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Seungjae Baek

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Education

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA Visitor at Robotics Institute Aug. 2025 - Present Collaborator: Sebastian Scherer Aug. 2024 - Feb. 2025

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)

Ulsan, Korea Aug. 2023 – Aug. 2026 (exp.)

M.S. in Artificial Intelligence Advisor: Jeong hwan Jeon

B.S. in Electrical Engineering

Feb. 2017 - Aug. 2023*

Research Interests

Planning Informative Path Planning (IPP), Motion Planning

Reinforcement Learning Model-Free Learning, Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL)

Autonomous System Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), Autonomous Vehicles (AVs)

Publications * indicates equal contribution.

Conferences

1. PIPE Planner: Pathwise Information Gain with Map Predictions for Indoor Robot Exploration Seungjae Baek*, Brady Moon*, Seungchan Kim*, Muqing Cao, Cherie Ho, Sebastian Scherer, Jeong hwan Jeon IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2025

Journals

1. Cooperative Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning for Multiple Anti-Aircraft Target Surveillance Kangbeen Lee*, **Seungjae Baek***, Philjoon Jung, Tae-Hyun Kim, Jeong hwan Jeon Journal of Institute of Control, Robotics and Systems June 2024

Preprints

Visitor

1. Multi-Objective Deep Reinforcement Learning for Eco-Friendly Fleet Rebalancing in Autonomous Mobility-on-Demand Systems

Jungeun Lee*, **Seungjae Baek***, Sunhwi Kim, Chanju Kim, Seongjae Lee, Jeong hwan Jeon Under Review

2. STOMP-Guided Diffusion for Motion Planning

Sunhwi Kim, Seungjae Baek, Jungeun Lee, Jaechan Shin, Junsu Kim, Seongjae Lee, Sungjun Yang, Kyungdon Joo, Jeong hwan Jeon

Under Review

Research Experiences

Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Institute, AirLab

Pittsburgh, PA

Aug. 2024 - Present

(remote Mar. 2025 - Jul. 2025)

- Developed an indoor map exploration algorithm that leverages path-wise information gain from predicted global maps.
- Contributing to AirStack, an end-to-end multi-drone 3D exploration simulation project.

Graduated Cum Laude

^{*} Including mandatory military service, Republic of Korea Army, Feb. 2020 - Sep. 2021

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST) Robotics & Mobility Lab

Ulsan, Korea

Graduate Research Assistant Aug. 2023 – Present

- Developed multi-agent reinforcement learning algorithms for cooperative control of UAVs in enemy surveillance scenarios.
- Conducting experiments and simulations for multi-objective ride-sharing RL algorithms.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jul. 2022 - Aug. 2023

- Adapted a CTDE MARL method in video-game simulations, culminating in a B.S. research thesis.
- Developed and ran Python experiments using the CARLA AV simulator.

Teaching & Working Experiences

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST) ITP117: Introduction to AI Programming II, Head Teaching Assistant

Ulsan, Korea Feb. 2024 – Jul. 2024

- Assisted in teaching a course with 120 students alongside four other teaching assistants.
- Lectured on MLPs, CNNs, and RNNs using TensorFlow and PyTorch in English.

EEE351: Automatic Control, Student Lecturer of AFEE

Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022

- AFEE is an official student organization within Electrical Engineering at UNIST.
- Organized and facilitated group study sessions for both domestic and international students.

Clinomics Inc. Project-Based Learning (PBL) Teaching Assistant

Ulsan, Korea Feb. 2023 – Jul. 2023

- Supported a project collaborating with office workers to integrate AI solutions into their workflows.
- Used AnoGAN and VAE to generate hypothetical disease-associated DNA methylation data.

Achievements

Honors

Industrial Innovation Talent Growth Support (Overseas Linkage) (total \$21,500)
 Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy (MOTIE) & Korea Univerity

Aug. 2025 - Feb. 2026

AI Excellence Global Innovative Leader Education Fellowship (total \$40,000)
 Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) & Sogang University

Aug. 2024 - Feb. 2025

Government-funded Graduate Scholarship (Full-funded)
 Ministry of Science and ICT, The Government of the Republic of Korea

Aug. 2023 - Present

• UNIST Academic Performance Scholarship (4-Year Full-funded)
Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology

Feb. 2017 - Aug. 2023

Awards

Undergraduate Research Excellent Poster Session Award

Jul. 2023

Department of Electrical Engineering, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology

Skills & Services

Languages:

Korean: Native

• English: Advanced (TOEFL iBT: 106 of 120, Reading: 28, Listening: 29, Speaking: 24, Writing: 25)

Programming Languages: C++, Python, MATLAB

Software and Tools: ROS, Git, Docker, CARLA, SUMO, NVIDIA Isaac-sim, PyTorch, TensorFlow

Reviewer: IROS (2025)