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## Education

### University of Toronto

PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Advisors: Allan Borodin and Nisarg Shah

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Jan 2025 - Present

### University of Toronto

MSc COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Advisors: Allan Borodin and Nisarg Shah

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Sept 2023 - Jan 2025

### University of New Brunswick

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

- GPA: 4.3/4.3

Fredericton, NB, Canada

Sept 2018 - May 2023

## Publications

Full versions of all papers can be found at [bcookson.github.io](https://bcookson.github.io)

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

- C1. **Temporal Fair Division**, Benjamin Cookson, Soroush Ebadian, Nisarg Shah, in Proc. of 39th Annual AAAI Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'25), 2025.
- C2. **Constrained Fair and Efficient Allocations**, Benjamin Cookson, Soroush Ebadian, Nisarg Shah, in Proc. of 39th Annual AAAI Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'25), 2025.

## Professional Experience

- 2023-2024 **Research Assistant**, University of Toronto
- 2023-2024 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Toronto
- 2022-2023 **Cybersecurity Student Researcher**, National Research Council Canada
- 2020-2023 **Software Developer**, IBM Canada

## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

- 2023-2025 **Ontario Graduate Scholarship**, Government of Canada \$ 30,000
- 2023 **Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick Silver Medal**, University of New Brunswick
- Govind and Lakshmi Gujar Computer Science Prize**, University of New Brunswick \$ 1,000

## Teaching Experience

- 2024, 2025 **CSC373 - Algorithm Design, Analysis and Complexity**, Teaching Assistant UofT
- 2024 **CSC240 - Enriched Introduction to the Theory of Computation**, Teaching Assistant UofT
- 2023 **CSC110 - Foundations of Computer Science I**, Teaching Assistant UofT