Zulfiya Usmonova

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Education

New Uzbekistan University — Tashkent, Uzbekistan
GPA 4.1/4.5, Class rank 4/115 — *Oct. 2021 – Jun 2025*

- Honor of University Award 2023 - for achievements and high academic record
- Top Student Award 2022 - for the highest academic record
- Actively participated in workshops and seminars (held by professors and chairmen of TUM, Cornell, and MIT)
- Attended Topological Data Analysis Seminars

Comenius University in Bratislava — Bratislava, Slovakia
Exchange semester — *Feb. 2025 – Jun 2025*

- NSP Scholarship by Slovak Republic
- Coursework: Neural Networks, Statistical Methods in AI, Introductory Bio-statistics, Combinatorics and Graph Theory, Discrete Mathematics 2
- Actively involved in peer-review conferences and seminars hosted by AI industry professionals (e.g., Google DeepMind founders, Student Conferences).
- Member of YACGS lab, working on autonomous mobility project: analysis of the topological signatures of coordinated agent behavior

Skills

Languages & Frameworks: Python (Matplotlib, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, NetworkX), R, SQL, C++

Related University Coursework: Introduction to Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Linear Algebra, Probability Models, Practical Statistics, Algorithms & Data Structures

Research experience

Bachelor's Thesis — Sep. 2024 – present
When AIs Change Their Minds: Testing LLM Robustness to Altered Voting Protocols — *Tashkent, Uzbekistan*

- Built a reproducible 100-agent simulation bench (10 mainstream LLM families, 10 agents each) that runs locally and on cloud GPUs; released code, seeds and prompt templates on GitHub.
- Designed a two-stage study: (i) individual baseline establishes per-model agree/disagree rates; (ii) network stage embeds agents in random d-regular graphs (d = 1 – 9) and measures vote-flip rates, entropy and KL-divergence as peer exposure grows
- Discovered that modest network degree (d > 1) can invert the majority for smaller instruction-tuned models (phi, Gemma) while larger, alignment-optimised models (GPT-4, Gemini) remain stable—insights.
- Full project and report available: https://github.com/UsmonovaZulfiya/bachelor-s-thesis.git

Working Project — May. 2025 – Present
Can LLMs replicate human opinion? Evaluating the ability of LLMs to mimic human answers — *Tashkent, Uzbekistan*

- Conducted a comparative study using responses from 108 human participants and 8 LLM agents (e.g., GPT-4, Claude, Gemini) across socially relevant topics.
- Designed multi-agent experiments to simulate diverse personas and voting behavior under different context conditions.
- Analyzing agreement patterns between LLM and human answers using reasoning alignment, response similarity, and visualization dashboards.

Book Chapter — Dec. 2023 – Apr. 2024
Cloud Computing for Smart Education — *CRC Press, Taylor&Francis Group*

- Transformative Pedagogy: Collaborative Learning with Cloud Architecture and Virtual Programming Labs.
- Studied the use of cloud-based platforms to enable remote learning, data storage, and real-time collaboration among students and educators.
- Highlighted technical implementations of cloud computing for educational purposes, with a focus on improving accessibility and encouraging an interactive, scalable learning experience.
- Abstract available: https://bit.ly/book-chapter-link

Work Experience

AI Researcher Intern Jan. 2025 – Feb. 2025
UZINFOCOM *Tashkent, Uzbekistan*

- Developed and optimized multi-agent chatbots using frameworks like LangChain, LangGraph, and AutoGen, focusing on seamless integration and advanced NLP capabilities.
- Implemented SQL-based data management solutions (schema design, indexing, query optimization) for real-time chatbot data retrieval.

Data Science Intern Apr. 2024 – Jun. 2024
MAAB Innovation *Tashkent, Uzbekistan*

- Applied advanced SQL for data extraction and transformation, creating complex queries that streamlined data analysis processes, reducing processing time by 10%.
- Created interactive dashboards and reports in Power BI, allowing teams to monitor KPIs in real-time, enhancing visibility and tracking of project performance.

Leadership and Volunteering

WomenInTech Ambassador May. 2025 – Present
Marketing Coordinator in the WomenInTech Uzbekistan Chapter

Summmer School Academic Mentor Apr. 2025 – Present
Mentor of a research team consisting of high school students

Huawei ICT Academy Ambassador Sep. 2024 – Mar. 2025
Ambassador for New Uzbekistan University

TechnovationGirls Student Ambassador Sep. 2023 – Jun. 2024
Ambassador for Uzbekistan Chapter

Education Minister(EM) and General Secretary(GS) May 2022 – Apr. 2024
Student Council of New Uzbekistan University

TechnovationGirls 2023 Team Mentor Sep. 2022 – Jun. 2023

Professional Activities

Summer School in Math Jul. 2024 – Aug. 2024

- Participation in Summer School in Math (Integrable Systems Related to Reflection Groups in Algebra, Geometry, and Topology) helped to get into the pure core of mathematics and gave me a chance to broaden my horizon about the current trends in the science world. Particularly, by meeting professors Pavel Etingof (MIT) and Yuri Berest (Cornell) I was able to get useful insights on the matters of math and its importance in my future career as a Data Scientist.

Seeds for the Future Global Competition 2nd place (Huawei) Sep. 2023 – Jan. 2024

- Developed a smart filtering system using IoT sensors and embedded programming, enhancing data collection and processing accuracy for environmental monitoring.
- Conducted extensive research and data analysis on past IoT projects to inform design improvements, contributing to a 20% increase in system efficiency.

AI Hackathon by Machine Learning Community of Uzbekistan
ML Engineer *Hackathon*

- Developed a model that suggests the medicine to the inserted diagnosis by using the Naive-Bayes model.

NASA Space Apps Challenge 2023
Winner team *Hackathon*

- Collected information about air pollution from the sources provided by NASA.
- Made a survey that was focused on questions regarding the effect of air pollution on the citizens of Tashkent.