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## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science

2023–now

University of Pennsylvania  
Advisor: Duncan Watts

*Philadelphia, PA, United States*

### M.Phil. in Computer Science

2021–2023

Australian National University  
Advisors: Lexing Xie and Colin Klein

*Canberra, ACT, Australia*

### B.S. in Computing and Software Systems

2018–2020

University of Melbourne  
First class honours

*Melbourne, VIC, Australia*

## EXPERIENCE

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### Visiting Student

2024–2025

Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory  
Collaborator: Sandeep Madireddy  
Project: *Holistic Evaluation of Large Language Models in Specialized Scientific Domains*

*Lemont, IL, United States*

### Research Associate

2023–2023

Research School of Astronomy, Australian National University  
Collaborators: Yuan-Sen Ting and Ioana Ciucă  
Project: *Large Language Models for Astronomical Research*

*Canberra, ACT, Australia*

### Summer Research Scholar

2020–2021

Computational Media Lab, Australian National University  
Advisor: Lexing Xie  
Project: *Data-Driven Understanding of Real-Life Moral Dilemmas*

*Canberra, ACT, Australia*

### Research Intern

2019–2020

Faculty of Engineering, University of Sydney  
Advisor: Nguyen Tran  
Project 1: *Federated Learning with Stochastic Variance Reduced Gradient Algorithms*  
Project 2: *Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes* (Best CS Project)

*Sydney, NSW, Australia*

### Vacation Research Scholar

2019–2019

School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Melbourne  
Advisor: Charl Ras  
Project: *Analysis and Design of R-Resilient Graph Embeddings*

*Melbourne, VIC, Australia*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Computational Social Science, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Cognitive Science, Social Psychology, Network Science, Commonsense Knowledge and Intelligence, Numerical Optimization, Statistics, Practical Ethics and Artificial Intelligence for Science.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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George M. Ball, Jr. First-Year Ph.D. Fellowship, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2023.

Ph.D. Fellowship, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2023–now.

Vice-Chancellor’s Travel Grant – Higher Degree Research, Australian National University, 2022.

M.Phil. Scholarship, Australian National University, 2021–2023.

Summer Research Scholarship, Australian National University, 2020.

Project Recognition, Innovation Expo, Vietnam-Australia Innovation Network (NIC-AU), 2020.

Dean’s Honour List, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne, 2018–2020

Undergraduate Student Scholarship, University of Melbourne, 2020.

Summer Research Scholarship, Faculty of Engineering, University of Sydney, 2020.

Summer Research Scholarship, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Melbourne, 2019.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=mmylv8oAAAAJ>

Semantic Scholar: <https://semanticscholar.org/author/Tuan-Dung-Nguyen/2116225572>

ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1105-005X>

- [10] Anh Duc Nguyen, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Quang Minh Nguyen, Hoang H. Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen, and Kim-Chuan Toh. “On Partial Optimal Transport: Revising the Infeasibility of Sinkhorn and Efficient Gradient Methods”. In: *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* 38.8 (2024), pp. 8090–8098. DOI: 10.1609/aaai.v38i8.28648.
- [9] Ernest Perkowski, Rui Pan, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Yuan-Sen Ting, Sandor Kruk, Tong Zhang, Charlie O’Neill, Maja Jablonska, Zechang Sun, Michael J. Smith, Huiling Liu, Kevin Schawinski, Kartheik Iyer, Ioana Ciucă, and UniverseTBD. “AstroLLaMA-Chat: Scaling AstroLLaMA with Conversational and Diverse Datasets”. In: *Research Notes of the AAS* 8.1 (2024), p. 7. DOI: 10.3847/2515-5172/ad1abe.
- [8] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Ziyu Chen, Nicholas George Carroll, Alasdair Tran, Colin Klein, and Lexing Xie. “Measuring Moral Dimensions in Social Media with Mformer”. In: *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (forthcoming)* 18.1 (2024). DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2311.10219.
- [7] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**. “Data-Driven Understanding of Real-Life Moral Dilemmas via Topic Mapping and Moral Foundations”. M.Phil. Thesis. Canberra, ACT: Australian National University, 2023. DOI: 10.25911/9ZCS-SJ43.

- [6] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Yuan-Sen Ting, Ioana Ciucă, Charles O’Neill, Ze-Chang Sun, Maja Jabłońska, Sandor Kruk, Ernest Perkowski, Jack Miller, Jason Jingshi Li, Josh Peek, Kartheik Iyer, Tomasz Rózański, Pranav Khetarpal, Sharaf Zaman, David Brodrick, Sergio J. Rodríguez Méndez, Thang Bui, Alyssa Goodman, Alberto Accomazzi, Jill Naiman, Jesse Cranney, Kevin Schawinski, and Roberta Răileanu. “AstroLLaMA: Towards Specialized Foundation Models in Astronomy”. In: *Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Information Extraction from Scientific Publications*. Ed. by Tirthankar Ghosal, Felix Grezes, Thomas Allen, Kelly Lockhart, Alberto Accomazzi, and Sergi Blanco-Cuaresma. Bali, Indonesia: Association for Computational Linguistics, 2023, pp. 49–55. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2023.wiesp-1.7.
- [5] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Wei Bao, Amir Rezaei Balef, Bing B. Zhou, and Albert Y. Zomaya. “DONE: Distributed Approximate Newton-type Method for Federated Edge Learning”. In: *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems* 33.11 (2022), pp. 2648–2660. DOI: 10.1109/TPDS.2022.3146253.
- [4] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Georgiana Lyall, Alasdair Tran, Minjeong Shin, Nicholas George Carroll, Colin Klein, and Lexing Xie. “Mapping Topics in 100,000 Real-Life Moral Dilemmas”. In: *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media* 16.1 (2022), pp. 699–710. DOI: 10.1609/icwsm.v16i1.19327.
- [3] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Amir R. Balef, Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, Duy T. Ngo, Tuan Anh Le, and Phuong L. Vo. “Accelerating Federated Edge Learning”. In: *IEEE Communications Letters* 25.10 (2021), pp. 3282–3286. DOI: 10.1109/LCOMM.2021.3103536.
- [2] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, and **Tuan Dung Nguyen**. “Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes”. In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*. Ed. by Hugo Larochelle, Marc’Aurelio Ranzato, Raia Hadsell, and Hsuan-Tien Lin. Vol. 33. Curran Associates, Inc., 2020, pp. 21394–21405. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2006.08848.
- [1] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Wei Bao, Albert Y. Zomaya, and Bing B. Zhou. “Federated Learning with Proximal Stochastic Variance Reduced Gradient Algorithms”. In: *Proceedings of the 49th International Conference on Parallel Processing*. ICPP ’20. New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2020, pp. 1–11. DOI: 10.1145/3404397.3404457.

## TEACHING

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COMP4650 *Document Analysis*, Australian National University, 2022. Teaching assistant.

COMP4680 *Advanced Topics in Machine Learning*, Australian National University, 2022. Teaching assistant and guest lecturer.

COMP4670 *Statistical Machine Learning*, Australian National University, 2022. Teaching assistant.

COMP5318 *Machine Learning and Data Mining*, University of Sydney, 2021. Teaching assistant.

COMP4691 *Optimisation*, Australian National University, 2021. Teaching assistant.

COMP30024 *Artificial Intelligence*, University of Melbourne, 2021. Teaching assistant.

COMP20008 *Elements of Data Processing*, University of Melbourne, 2020–2022. Teaching assistant.

## LECTURES, TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

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“How Aligned are Humans and Language Models on Common Sense?” Generative AI and Social Science Research Workshop, Yale University Institution for Social and Public Policy and Data-Intensive Social Science Center, April 2024.

“Science Meets AI: Lessons from the Exploration of LLMs in Astronomical Research.” Planet+AI Consortium, online, February 2024.

“AstroLLaMA: Towards Specialized Foundation Models in Astronomy.” International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, online, November 2023.

“Data-Driven Understanding of Real-Life Moral Dilemmas.” AI, ML and Friends Seminar, Australian National University, April 2023.

“Introduction to Computational Optimal Transport.” Advanced Topics in Machine Learning, Australian National University, November 2022.

“Mapping Topics in 100,000 Real-Life Moral Dilemmas.” AI, ML and Friends Seminar, Australian National University, May 2022; 16th International Conference on Web and Social Media, June 2022.

“Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes.” 34th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, online, December 2020.

“Federated Learning with Proximal Stochastic Variance Reduced Gradient Algorithms.” 49th International Conference on Parallel Processing, online, August 2020.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Fellow, Vietnam Education Network 2.0 (VEF) Program, 2022.

Student, Monash University International School in Artificial Intelligence and its Applications in Computer Science, 2021.

Student Volunteer, AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics and Society, 2021.

Student Volunteer. International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media, 2021.

Student, Cornell, Maryland and Max Planck Pre-Doctoral Research School, 2021.

Secretary, University of Melbourne Competitive Programming Club, 2019–2020.

Undergraduate Representative, Melbourne University Mathematics and Statistics Society, 2019–2020.

Committee, University of Melbourne Internet of Things Club, 2018–2020.

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