

# Connor Mowry

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PhD student in Computer Science seeking Summer 2026 internship

## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

PhD in Computer Science

Expected 2030 | Urbana-Champaign, IL  
 Advisors: Chandra Chekuri, Karthik Chandrasekaran

Cum. QPA: 4.0

### CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

BS in Computer Science

Concentration in Algorithms and Complexity

Graduated May 2025 | Pittsburgh, PA  
 Cum. QPA: 3.81

## SKILLS

### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

C/C++ • Python • OCaml • C# • Java  
 Javascript/TypeScript • HTML & CSS

### TOOLS & FRAMEWORKS

CUDA • OpenMP • MPI • ISPC • Play Docker • Flask • React Native • Git PostgreSQL • Bootstrap • Bash • L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X • Vim

## PUBLICATIONS

Jason Li, Connor Mowry, Satish Rao. "Faster Negative-Weight Shortest Paths and Directed Low-Diameter Decompositions" To appear in SODA 2026.

Giacomo De Palma, Marco Fanizza, Connor Mowry , Ryan O'Donnell. "Non-iid hypothesis testing: from classical to quantum." To appear in QIP 2026.

## COURSEWORK

**Graduate:** Randomized Algorithms, Computational Complexity, Spectral Graph Theory, Advanced Algorithms

**Undergraduate:** Undergrad Complexity Theory, Undergrad Quantum Computation, Algorithm Design & Analysis, Computational Discrete Math, Probability & Computing

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Graph algorithms, network optimization, connectivity problems, combinatorial optimization

## EXPERIENCE

### MICROSOFT | Software Engineer Intern

May 2019 – Aug 2019 | Cambridge, MA

- Implemented feature using C# and Typescript allowing IT admins to prevent users from removing or wiping corporate managed devices.

### CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY | Teaching Assistant

Jan 2019 – May 2019 | Pittsburgh, PA

- Led weekly recitations for ~20 students, held office hours, co-created new labs, and graded for Data Structures and Algorithms (15-210).

### SEI (CMU) | Software Engineer Intern

May 2018 – Aug 2018 | Pittsburgh, PA

- Built from scratch a Java Play Framework web application to easily configure and monitor the security state and data of IoT devices.

## PROJECTS

### PARALLELIZING DINIC'S ALGORITHM

Fall 2024 | 15-418: Parallel Computer Architecture and Programming

- Parallelized Dinic's max-flow algorithm using OpenMP and MPI, achieving significant speedups on large graphs through BFS optimizations and 1D/2D graph decomposition.

### SAT SOLVER

Fall 2024 | 15-354: Computational Discrete Mathematics

- Implemented a SAT solver in C++ with DPLL and heuristics (e.g., DSIDS, DLIS, MOMS), evaluating performance across traceable and computationally intensive test cases.

## RESEARCH

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS | PhD Researcher

Aug 2025 – Present | Urbana-Champaign, IL

- Studying element connectivity reduction and Gomory-Hu tree construction with Prof. Chandra Chekuri and Prof. Karthik Chandrasekaran.
- Investigating whether recent polylogarithmic max flow algorithms for Gomory-Hu trees can be extended to element connectivity.

### CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY | Undergrad Researcher

Apr 2024 – August 2025 | Pittsburgh, PA

- Worked with Prof. Jason Li on the negative-weight single-source shortest paths problem. Our work was later combined with a new directed low-diameter decomposition result to obtain a nearly log-factor improvement over the state-of-the-art.
- To appear in SODA 2026, to be presented January 2026.

## ACTIVITIES

### SCOTTYLABS | Director of Technology

Aug 2018 – May 2019

- Directed technical projects and organized TartanHacks, CMU's largest hackathon with 400+ participants.