

**Summary** My name is Vishnu Iyer and I am a freshman in EECS at UC Berkeley. My interests include robotics, artificial intelligence, and theoretical computer science. I also like exploring physics, mathematics, and other natural sciences.

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## Education

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### Undergraduate: UC Berkeley

**Program:** EECS (B.S.)      **Expected Graduation:** 2020      **GPA:** 3.90/4.0

#### Previous Relevant Courseload

- CS 61A: Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs
- EE 16A: Introduction to Designing Information Systems and Devices I
- Math H54: Honors Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

#### Current Courseload

- Physics 7B: Thermodynamics and Electromagnetism for Scientists and Engineers
- Math H53: Honors Multivariable Calculus
- CS 61B: Data Structures and Algorithms
- CS 70: Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory
- EE 16B: Introduction to Designing Information Systems and Devices I

### Secondary School: Dulles High School

#### Test Scores

**SAT:** 2350  
**SAT Math II:** 800

**SAT Physics:** 800  
**SAT Chemistry:** 800

#### Courses of Interest

- Scientific Research and Design: Completed a year long independent research project and learned various techniques in scientific research. item Multivariable Calculus: Introduction to integral and differential calculus in multiple variables, as well as vector calculus theory.
- Modern Physics: Introduction to special relativity, statistical mechanics, particle physics, quantum mechanics, and important mathematical tools in modern physical analysis.

- Organic Chemistry: Introductory course covering chemical phenomena of various organic functional groups and reactions of particular significance.
- Advanced Biotechnology: Exposition to research techniques in modern biology as well as practice reading and analyzing scientific research in various fields of science.

### **Honors at Graduation**

- Magna cum Laude: GPA at graduation put me in the top 5% of my graduating class.
- Math and Science magnet program graduate: Completed advanced courses in math and science (see above) with high standing.
- National AP Scholar: Took 8 or more Advanced Placement exams and received a score of 4 or above on all of them, with an overall average of about 4.75.
- National Merit Scholar: High PSAT score qualified me for the National Merit Scholarship program.

## Awards

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- 2015 National Science Bowl: Placed 1st regionally and 7th nationally in team buzzer-style competition covering various subjects in math and science. Specialized in math, physics, and biology.
- 2016 Physics Bowl: Placed first as an individual regionally and team placed 1st nationally in written test covering physics concepts from basic mechanics to modern physics.
- 2015 AIME: Qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination and placed in the top 25 percent of competitors.
- 2016 TMSCA: On the first place statewide team for 4 consecutive years in Texas Math and Science competition. Placed in top ten individually in mental math and general science events.
- 2016 UIL: Member of the first place science and second place mental math team for statewide academic competition. On overall 1st place team in 2015 and 2nd place team in 2016.
- 2013 Robotics: Placed 5th overall in open robotics competition hosted by Instructables.
- 2015 Code Day: Received Top Web Application award at Houston Code Day event.
- 2016 University of Houston Mathematics: Placed 2nd place at University of Houston Calculus competition among over 150 students from all around the state.
- 2016 IBM Watson Memorial Scholarship: Selected as an IBM Watson Scholar through intensive application process.
- 2016 USABO: Qualified for Semifinal round in the USA Biology Olympiad.
- 2015 Academic World Quest: Placed 1st regionally and 4th nationally in team current events, policy, and geography competition.

## Research

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- 2015 Schrödinger Equation: Helped researchers at Texas Southern University develop dynamic programming algorithms based on analysis of the Schrödinger Equation to investigate a novel numerical method for determining binding energies.
- 2014-2015 Catalytic Converters: Participated in a year-long research project at the University of Houston in which I investigated the impact of several ambient conditions on the rate of CO catalysis in a catalytic converter.
- 2013-2014 Android Gait: Conducted independent research on changing various parameters of robot gait on stability over short periods of time.