

Morgan Kahn

Graduate Student of Human-Computer Interaction

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Enthusiastic researcher and student with 4+ years of experience in the field of human-computer interaction. Experienced in peer mentorship and teaching undergraduate students. Prospective PhD student in Information Studies.

Education

MS – Human-Computer Interaction, *2024 – 2026 (expected)*
University of Maryland College of Information Studies
Prospective thesis student

BS – Psychology, *2021 – 2024*
George Mason University Honors College
Concentration: Human Factors and Applied Cognition
Minor: Design Thinking
Cumulative GPA: 3.99, Summa Cum Laude

Research Experience

Human Factors Research Assistant for Dr. Gerald Matthews *June 2023 – May 2024*
George Mason University

- Collaborated with fellow researchers to conduct literature reviews, write annotated bibliographies, and prepare research proposals for a human-AI teaming study focusing on trust and vigilance in scam detection.
- Played a key role in designing the study, leveraging eye-tracking technology to investigate how humans and AI detect scam cues, contributing to the project's overall research objectives.

Human Factors Research Assistant for Dr. Tyler Shaw *November 2022 – June 2023*
George Mason University

- Managed daily experiments with 5+ participants, exploring robot-human interaction in a controlled lab environment.
- Operated a transcranial Doppler robot (TCD) and related technology, ensuring precise experiment administration and monitoring.
- Evaluated participant interactions with the robot, documenting quantitative and

qualitative data to understand human-robot interaction patterns.

Professional Experience

Cognition Trainer

November 2022 – Present

LearningRx

- Conducted one-on-one cognitive training sessions, customizing programs for diverse clients, including K-12 students, adults, and individuals with cognitive impairments like traumatic brain injuries.
- Employed evidence-based techniques to strengthen cognitive learning skills, enhance attention spans, and improve memory retention, leading to significant cognitive improvements and better overall learning outcomes.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2024 – Present

University of Maryland, College of Information Studies

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for numerous courses in the College of Information Studies, including INST352 (Information User Needs & Assessment) and INST366 (Privacy, Security, & Ethics for Big Data).
- Graded course assignments and taught weekly course sections for 200+ undergraduate students. Held weekly office hours to offer additional support to students.

Honors College Peer Mentor

January 2023 – May 2024

George Mason University

- Guided fellow students as a dedicated peer mentor, offering support and direction for their independent research projects.
- Assisted 40+ mentees in navigating their research projects, the Honors College curriculum, and extracurricular involvement, actively contributing to the achievement of their academic and personal goals.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

December 2021 – May 2023

George Mason University

- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for introductory psychology class (PSYC100) with 100+ students each semester.
- Led weekly study sessions for 20+ students and held office hours to offer additional student support. Graded weekly discussion responses and provided substantial feedback to improve content comprehension.

Leadership & Organizations

UXTerps

August 2024 – Present

University of Maryland

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Co-President & Co-Founder of the Kids Can Write Club *December 2022 – May 2024*

George Mason University

- Coordinated 6-week programs in partnership with a local elementary school, guiding 25+ students through the process of creating and self-publishing their own original books.
- Effectively managed a team of 35+ tutors, overseeing schedules, student pairings, and logistical arrangements, which contributed to the club's growth and impact within the university and local community.

Psychology Department Peer Tutor

July 2023 – May 2024

George Mason University

- Provided academic support and guidance as a peer tutor in the Psychology Department, assisting fellow students with course materials.
- Conducted one-on-one tutoring sessions and group study sessions, helping 50+ students better understand complex psychological concepts and improve their academic performance.

Social Chair of the Psi Chi Honors Society Chapter

May 2023 – May 2024

George Mason University

- Served as the Social Chair for the Psi Chi Honors Society Chapter, taking point in the planning and executing chapter events and meetings.
- Successfully increased member engagement and participation by implementing creative strategies to promote chapter events and awareness of activities within the university community.

Honors & Awards

Summa Cum Laude *2024*

George Mason University

Outstanding Senior Award *2024*

George Mason University

Psi Chi Honor Society

2023 – Present

George Mason University

Dean's List

2021 – 2024

George Mason University

