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Professor Qiang Shen received a PhD in Knowledge-Based Systems and a DSc in Computational Intelligence. He holds the Established Chair of Computer Science and is Director of the Institute of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science at Aberystwyth University. He is a Fellow of Royal Society of Wales (formerly Learned Society of Wales, LSW) and a UK Research Excellence Framework (REF-2014) panel member for Computer Science and Informatics. He is one of the only two Chinese scholars appointed as REF-2014 panel members across all 36 disciplines under assessment. He was Director of Teaching with the School of Informatics at Edinburgh University, former Head of Department of Computer Science at Aberystwyth University, and a Fellowship Scrutiny Committee member of LSW.

Professor Shen has been a long-serving Associate Editor or editorial board member of several world-leading academic journals, and has chaired and given keynotes at numerous international conferences and government organisations. He has authored 2 research monographs and over 350 peer-reviewed papers, including an award-winning IEEE Outstanding Transactions paper. He has received a good number of UK EPSRC and industry-sponsored research awards, and first-supervised 50 PDRAs/PhDs, including one UK Distinguished Dissertation Award winner.

Professor Shen was a London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay torchbearer, carrying the Olympic torch in celebration of the centenary of Alan Turing. The official nomination stated that "Professor Shen, as a world-leading researcher in computational intelligence and ambassador for computer science, would be a fitting tribute to Alan Turing, and an inspiration to future generations of scientists and engineers."