# **Amiri Hayes**

## Aspiring PhD Candidate in [program] at [university]

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**Research Statement:** I'm a student interested in developing mathematical models using ideas from machine learning, stochastic processes, and graph theory to analyze and address social, technical & environmental issues.

#### **EDUCATION:**

### New Jersey Institute of Technology Honors College

B.S. Applied Mathematics & M.S. Artificial Intelligence

2023 - 2026 | GPA: 3.75/4

Expected Magna Cum Laude

Selected Coursework: Machine Learning, Stochastic Simulation, Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning, Linear Algebra, Natural Language Processing, Multivariate Distributions, Mathematical Analysis, Mathematical Modeling, Advanced Calculus, Complex Variables, Partial Differential Equations, Numerical Methods, Math Capstone I & II

## Rowan College of South Jersey - Gloucester

2021 - 2023

A.S. Physics, A.S. Mathematics, A.S. Computer Science

GPA: 3.95/4

#### **PUBLICATIONS & POSTERS:**

- [1] POSTER: Filtering Attention Heads through Automable Interpretability Experiments | Amiri Hayes, Belinda Li, Jacob Andreas, MIT Summer Research Program 2025, [coming soon]
- [2] POSTER: **Deep Generative Approaches to Network Science for Social System Simulations** | Siying Ding, Mia Greene, *Amiri Hayes*, Mariia Sinkevich, Joint Mathematics Meeting 2025, [link]
- [3] PUBLICATION: **ASPIRE: A Model for Quantitatively Rating Transportation Methods in U.S. Cities** | *Amiri Hayes*, IEEE XPlore 2024, [link]
- [4] PUBLICATION: **Mechanical-Based Design for Airfoil Structural Morphing |** Mattia Butera, Amanda Butler, *Amiri Hayes*, Evan Schaffer, Niti Sinha, Jay Kapasiawala, Prosenjit Bagchi, IEEE XPlore 2022, [link]

# **RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

# LINGO | Language & Intelligence Group, MIT [REU]

MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCHER, JUN 2025 - AUG 2025

Advisors: Jacob Andreas, Belinda Li

Cambridge, MA

Poster Link, Report Link

- Collaborated with MIT researchers to design weekly research goals, resulting in a preprint submission for [maybe?]
- Engineered an interpretability library for filtering attention heads by functionality in large language models (LLM)
- Deployed & validated experiments on a computer cluster to ensure robust, reproducible analysis on linguistic tasks

#### IPAM | Institute for Pure & Applied Mathematics, UCLA [REU]

Los Angeles, CA

APPLIED MATHEMATICS RESEARCHER, JUN 2024 - AUG 2024

Poster Link, Report Link

Advisors: Susana Serna, Yuanzhou Adrian Chen, Raffaele Vardavas

- Directed group of undergrads as project manager on nine-week research project at UCLA for industry sponRAND
- Investigated generative machine learning models to create large-scale graph datasets for epidemiological simulations
- Designed network fusion techniques to impute missing vaccination data by integrating & aligning social networks

#### Center for Applied Mathematics & Statistics, NJIT

Newark, NJ

MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCHER, SEP 2022 - JAN 2024

Poster Link, Publication Link

Advisors: Eliza Michalopoulou, Tufajjal Hossain

- Submitted independent research rating transportation mode viabilities for any U.S. city in Python for publication
- Implemented data collection pipeline & custom mathematical model, educated myself on ML for frequency data

- Related Certifications: Stanford Deep Learning Specialization, Google Data Analytics, AWS Cloud Practitioner

## Governor's School Of Engineering & Technology, Rutgers

STUDENT RESEARCHER, JUN 2022 - AUG 2022

Publication Link

New Brunswick, NJ

Advisors: Prosenjit Bagchi, Jay Kapasiawala

- Completed four-week research project at Rutgers University proving the efficiency of amorphous aircraft design
- Developed scripts in MATLAB for data collection and to calculate fuel efficiency and aerodynamic coefficients
- Accepted to MIT and Rutgers symposiums to present research and demonstrate our prototype and simulations

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

#### **UPS | United Parcel Service**

Parsippany, NJ

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN, NOV 2023 - APR 2024

- Collaborated with many developers in globally distributed team executing UPS business rules in Java and Eclipse
- Wrote code utilizing a decision governance framework to outline & test business rules before moving to production
- Introduced over fifty new business rules to the system & improved data integrity, reducing processing delays by 6%

#### **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

**VICE PRESIDENT & COFOUNDER: CFCIC INVESTMENT CLUB** | 2020 - Current | I help lead a 7 person club to manage an investment portfolio with over \$10k pooled in assets. I continually analyze stock trends & direct all technological efforts.

**TEAM LEAD & MENTOR: NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S STEM SCHOLAR** | 2024 - 2025 | I mentored a group of 6 high school students to ideate & develop a prototype of a machine that utilizes computer vision to separate and sort garbage.

**TREASURER: RCSJ BLACK STUDENT UNION** | 2022 - 2023 | I managed the organization's budget, meticulously tracking income and expenses to ensure we could successfully fund our cultural programming and community-building events.

#### **PROGRAMMING SKILLS:**

Languages Python, Javascript, C++/C, SQL, R, Java

Machine Learning PyTorch, TorchGeometric, TorchVision, Tensorflow, Pandas, Numpy, SciKit, Transformers, NLTK

Web Development React, HTML/CSS, NodeJS, ExpressJS, Django, Flutter, Bootstrap, Matplotlib, Netlify

Data Engineering AWS [S3, Lambda, RDS, EC2, ...], Apache [Hadoop, Spark], Google BigQuery, Docker, Git, Bash

#### **AWARDS & HONORS:**

Research: - NJIT Applied Math Kawhulia Award Recipient for Research in Mathematics (2024 - 2025)

- New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholar and Mentorship Lead (2024 - 2025)

Academic: - \$192,000 Merit-Based Full Academic & Housing Scholarship, NJIT Honors College (2023-2027)

- STEM Department Representative at Class of 2023 RCSJ Commencement

Hackathon: - Columbia DivHacks 2023, Best Beginner Project | PennApps 2023, Top 20 Project

\* Note of Graduate Fellowships Applied for: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP) | DOE CSGF | GEM Fellowship

#### **CONFERENCES:**

FIELD OF DREAMS 2024, ATLANTA MIT IEEE URTC 2022 & 2024, CAMBRIDGE

JOINT MATHEMATICS MEETING 2025, SEATTLE NJIT DANA KNOX SHOWCASE 2024, NEWARK