

# Sandesh Risal

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## **SUMMARY**

Focused Research Assistant pursuing PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Detail-oriented and adept at collecting, analyzing, and synthesizing data from variety of sources. Successful in contributing to peer-reviewed articles and publications exploring Machine learning on High entropy alloys.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Assistant**

*University of Houston | Houston, TX | January 2019 – Current*

- ✓ Conduct Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulation for metals and Alloys.
- ✓ Density Functional Theory (DFT) simulations for interatomic potential development using VASP.
- ✓ Run simulations using batch script on Clusters (Sabine and Opuntia clusters of UH).
- ✓ Analyze Data of Alloys using different libraries of python (SciPy, NumPy, pandas, etc.).
- ✓ Machine learning, using different kinds of algorithms (in python) for Metals and Alloys.

### **Teaching Assistant**

*University of Houston | Houston, TX | January 2019 – Current*

- ✓ Prepare lesson materials and visual aids to reinforce lesson concepts for Manufacturing courses.
- ✓ Teach the use of CNC machines, 3D-printers, PLC devices, etc.
- ✓ Demonstrate of different Material Testing Instruments and Devices: Tensile test, Brinell Hardness Test, Rockwell Hardness Test.

## **SKILLS**

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| ✓ Programming languages: C, C++, Python, MATLAB | ✓ Linux O.S.             |
| ✓ Molecular dynamics Simulations (LAMMPS)       | ✓ Cluster Computing      |
| ✓ Machine Learning (Python and MATLAB)          | ✓ DFT Simulations (VASP) |

## **EDUCATION**

### **Ph.D.**

Mechanical Engineering  
University of Houston, Houston, TX  
Expected in December 2025

### **Bachelor of Engineering**

Mechanical Engineering  
Pulchowk Campus, Tribhuvan University,  
Lalitpur, Nepal  
October 2018

## **CERTIFICATION**

- ✓ Participation on 1<sup>st</sup> Online VASP Workshop (1 week)
- ✓ Successful Completion of Machine Learning Course from Coursera