

# Ahad Rauf

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

Aug 2016 – June 2020

B.S., *Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)*, GPA: 3.953

- Relevant Courses: Introduction to Robotics, Introduction to MEMS, Introduction to Embedded Systems, Feedback Control Systems, Analog Integrated Circuits, Signals and Systems, Computer Architecture, Introduction to Information Devices and Systems

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### OURS Technology, Inc.

May 2018 – Aug 2018

*Robotics Engineering Internship*

- Developed a high precision automatic testing system for on-chip optical waveguides
- Designed the entire testing pipeline, including machine learning object detection for chip detection, 200-nm precision scanning for accurate waveguide-fiber alignment, and multithreaded data processing for efficient 8-axis motion control
- Configured company GPU servers for efficient machine learning support and LDAP network access
- Wrote bash and Python scripts to remotely diagnose motion control hardware failures

### Elysian Labs

Sept 2017 – Dec 2017

*Robotics Engineering Internship*

- Customized drones for research into efficient autonomous tracking systems
- Designed a low-power IR receiver and noise filter to accurately locate the transmitter from far away, as well as a sensor that could be used to automatically adjust the drone's path to avoid obstacles
- Developed a drone swarm simulation software to model optimal task distribution for up to 1000 drones during common group flight maneuvers

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Swarm Lab

Jan 2019 – present

*Advisors: Brian Kilberg, Kristopher Pister*

- Developing millimeter-scale airfoils and MEMS control mechanisms for pico air vehicles
- Investigating non-silicon microrobot materials for improved manufacturability and control dynamics

### Device Physics Research Lab

Jan 2018 – Dec 2018

*Advisors: Niklas Roschewsky, Sayeef Salahuddin*

- Designed 3-mask ferromagnetic resonance stack to measure the DC voltage generated by Al/Pt/Py spin pumping; optimized mask layout and processing for high-efficiency operation
- Proposed and constructed a new quadrupole magnet testing station for generating highly uniform magnetic fields up to 150 mT with controllable orientation

### Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research Lab (BAIR)

Jan 2018 – May 2018

*Advisors: Ke Li, Jitendra Malik*

- Explored new neural net configurations to enhance image quality and variation when generating novel images given a high-dimensional data distribution
- Improved progressive training of generative adversarial networks (GANs) to reduce training time and remove potential sources of instability

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## HONORS

### Most Useful Product Award

Sept 2016 – Nov 2016

*Dorm Ex Machina Robotics Competition*

- Designed and built robotic trash can to promote responsible waste disposal in line with UC Berkeley's Zero Waste Project; streamlined disposal through robotic sensing and voice activation
- Received "Most Useful Product" award for exceptional focus on environmental awareness
- Customized noise reduction algorithms to improve voice recognition reliability by 25%

### Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship

March 2016

- Highest UC Berkeley merit award recognizing top 2% of incoming students

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient at C, C++, Java, Python, MATLAB, ROS, and Linux
- Skilled at PCB/IC design and CAD design