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Summary

I am a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the INRS-UQO UMR research lab, working on misinformation and disinformation among underrepresented groups in the realm of Artificial Intelligence. I earned my Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from Toronto Metropolitan University (2025), focusing on trustworthy Deep Learning in healthcare, including mental health prediction, with a specialization in model calibration and uncertainty quantification. Additionally, I lead a team of researchers on developing a trustworthy AI Agent for mental health triaging during my Ph.D. I also hold an M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (2020) with a specialization in recommendation systems. My interests include recommendation systems, applied deep learning research, and trustworthy AI. I have 5+ years of experience as a developer with expertise in Python, PHP, JavaScript, and SQL/NoSQL databases. **Note:** I am a permanent resident (PR) of Canada and do not require any sponsorship or work authorization in Canada. I am open to relocation.

Skills and Languages

- Python
- PyTorch
- Scikit-Learn
- Pandas
- Graph Neural Networks
- Numpy
- C++ (Basic)
- Java
- SQL
- MongoDB
- NoSQL
- Recommendation Systems
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning
- Applied Research
- Git
- Docker
- English Language (Fluent)
- French Language (Basic)
- Persian (Native)

Work Experience

INRS-UQO UMR Research Lab

Gatineau, QC, Canada

Postdoctoral Research Fellow — *Sep. 2025 - Present*

- Member of the Multisensory Signal Analysis and Enhancement (MuSAE) lab at the INRS-UQO joint research unit.
- Conducting research on mis/disinformation among underrepresented groups with a focus on Artificial Intelligence's contributions.

Toronto Metropolitan University

Toronto, ON, Canada

Research Assistant (Ph.D. Candidate) — *Jan. 2021 - Sep. 2025*

- Conducted research on Applications of Deep Learning in Mental Health.
- Conducted research on Graph Neural Networks and their applications, especially in the healthcare domain.
- Conducted research on confidence calibration and uncertainty quantification of deep learning classifiers.
- Conducted research on utilizing heterogeneous data from multiple sources.
- Developed an AI solution in Python (PyTorch) for mental health service utilization.
- Lead a team of master's students for research on developing a trustworthy AI agent for mental health triaging.

Payrad Smart Solutions

Tehran, Iran

Software Developer — *Jul. 2020 - Mar. 2021*

- Developed databases using MySQL in a FinTech-related startup.
- Developed and maintained web applications back-end using PHP/NodeJS and the Laravel/NestJS Framework to help speed up wage payments.
- Developed a subsystem for a freight and logistics management system.

Fanap Plus

Tehran, Iran

Software Developer & Team Lead — *Sep. 2018 - Jul. 2020*

- Served as web development team lead.
- Developed databases using MySQL and MongoDB.
- Developed and maintained web applications back-end using PHP and Laravel Framework.
- Developed and maintained web applications related to soccer match prediction and mobile top-up purchases.

Noghtechin Studio

Tehran, Iran

Software Developer (Freelance) — *Apr. 2018 - Sep. 2020*

- Analyzed, designed, developed and maintained web applications back-end Using PHP (Yii 2.x and Laravel Frameworks) and Python (Flask Framework for Rest APIs).
- Developed Databases Using MySQL, MongoDB, and PostgreSQL.
- Developed solutions for small startups in on-demand learning platforms, e-commerce systems, etc.

Mandegar System

Tehran, Iran

Software Developer — *Jul. 2013 - Apr. 2018*

- Analyzed, designed, developed and maintained web applications back-end using PHP, Yii Framework.
- Developed databases using MySQL and MongoDB.
- Designed and developed an e-commerce system with features such as dynamic product fields.

Education

Toronto Metropolitan University — *Toronto, ON, Canada*

Ph.D. in Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.92) — *Jan. 2021 - Oct. 2025*

- Member of Trustworthy AI Research Lab (TAILab)
- Dissertation: Trustworthy Graph Neural Networks for Healthcare Predictive Modelling

Islamic Azad University - Central Tehran Branch — *Tehran, Iran*

M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (GPA: 17.70 Out of 20) — *Sep. 2016 - Sep. 2020*

- Thesis Title: A Social Hybrid Recommendation System using LSTM and CNN (Published Paper)

Islamic Azad University - Central Tehran Branch — *Tehran, Iran*

BS in Computer Engineering (GPA: 17.28 Out of 20) — *Sep. 2010 - Jan. 2016*

- Project: Design and Development of an Online Learning System

Teaching Experience

Toronto Metropolitan University — *Toronto, ON, Canada*

Contract Lecturer — *May 2024 - Jul. 2025*

- Software Design and Architecture Course (COE692) - Teaching different architectural styles
- Software Systems Course (COE318) - Teaching OOP in Java

Carleton University — *Ottawa, ON, Canada*

Contract Instructor — *Sept. 2024 - Dec. 2024*

- Web and Mobile Software Development Course (EGEN 5206) - Teaching JavaScript for back-end, front-end, mobile and MongoDB

Toronto Metropolitan University — *Toronto, ON, Canada*

Teaching Assistant — *Sep. 2021 - Apr. 2024*

- Software Systems Lab (COE318). (Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021)
- Algorithms and Data Structures Lab (COE428). (Winter 2024, Spring/Summer 2023, Winter 2023, Spring/Summer 2022, Winter 2022)

Academic Research & Projects

Sep. 2025	**Deep Learning Models in Mental Health Service Utilization**, A deep learning approach to use data from multiple sources for early prediction of mental health emergency department visits
Apr. 2022	**Ontology Alignment**, Design and implementation of an ontology alignment system using Graph AutoEncoder and multiple classifiers, implemented in Python and Pytorch (Intelligent Systems Course Project) - Link
Dec. 2021	**Hybrid Movie Recommendation System**, Design and implementation of a movie recommendation system using AutoEncoder, K-Means Clustering, and KD-Tree, implemented in Python and Pytorch (Knowledge Discovery Course Project) - Link
Sep. 2020	**Movie Recommendation System**, Developed a hybrid movie recommendation system using LSTM and CNN in Python and PyTorch. The system utilized the user's rating history as well as the movie's information, including the movie poster. User's social impact was incorporated in the training (M.Sc. thesis) - Link to Paper.
Jan. 2016	**Online Learning System**, Design, implementation and database development of an online learning system. Implemented in Php (Yii Framework) and MySQL (BSc final project)

Publications

Journal Papers and Book Chapters

2024	**Daneshvar H., Boursalie O., Samavi R., Doyle T., Duncan L., Pires P., Sassi R.**, "SOK: Application of Machine Learning Models in Child and Youth Mental Health Decision-Making" *Artificial Intelligence for Medicine* Link to Paper.
2024	**Saggu, S., Daneshvar, H., Samavi, R., Pires, P., Sassi, R.B., Doyle, T.E., Zhao, J., Mauluddin, A., Duncan, L.**, "Prediction of Emergency Department Revisits among Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatients Using Deep Learning Techniques" *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making* Link to Paper.
2022	**Daneshvar H. and Ravanmehr R.**, "A Social Hybrid Recommendation System using LSTM and CNN" *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience* Link to Paper.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers

2025	**Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "GNN's Uncertainty Quantification Using Self-distillation" *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare (AIiH)* Link to Paper, Link to Code.

2024 **Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "GCE: Confidence Calibration Error for ImprovedTrustworthiness of Graph Neural Networks" *Proceedings of the Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (CAIAC)* Link to Paper, Link to Code.

2022 **Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "Heterogeneous Patient Graph Embedding in Readmission Prediction" *Proceedings of the Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (CAIAC)* Link to Paper, Link to Presentation.

Accepted Papers

2025 **Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "Efficient Subsampling for GNN Downstream Tasks" *The 17th Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML)*

Presentations & Abstracts

Sep. 2025 **Bonert M., Ho E., Wang F., Daneshvar H., Naqvi A.**, "Utilizing the report structure when extracting information from free text reports via natural language processing and an open large language model" *European Congress of Pathology*, Vienna, Austria

Jul. 2025 **Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "GNN's Uncertainty Quantification using Self-Distillation" *Vector Institute ML Privacy and Security Workshop*, Toronto, ON, Canada

Mar. 2025 **Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "Uncertainty Quantification in Graph Neural Networks" *Vector Institute Research Symposium Poster Presentation (Remarkable 2025)*, Toronto, ON, Canada

Dec. 2024 **Daneshvar, H.**, "Trustworthy Graph Neural Networks" *McMaster University CSE Seminar*, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Jul. 2024 **Daneshvar, H. and Samavi, R.**, "GCE: Confidence Calibration Error for Improved Trustworthiness of GNNs" *Vector Institute ML Security & Privacy Workshop*, Toronto, ON, Canada

Jun. 2024 **Daneshvar H., Zhao J., Mauluddin A., Duncan L., Pires P., Sassi R., Samavi R., Doyle T.**, "Graph Data Fusion to Predict Emergency Department Visit within 180-Days" *Precision Child and Youth Mental Health Conference*, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Jun. 2024 **Daneshvar H., Saggu, S., Zhao J., Mauluddin A., Duncan L., Pires P., Sassi R., Samavi R., Doyle T.**, "GNN in 30-Day ED Prediction for Child/Youth" *Precision Child and Youth Mental Health Conference*, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Feb. 2024 **Daneshvar H., Samavi R.**, "Confidence Calibration Loss for Graph Neural Networks" *Vector Institute Research Symposium Poster Presentation (Remarkable 2024)*, Toronto, ON, Canada

Oct. 2023 **Daneshvar H., Rashidiani S., Zhao J., Mauluddin A., Boursalie O., Duncan L., Pires P., Sassi R., Samavi R., Doyle T.**, "Predicting Child and Youth Mental Health Service Use with Deep Learning Models" *Canadian Psychiatric Association Annual Conference*, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Feb. 2023 **Daneshvar H., Samavi R.**, "Questionnaire Graph Embedding for Early Prediction of Mental Health Emergency Department Admission" *Vector Institute Research Symposium Poster Presentation*, Toronto, ON, Canada

Feb. 2022 **Daneshvar H., Samavi R.**, "Using Graph Neural Networks in Mental Health Service Utilization" *Vector Institute Research Symposium Poster Presentation*, Toronto, ON, Canada