

SAHAR DORDAEI JOGHAN

M.Sc. Applicant in Physics and Astronomy, A.Y. 2026/27

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EDUCATION

- Jan 2019 – Feb 2023 **Bachelor of Science in Physics**, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University, Tehran, Iran
- Final two years GPA: 19.10/20 (4/4)
 - Overall GPA: 17.40/20 (3.61/4)
 - **Relevant Coursework:** Stellar Structure & Evolution (20/20), Cosmology (18.5/20), Astronomy & Astrophysics (19.5/20), Numerical Computations (19.75/20), Physics Project (20/20), Quantum Mechanics (19.5/20), Electromagnetism (17.5/20), Analytical Mechanics (16.5/20), Thermodynamics & Statistical Physics (17.5/20), Optics (17.5/20), Spectroscopy (19.5/20), Laser Physics (18.5/20), Mathematical Physics (17.5/20)
 - **Teacher Preparation Program Coursework:** 30 mandatory credits including six Specialized Training Workshops in Teaching Physics, Principles and Methods of Teaching and Learning, Teaching Internship I & II; not listed on transcript but official documentation is available upon request from the university
 - Completed several course presentations and literature reviews in physics and astrophysics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Cosmology (early Universe, inflation, CMB, large-scale structure, dark matter/energy)
- Formation and evolution of galaxies, stars, and compact objects
- Combining theoretical, computational, and observational approaches

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PROJECTS

- GitHub **Planck CMB Temperature Visualizer**
- A Python tool to visualize the temperature anisotropies in the Cosmic Microwave Background using the Planck 2018 SMICA map
 - Loads temperature data, converts it to microkelvin, and generates a full-sky Mollweide projection
- GitHub **Celestial Projectile Simulation**
- Created a VPython simulation of projectile motion on different planetary bodies
 - Included interactive controls for gravity, mass, velocity, and launch angle
- Fall 2022 **Bachelor Physics Project Course**, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University
Supervisor: Prof. Fatemeh Ahmadi Kalateh
- Characterized lunar and mercurian craters (primary and secondary) using ImageJ
 - Wrote a research-style term paper
 - Sole undergraduate in the department to take and complete the course

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023 **Merit-Based Admission Offer**, M.Sc. Physics (Exempted from national entrance exam with full tuition waiver)
- 2023 **Graduating Class Award (Top 10%)**, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University
- 2023 **Astronomy Association Honors**, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University
- 2019 – 2023 **National Scholarship (Full Tuition Waiver + Monthly Stipend)**, Ministry of Education, Iran (B.Sc. Physics)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Mar 2023 – Present **High School Physics Teacher (Full-Time)**, Tehran, Iran
Courses: Physics (Grades 10 to 12), with class sizes of 30–35 students (24 hours/week)
- Designed and delivered lesson plans aligned with national curriculum standards
 - Led and supervised laboratory sessions
 - Assessed student performance through exams, assignments, and lab reports
- Spring 2022 – Fall 2022 **Teaching Assistant**, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University
Courses: Electromagnetism I & II (two semesters; ~40 students per term)
- Assisted with course preparation and administration
 - Led problem-solving sessions (lectures, group activities, and one-on-one tutoring)
 - Graded assignments/exams, and provided feedback
- Oct 2021 – Jun 2022 **Physics Teaching Intern**, Alzahra High School, Tehran, Iran
Courses: Physics (Grades 10 to 12)
- Part of formal mandatory teacher training curriculum during B.Sc. program
 - Contributed to lesson planning and delivery
 - Supervised labs, managed classrooms, and conducted individualized instruction

LEADERSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Jan 2023 – Present **Member**, The Astronomical Society of Iran
- 2021 – 2023 **President**, Astronomy Association, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University
- Organized events, including on-campus Astronomy Coffee sessions, guest lectures, and eclipse viewing; led editorial and design teams (voluntary role)
- 2021 **Founding Member**, Astronomy Association, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University

SKILLS

Python (scientific computing, data analysis, visualization), Git/GitHub, Ubuntu, ImageJ, \LaTeX , COMSOL Multiphysics, Origin, Grapher

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2025 **Research Methods: Thesis Writing** — FaraDars
- 2025 **Celestial Observation and Astronomy Essentials** — FaraDars
- 2023 **Data-Driven Astronomy** — University of Sydney
- 2023 **From the Big Bang to Dark Energy** — University of Tokyo
- 2023 **Introduction to Data Science in Python** — University of Michigan
- 2023 **Leading Teams** — University of Michigan
- 2023 **Improving Communication Skills** — University of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES AND TESTS

- Languages Persian (Native); English (C1/C2)
- IELTS Academic Overall 8.0 — **R** 9.0, **L** 8.5, **W** 7.5, **S** 7.0; valid Oct 2024 – Oct 2026

REFERENCES

All referees are with the Department of Physics, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University

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