

# Matthew Lisondra

MS, Mechatronics, MEMS and Robotics Engineering

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Research interests      Robotics, Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM), State Estimation, Computer Vision, Autonomous Systems, Deep/Reinforcement Learning

Education      **Toronto Metropolitan University**      Toronto, ON  
MAsc Master's in Mechanical Engineering      Sep 2022 – Present  
(Mechatronics, MEMS and Robotics Engineering)  
Supervised by: Prof. Sajad Saeedi, Prof. Kourosh Zareinia

**University of Toronto, St. George**      Toronto, ON  
HBSc Honours Bachelor's in Physics/Mathematics      Sep 2017 – June 2021  
Collaborated with: Prof. Dylan Jones

Publications      ***Visual Inertial Odometry using Focal Plane Binary Features (BIT-VIO)***  
**M. Lisondra<sup>1\*</sup>**, J. Kim<sup>1\*</sup>, R. Murai<sup>2</sup>, K. Zareinia<sup>1</sup>, S. Saeedi<sup>1</sup> - [Accepted](#)  
(<sup>1</sup>Toronto Metropolitan University, <sup>2</sup>Imperial College London)  
*Accepted [The International Conference on Robotics and Automation \(ICRA\) 2024](#)*

Research experience      **Robotics and Computer Vision Laboratory (RCVL)**      Toronto, ON  
*Toronto Metropolitan University* by Prof. Sajad Saeedi      Sep 2022 – Present  
Worked on Visual-Inertial Sensor Fusion (VIO and SLAM), Autonomous Driving Algorithms, Focal-Plane Sensor-Processor (FPSP) Chips, Reinforcement Learning Pose-Graph Optimization (RL-PGO) research

**Haptics and Telerobotics Laboratory (HapTel)**      Toronto, ON  
*Toronto Metropolitan University* by Prof. Kourosh Zareinia      Sep 2022 – Present  
Worked on Image-Based Force Estimation in Medical Applications research

**Reviewer (Journal) for RA-L 2024**      Fall 2024  
*IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) 2024*

**Reviewer (Conference) for ICRA 2024**      Fall 2023  
*International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2024*

**Reviewer (Conference) for IEEE CCECE 2023**      Winter 2023  
*2023 Canadian Conference On Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Reviewer (Conference) for IROS 2023**      Winter 2023  
*IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*

Industry experience	<b>Rosor Exploration</b> <span style="float: right;">Toronto, ON</span>  Researcher - Robotics, Geoscientific UAVs and Drones <span style="float: right;">Jan 2024 – Present</span> Working on the research and development of Rosor's Active Terrain Following (ATR) system, Rosor is a near-surface geoscientific drone inspection company, Specializing in remotely piloted aircraft systems development and operations to carry out mineral exploration projects and investigate for new potential mining sites Collaborated with: Robel Efrem
Teaching experience	<b>Graduate/Teaching Assistant for MEC411</b> <span style="float: right;">Winter 2023 – Present</span> Mechanics of Machines at <i>Toronto Metropolitan University</i> <b>Graduate/Teaching Assistant for BME/MEC323</b> <span style="float: right;">Fall 2022 – Present</span> Statics and Mechanics of Materials at <i>Toronto Metropolitan University</i>  <b>Virtute Innovation Academy</b> <span style="float: right;">Richmond Hill, ON</span> Department of Mathematics and Science Instructor <span style="float: right;">Sep 2023 – Present</span> Taught online/in-person Physics, Calculus and Computer Science I, II instruction in class sessions of 20-40 students via lecture plans, assignments, examinations Collaborated with: Dr. Albert Jiang  <b>Academic Horizons</b> <span style="float: right;">Surrey, BC</span> Senior Physics and Computer Science Instructor <span style="float: right;">Oct 2021 – Sep 2023</span> Taught online 1-on-1 teaching sessions with students, Developed individualized, appropriate learning programs, assisted in collecting and maintaining learner records for the purpose of evaluating student progress  <b>Lumist of Lumi Education</b> <span style="float: right;">Toronto, ON</span> Lead Physics Instructor <span style="float: right;">April 2021 – Oct 2021</span> Taught online 1st-4th yr. students from UCLA, UC Berkeley, UCSD in class sessions of 40-50 students, delivered instruction in live/recorded/edited lecture video modules Collaborated with: Prof. Nathan Murray, Dr. Francisco Guevara Parra
Skills	<b>Coding:</b> Python, PyTorch, keras, R, C/C++, Java, R, C#, Javascript, HTML, CSS <b>Technologies:</b> Windows, Linux, NXP MCUs based on Arm Cortex-M cores
Extra-Curriculars	<b>Toronto Metropolitan Aerial Vehicles - TMAV</b> <span style="float: right;">Fall 2022</span> Collaborated on Carbon-Cover, Inverse Kinematics of Robotic Arm Projects

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*References available on request.*