# Hyeonjeong Byeon

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA Sep 2023 - Present Ph.D., Human Centered Design and Engineering (Advisor: Prof. Gary Hsieh and Prof. Sean Munson) Ewha Womans University, South Korea 2019 - 2023 B.S., Computer Science and Engineering; Minor in Statistics University of Toronto, Canada Sep 2021 - Dec 2021 **Exchange Student** RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Prosocial Computing Group, University of Washington May 2023 - Present Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Prof. Gary Hsieh) Dynamic Graphics Project Lab, University of Toronto Sep 2021 - Sep 2022 Undergraduate Research Assistant (PI: Prof. Khai N. Truong) Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory, Ewha Womans University Jul 2020 - Sep 2023 Undergraduate Research Assistant (PI: Prof. Uran Oh)

#### Publications and Presentations

- [1] Hyeon Jeong Byeon; Seungjin Ha; Uran Oh. 2023. AVOCUS: A Voice Customization System for Online Personas. In Extended Abstracts of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '23 Extended Abstracts). 🔁
- [2] Suhyeon Yoo; Georgianna Lin; Hyeon Jeong Byeon; Amy Hwang; Khai Truong. 2023. Understanding tensions in music accessibility through song signing for and with d/Deaf and Non-d/Deaf persons. In CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '23).
- [3] Hyeon Jeong Byeon and Chaerin Lee (co-first author); Jeemin Lee; Uran Oh. 2022. "A Voice that Suits the Situation": Understanding the Needs and Challenges for Supporting End-User Voice Customization. In CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '22). 🗷
- [4] Hyeon Jeong Byeon. 2021. Voice Creator: Giving Customized Voice to the Voiceless for Online Communication. In The 23rd International ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility Student Research Competition (ASSETS' SRC 21). 🔁
- [5] Hyeon Jeong Byeon; Soohyun Yeo; Uran Oh. 2021. Voice Creator: A Vocal Customization Web Application Prototype. In 2021 Korea Information Processing Society Spring Conference No. 28, Vol. 1.
- [6] Hyeon Jeong Byeon; Uran Oh. 2021. Comparing Performance of Pre-trained Bidirectional Language Models. In Proceedings of HCI Korea Conference 2021.

## Grants & Awards

### Principal Candidate, Fulbright Graduate Student Program Award (Declined) Sep 2023 Korean-American Educational Commission, awarded up to \$80,000 for two years and additional grant for graduate studies Finalist, Doctoral Study Abroad Scholarship Aug 2023 Korean Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS), selected as a finalist **ITRC Student Creative Research Project** March 2022 - Dec 2022 South Korean Ministry of Science and ICT, awarded \$7,600 of research grant **Capstone Poster Session Presentation** Dec 2022 Ewha Womans University, 2nd place in Computer Science department, co-awarded \$570

**Capstone Design Competition** 

Dec 2022 Ewha Womans University, 3rd place in College of Engineering, co-awarded \$540

**SW Entrepreneurship Competition** Nov 2022 Ewha Womans University, 4th place, co-awarded \$75

**Google East Asia Student Travel Grants** May 2022 Google, awarded \$2,820 for attending ACM CHI 2022

Dec 2022, April 2022

Ewha Future Design Scholarship Ewha Womans University, awarded \$3,240 for excellence in career path planning

3rd place (Bronze Medal), Student Research Competition Oct 2021

ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility (ASSETS' 21) Student Research Competition, awarded \$200

**Presidential Science Scholarship June 2021** Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF), awarded cost of attendance for 2 years and an additional \$2,200 per semester for academic excellence

Best Paper Award Proceedings of HCI Korea Conference 2021, Seoul, South Korea	Jan 2021
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Research Grant Ewha Womans University, awarded \$250, \$450 respectively	April 2022, June 2020
HOKMA Career Path Exploration Scholarship Grant Ewha Womans University, co-awarded \$1,100 for excellence in CS career path exploration activities	Oct 2019
PATENT	
Systems and Methods for Customizing Voices for Personas in Virtual Spaces Uran Oh, Hyeon Jeong Byeon, Seungjin Ha, 10-2022-0179981. Patent pending.	Dec 2022
<b>AVOTAR: A Voice Customization System for Online Personas</b> Uran Oh, <b>Hyeon Jeong Byeon</b> , Seungjin Ha, South Korea, P2022-0160KR. <i>Patent pending</i> .	Nov 2022
Academic Club Activities & Volunteers	
Member, EDOC (Ewha DO Coding) Prepared for ACM-ICPC and participated in group study sessions focusing on data structures and algorithm	Jan 2020 - Jun 2020
<b>Member, Like Lion</b> Completed year-long full-stack development course and developed a University Festival Web application	Mar 2019 - Dec 2019
Student Volunteer, The Blue Tree Foundation (NGO) Researched and translated articles about school violence and cyber bullying for international campaigns	Feb 2022 - Feb 2022
Student Volunteer, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education Taught programming to North Korean defector students as part of the "Unplugged Coding" program	Sep 2019 - Nov 2019