In 2018, Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) research at The Ohio State University traveled past Pluto and delved into newfound territories of bio-engineering. We welcomed a new chair, new faculty, and earned millions in essential research funding. Based on readership clicks online, take a look back at some of the most popular topics that interested you.

- Ryan Horns, ECE Communications

#1 The most-read department research news story of 2018 centers on the topic of blockchain technology. Department Chair Hesham El Gamal went before Ohio legislators to encourage its use statewide. Story: http://go.osu.edu/eceblockchain

#2 In our second top-read story of the year, faculty and staff celebrated the leadership of outgoing Department Chair Joel Johnson. Story: http://go.osu.edu/johnson18

#3 The third most-read story is my recap of the 2018 Brain Health Hackathon. (The 2019 event is coming up in March, by the way). Story and video: http://go.osu.edu/bhack18

#4 In our fourth most-read story of the year, we welcomed Professor Hesham El Gamal as the new chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Story: http://go.osu.edu/elgamal

#5 In our fifth top story of the year, we got to know new Assistant Professor Shamsul Araf in as a part of our Faculty Spotlight series. Story: http://go.osu.edu/arafin

#6 Coverage of Professor Siddharth Rajan’s Internet-of-Things $5 million DARPA funded research was a popular story in 2018. Article: http://go.osu.edu/dream

#7 Coming in at the number seven most-read story of 2018 is coverage of the 2018 Above and Beyond Faculty and Staff award winners. Story: http://go.osu.edu/Horns-Andrews-aab18

#8 In the number eight spot, take a look back at my video recap of the 2018 MakeOHI/O hackathon event. Story: http://go.osu.edu/makeohio18

#9 The ninth most-read @OhioStateECE story of 2018 is the appointment of Richard Ridgway as the new director of the ElectroScience Lab at Ohio State. Story: http://go.osu.edu/esl-ridgway

#10 For the #10 most-read news article of the year, take a look back at the pioneering biocircuit engineering research of Assistant Professor Liang Guo. Story: http://go.osu.edu/guocareer