

# Zihan Wang

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## EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- **Northwestern University** Evanston, IL  
*PhD Candidate*  
Advisor: [Manling Li](#)  
Sep 2024 - Now
- **University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA  
*Exchange Student*  
GPA: 4.00/4.00  
Relevant Coursework: Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning\*, Artificial Intelligence  
Aug 2022 - Dec 2022
- **Renmin University** Beijing, China  
*B.S. Engineering*  
Sep 2020 - Jun 2024

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **DeepSeek AI** Beijing, China  
*Research Intern*  
Feb 2024 - July 2024
  - **Mentors:** [Deli Chen](#), [Damai Dai](#), [Yu Wu](#).
  - **Topic:** Training Efficiency of Mixture-of-Experts Models.
- **Stanford University** Stanford, CA (online)  
*Research Intern*  
Sep 2023 - Dec 2023
  - **Advisor:** [Weiyang Shi](#) and [Liang Qiu](#).
  - **Topic:** Fine-grained Language Model Personality Control.
- **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** Champaign, IL  
*Research Intern*  
Jun 2023 - Sep 2023
  - **Advisor:** [Heng Ji](#) and [Xingyao Wang](#).
  - **Topic:** Learning from Interactions for Language Models.
- **Renmin University** Beijing, China  
*Research Intern*  
Jun 2021 - Jun 2024
  - **Advisor:** [Zhicheng Dou](#)
  - **Topic:** Generative Retrieval and Retrieval Augmented Generation.

## RESEARCH INTEREST

### Language Agents:

Interaction with Language Feedback, Long-Context Understanding

### Model Efficiency:

Mixture-of-Experts Models, Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning

## PUBLICATION LIST ([SCHOLAR PAGE](#))

1. **Zihan Wang**, Deli Chen, Damai Dai, Runxin Xu, Zhuoshu Li, Yu Wu. Let the Expert Stick to His Last: Expert-Specialized Fine-Tuning for Sparse Architectural Large Language Models, **EMNLP 2024**. ([Paper](#) and [Code](#). **Star: 140+**)
2. Xingyao Wang\*, **Zihan Wang\***, Jiateng Liu, Yangyi Chen, Lifan Yuan, Hao Peng, Heng Ji. MINT: Evaluating LLM in Multi-turn Interaction with Tools and Language Feedback, **ICLR, 2024**. ([Paper](#) and [Code](#). **Star: 100+**)
3. DeepSeek AI (157 authors including **Zihan Wang**). DeepSeek-V2: A Strong, Economical, and Efficient Mixture-of-Experts Language Model. ([Paper](#) and [Code](#). **Star: 3,500+**)
4. **Zihan Wang**, Yujia Zhou, Yiteng Tu, Zhicheng Dou. NOVO: Learnable and Interpretable Document Identifiers for Model-Based IR, **CIKM 2023**. (**Oral presentation**. [Paper](#))
5. Jiongnan Liu, Jiajie Jin, **Zihan Wang**, Jiehan Cheng, Zhicheng Dou, Ji-Rong Wen. RetaLLM: A Retrieval-Augmented Large Language Model Toolkit. ([Paper](#) and [Code](#). **Star: 200+**)
6. **Zihan Wang**, Hongjin Qian, Zhicheng Dou. Learning on Structured Documents for Conditional Question Answering, **CCL 2023**. ([Paper](#))

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- McCormick School of Engineering Fellowship, *Northwestern University*. 2024
- Baosteel Outstanding Student Award (Special Scholarship, **7/30000+** in RUC). *Baosteel Education Fund*. 2023
- Honorable Awards (Top 10%). *CCF Big Data and Computing Intelligence Contest*. 2022
- Academic Excellence Award (Top 3% GPA). *Renmin University*. 2021
- Merit Student Award. *Renmin University*. 2021
- First Prize. *Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling*. 2021
- Honorable Mention. *Mathematical Contest in Modeling and Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling*. 2021

## INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- [LLM Agents with Language Feedback](#)  
Chinese R Conference 2023.11
- [Retrieval Augmented Language Models and Applications](#)  
RUC Science and Technology Fair 2023.05
- [Large Language Models and Applications](#)  
Capital of Statistics 2023.03
- [Pre-trained Language Models and Applications](#)  
RUC Mingli College 2023.01

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- **Reviewer:** [EMNLP 2024 System & Demo](#), [ICLR 2025](#) (external)
- **Session Organization:** Session of Language Models & Agents in [Chinese R Conference 2023](#)
- **Academic Advisor:** [National University Student Innovation Program \(2023, No. 3\)](#)