

Class in Session! Stanford University Establishes Blockchain Research Center

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By Josiah Wilmoth for CCN, **JUNE 23, 2018 18:33** Stanford University’s computer science department has established a center for blockchain research to promote the study of and develop best practices for this nascent technological field. Unveiled on Wednesday, the [Center for Blockchain Research](https://www.ccn.com/class-in-session-s-...-ockchain-research-center/) is a five-year research program that has been underwritten by a variety of cryptocurrency organizations, including the Ethereum Foundation, Protocol Labs, OmiseGo, DFINITY Stiftung, the Interchain Foundation, and cryptocurrency hedge fund Polychain Capital. The center will be led by computer science professors Dan Boneh and David Mazières. Other inaugural faculty will include computer scientists Alex Aiken, David Dill, John Mitchell, Tim Roughgarden and law school professor Joe Grundfest. “Blockchains will become increasingly critical to doing business globally,” said Boneh, the Rajeev Motwani Professor in the School of Engineering at Stanford, and an expert on cryptography and computer security. “Stanford should be at the forefront of efforts to improve, apply and understand the many ripple effects of this technology.” “Blockchain massively lowers the barriers to creating tradeable, digital assets,” added Mazières. “It allows individuals who don’t know each other, or even trust one another, to make irreversible transactions in a whole variety of fields in a safe and secure way.” […] [https://www.ccn.com/class-in-session-s ... ockchain-research-center/](https://www.ccn.com/class-in-session-s-...-ockchain-research-center/)