# Abdelrahman Zayed

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#### Education

Sep 2020present PhD in Computer Science.

QUEBEC AI INSTITUTE (MILA), MONTRÉAL, CANADA.

- Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Supervisor : Professor Sarath Chandar
- Research interests: Natural language processing, fairness, causal inference, and medical imaging.

May 2018-April 2020

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTRÉAL, CANADA.

- Cumulative GPA: 4.2/4.2
- Supervisor : Professor Hassan Rivaz

**July 2016** 

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

CAIRO UNIVERSITY, GIZA, EGYPT.

- Summa Cum Laude
- Cumulative GPA : 3.92/4.0 (Top 3 %)

#### Experience

May 2021-July 2022 GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, MICROSOFT.

Montréal, Canada.

- Supervisor : Samira Shabanian
- Proposed a novel gender bias mitigation method in text classification.

May 2020-Aug 2020 RESEARCH ASSISTANT, QUEBEC AI INSTITUTE (MILA). MONTRÉAL, CANADA.

- Supervisor : Professor Sarath Chandar
- Worked on the application of constraints to the output of neural networks.

May 2018-April 2020 RESEARCH ASSISTANT, IMAGE PROCESSING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF TISSUE LABORATORY.

PERFORM CENTRE, MONTRÉAL, CANADA.

- Supervisor : Professor Hassan Rivaz
- $\bullet$  Applied machine learning in ultrasound imaging for detecting cancer tumours.

May 2019-Jan 2020 RESEARCH ASSISTANT, NEURAL ABC LABORATORY.

Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

- Supervisor : Professor Christopher J. Steele
- Developed a model of the structural connections of the human brain to predict the effects of brain lesions.

## Scholarships and Awards

MICROSOFT FUNDING FOR AMBITIOUS PROJECTS - GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP FROM MILA - QBIN SCHOLARSHIP FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS - CAE SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE FROM CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP FROM CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FROM CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - MEDAL OF DISTINCTION WITH HONOR IN UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FROM CAIRO UNIVERSITY.

## Teaching Assistant

Analog Communications in Fall 2016 at Cairo University - Introduction to machine learning in Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 at Polytechnique Montréal.

#### **Publications**

- 1-A. ZAYED, GONCALO MORDIDO, SAMIRA SHABANIAN, SARATH CHANDAR "SHOULD WE ATTEND MORE OR LESS? MODULATING ATTENTION FOR FAIRNESS" UNDER REVIEW.
- 2-A. ZAYED, PRASANNA PARTHASARATHI, GONCALO MORDIDO, HAMID PALANGI, SAMIRA SHABANIAN, SARATH CHANDAR "DEEP LEARNING ON A HEALTHY DATA DIET: FINDING IMPORTANT EXAMPLES FOR FAIRNESS AND PERFORMANCE" THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AAAI 2023).
- 3-A. ZAYED AND H. RIVAZ "FAST STRAIN ESTIMATION AND FRAME SELECTION IN ULTRASOUND ELASTOGRAPHY USING MACHINE LEARNING" IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ULTRASONICS, FERROELECTRICS, AND FREQUENCY CONTROL (TUFFC), 12 May 2020.
- 4-A. ZAYED, Y. ITURRIA-MEDINA, A. VILLRINGER, B. SEHM AND C. STEELE "RAPID QUANTIFICATION OF WHITE MATTER DISCONNECTION IN THE HUMAN BRAIN" IEEE EMBC 2020, 42ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE IEEE ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY SOCIETY.
- 5-A. ZAYED, G. CLOUTIER AND H. RIVAZ "AUTOMATIC FRAME SELECTION USING CNN IN ULTRASOUND ELASTOGRAPHY" IEEE EMBC 2020, 42ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE IEEE ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY SOCIETY.
- 6-A. ZAYED AND H. RIVAZ "AUTOMATIC FRAME SELECTION USING MLP NEURAL NETWORK IN ULTRASOUND ELASTOGRAPHY" ICIAR 2019, 16th International Conference on Image Analysis and Recognition.
- 7-A. ZAYED AND H. RIVAZ "FAST APPROXIMATE TIME-DELAY ESTIMATION IN ULTRASOUND ELASTOGRAPHY USING PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS" IEEE EMBC 2019, 41st Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.

## Paper review

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MEDICAL IMAGING (TMI), 2020.
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MACHINE LEARNING (ICML), 2022.
THE ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS (ACL), 2023.