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Research Grants

Singapore Management University

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Task-Specific Data Augmentation in Class-Incremental Learning Systems, Alibaba Innovative Research (AIR) Programme, Alibaba DAMO Academy (Hangzhou) Technology Co., Ltd , PI (Project Level): SUN Qianru, 2021, S\$119,302

Fast-Adapted Neural Networks for Advanced AI Systems, AME Individual Research Grants/Young Individual Research Grants, Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), PI (Project Level): SUN Qianru, 2020, S\$265,584

Automated Deep Neural Network Initiation by Meta-Learning, Alibaba Innovative Research (AIR) Programme, Alibaba Group , PI (Project Level): SUN Qianru, 2019, S\$121,572

Automated Class-Incremental Learning System via Bilevel Optimization Programs, SMU Internal Grant, Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 , PI (Project Level): SUN Qianru, 2020, S\$100,000

Other Institutions

Transition from Living Analytics Research Centre to Social Urban Observatory, Strategic Capabilities Research Centres Funding Initiative, NRF PI (Project Level): LIM Ee Peng, Co-PI (Project Level): ZHENG Baihua, Archan MISRA, Jing JIANG, Wei GAO, SUN Qianru, HARA, Kotaro, Palakorn ACHANANUPARP, 2021, SGD2,687,280

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TEACHING

Teaching Areas Data Management

Courses Taught

Singapore Management University

Undergraduate Programmes :

Data Management

Introduction to Programming

Postgraduate Professional Programmes :

Artificial Intelligence and Uncertainty Reasoning Capstone Project - Data Science and Engineering Deep Learning for Visual Recognition Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Postgraduate Research Programmes :

Deep Learning and Vision Empirical Research Project 1 Empirical Research Project 2

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