

Avanade is the leading provider of innovative digital and cloud services, business solutions, and design-led experiences delivered through the Microsoft ecosystem. Its professionals bring bold, fresh thinking combined with technology, business, and industry expertise to help make a genuine human impact on Avanade's clients, more than one-third of which are Fortune 500 companies.



Headquartered in Seattle, Avanade has 39,000 professionals in 25 countries, who provide IT consulting and services through a collaborative culture that honors diversity and reflects the communities in which it operates. Majority owned by Accenture, Avanade was founded in 2000 by Accenture LLP and Microsoft Corporation.

Avanade marked its 20th anniversary with a gift of \$300,000 to NJIT, bringing its overall support of the university to more than \$600,000. These funds provide full scholarships for promising students and continue the company's commitment to enable young people (especially young women) to achieve more through the power of our people and digital innovation.

Avanade Scholars at NJIT benefit from career-launching internships, mentoring, and high-level networking opportunities — including meeting with Pam Maynard, Avanade's CEO. It is an important investment, says Brett Newton, Vice President, Market Unit Leader, and Executive Sponsor of the NJIT *Avanade Scholarship* program. "Our goal is to give students the opportunity to be focused and active in marrying technology to world problems."

NJIT is one of only 14 universities that are part of Avanade's strategy to encourage women and students of color to pursue careers in STEM. Since launching the scholarship program at NJIT, four Avanade scholars have become full-time employees of the company.

"What impresses me," continues Newton, who was recently appointed to the Foundation at NJIT's Board of Overseers, "is the richness of the technology and experience that NJIT students and alumni bring to Avanade."