of life has grown rapidly. Whether in scientific research, industry or social service, there is an urgent need for high-quality data science talents with professional knowledge and skills. The Faculty of Data Science can not only cultivate many outstanding graduates for the society, but also expand the employment market and development space through close cooperation with industry.

## Conclusion

In the past year, the faculty has successfully held many academic and social activities, which promoted academic exchanges and team building within the faculty. At the same time, the faculty has established strategic cooperative relationships with many domestic and foreign partners, promoted the sharing of academic resources and research results, and further enhanced the comprehensive competitiveness of the faculty. In addition, the faculty has also absorbed new members to join, providing more diversified perspectives and strengths for future development.

These achievements are inseparable from the hard work and collective efforts of all faculty and staff. In the past 12 months, teachers and researchers have ensured the steady development and scientific research innovation of the faculty through close collaboration and joint efforts, and the team cohesion and execution have been unprecedentedly improved.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Faculty of Data Science will continue to work hard in the new development stage, relying on deepening academic cooperation and cutting-edge scientific research to push the faculty towards the goal of "Greater Bay Area Data Science Research and Education Center". In the next few years, the faculty will strive to become a leading digital science education and research platform in the world with higher standards and a broader vision and provide stronger intellectual support and talent guarantee for regional and global scientific and technological innovation and digital transformation.

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