

Farnam Jahanian President
Henry L. Hillman President's Chair

Farnam Jahanian is the 10th president of Carnegie Mellon University, where he holds the Henry L. Hillman President's Chair. He is currently serving in his second five-year term at the university's helm and previously held posts as Carnegie Mellon's provost and chief academic officer and vice president for research.

A nationally recognized computer scientist, entrepreneur, public servant and academic leader, Jahanian has advanced a number of key priorities at the university and in higher education more broadly.

At CMU, Jahanian has spearheaded efforts to enhance the overall student experience, with a focus on holistic health and wellbeing, student success and inclusion. In addition, he has led the most ambitious expansion of campus infrastructure in CMU's history and prioritized expanding partnerships that advance the university's research mission. Under his guidance, CMU reached ahead of schedule—the \$2B mark in an ongoing fundraising campaign, which is the largest in the institution's history.

Today, Jahanian drives important conversations and initiatives aimed at helping higher education adapt to the future of work and elevating the role of universities in expanding the footprint of U.S. innovation.

Prior to CMU, Jahanian led the National Science Foundation Directorate for the Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) from 2011 to 2014. During this time, Jahanian co-chaired the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council Committee on Technology, providing coordination and oversight of research and development activities of 17 government agencies.

From 1993 to 2014, Jahanian was on faculty at the University of Michigan, where he held the Edward S. Davidson Collegiate Professorship in the College of Engineering. He also served as chair for Computer Science and Engineering from 2007 to 2011 and director of the Software Systems Laboratory from 1997 to 2000.

A sought-after thought leader, Jahanian has served on dozens of national, state and regional advisory boards and panels. He was appointed to President Joseph Biden's President's Export Council in 2023 and chaired the National Research Council's Computer Science and Telecommunications Board from 2015 to 2021. He is also active with the World Economic Forum and serves on the board of directors for organizations like Highmark Health and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

The author of over 100 published research papers, Jahanian is a celebrated scholar on a number of topics, including distributed computing, network security and network protocols and architectures. He holds a master's degree and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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