# **Austin Jiang**

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## **Experience**

#### **Undergraduate Research Assistant,**

09/2025 - Present

University of Waterloo – Supervisors: Prof. Trevor Brown & Prof. Hong Zhang

Waterloo, Canada

- Initiate exploratory projects on **concurrency** and **distributed ML systems**, contributing to early-stage research directions.
- Benchmark concurrent data structures under varying workloads, focusing on scalability and throughput.
- Conduct literature reviews on application-oriented system design and serverless **ML**, identifying potential future directions.

### Research Engineer (WSRP '24 '25, WELP '24 '25), Wolfram Research

06/2024 - Present Boston, USA (hybrid)

- Built parallel computing systems through multicore CPU for cellular automata, including selective cell evaluation, workload scheduling, and 3D-printing simulation tools.
- Designed **constructive algorithms** in lambda calculus and combinatory logic, released well-documented open-source functions in the Wolfram Function Repository, and published formal research submissions.
- Developed symbolic computation tools, such as polygonal tiling generation and experiments with discrete neural networks.
- Published results on Wolfram Community with 10k+ views, and scheduled to present at the Wolfram Technology Conference 2025.
- Collaborated with Wolfram researchers; invited by Stephen Wolfram to implement functions for his post and recognized as a "21st Century  $\lambda$ -Combinator-ist."

#### Contest Director & Problem Setter, DMOJ: Modern Online Judge

- Directed 3 national-level coding contests on Canada's leading programming platform with 1000+ participants.
- Designed 20+ algorithmic problems (data structures, DP, Ad hoc, graph theory, etc.) with full test generation and evaluation infrastructure (USACO Gold to IOI level).
- Led a 7-member remote team from top universities to deliver contests.

#### **Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer,** Happy Hackers Foundation

08/2023 - 01/2025

• Co-founded a nonprofit promoting inclusive STEM education; organized 5 hackathons (600+ participants, 28 countries) and raised \$60K sponsorships Vancouver, Canada

### **Projects**

#### Recap 🗹 07/2025

- Won 1st place (Multimodal Track, 800 participants) at Adventure X, China's largest hackathon.
- Built a backend with FastAPI, WebSockets, SQL, deployed on CentOS VPS with Nginx.
- Designed a graph-based knowledge model with memory-decay algorithms, extended into an educational system using Google Street View, TEN Framework, and multimodal voice interaction.

06/2022 - Present

Remote

Zebra Giraffe Swap 🛮 06/2025 Built a concept-swapping solution (giraffe 
 ⇒ zebra) via selective UNet training. • Implemented with **PyTorch** and **Hugging Face Diffusers/Transformers**. • Designed a **scalable preprocessing pipeline** on the COCO 2017 dataset. ArtifAl 🗷 03/2024 • Developed a system to distinguish Al-generated and human-made artworks, addressing ethical and copyright challenges in generative AI. Built and deployed the backend with FastAPI on a personal VPS (CentOS + Nginx + **SSL)**, integrating **GPT API** as an assistant for copyright queries and creator support. • Optimized training to handle **memory-intensive models**. Scaled the system to 4,900+ uses by 200+ users, ensuring backend reliability\transparency in digital art. **Honours and Awards** International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) Team Canada Selection 06/2025 Finalist, IOAI-Canada Canadian Computing Olympiad 2025 Silver Medalist, University of Waterloo 🗷 05/2025 Placed top 6 nationally among the top 20 finalists selected for Canada's national computing olympiad for the IOI selection. Mathematics National Scholarship Recipient (\$25,000), University of Waterloo 04/2025 Awarded to ~10 students for outstanding academic performance in mathematics and computer science. Canadian Computing Olympiad 2024 Silver Medalist, University of Waterloo ☑ 05/2024 Placed top 5 nationally among the top 20 finalists selected for Canada's national computing olympiad for the IOI selection. ACSL Senior 2024 Global Finals Gold Medalist, American Computer Science League 04/2024 9th place worldwide **USACO Platinum Division,** *USA Computing Olympiad* 01/2024 **Education Bachelor of Computer Science,** *University of Waterloo* 09/2025 - 04/2030 Advanced Courses Stream (CS 145, MATH 145, MATH 147) Waterloo, ON, Canada **International Baccalaureate Diploma,** West Vancouver Secondary School 09/2020 - 06/2025

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