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NVIDIA Corporation, Santa Clara, CA.

Awards

2025 **Distinguished TPC Member Award,** *IEEE INFOCOM 2025*.

2022 **Best Paper Award Candidate,** *IEEE MILCOM 2022*.

2021 **Student Conference Award,** *IEEE INFOCOM*.

2020 **Student Conference Award,** *IEEE INFOCOM*.

2019 **Student Travel Grant,** *IEEE ICDCS*.

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Computer Networks, AI-EDGE REU Program.

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ECE 2704 Signal & Systems, Virginia Tech.

Professional Services

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