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## EDUCATION

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**M.Phil. in Computer Science**  
Australian National University  
Advisors: Lexing Xie and Colin Klein

March 2021 – December 2022 (expected)  
*Canberra, ACT, Australia*

**B.S. in Computer Science**  
University of Melbourne  
First class honours

February 2018 – December 2020  
*Melbourne, VIC, Australia*

## EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

March 2020 – Present

COMP4650 *Document Analysis*, Australian National University, 2022.  
COMP4680 *Advanced Topics in Machine Learning*, Australian National University, 2022.  
COMP4670 *Statistical Machine Learning*, Australian National University, 2022.  
COMP5318 *Machine Learning and Data Mining*, University of Sydney, 2021.  
COMP4691 *Optimisation*, Australian National University, 2021.  
COMP30024 *Artificial Intelligence*, University of Melbourne, 2021.  
COMP20008 *Elements of Data Processing*, University of Melbourne, 2020 – 2022.

### Summer Research Scholar

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

December 2020 – March 2021  
*Canberra, ACT, Australia*

### Research Intern

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)

December 2019 – August 2020  
*Sydney, NSW, Australia*

### Vacation Research Scholar

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

November 2019 – December 2019  
*Melbourne, VIC, Australia*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Computational Social Science, Optimization, Statistical Machine Learning, Distributed Computing, Natural Language Processing, Network Analysis, Statistics, Practical Ethics, AI Safety, Computational Modeling of Social Concepts and Cognitive Science.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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

Master of Philosophy Scholarship, Australian National University, 2021.

Summer Research Scholarship, Australian National University, 2020.

Dean's Honour List, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne, 2018 – 2020 (top 1.5% of the B.S. cohort).

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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- [1] 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.
- [2] **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.
- [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.
- [4] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, and **Tuan Dung Nguyen**. "Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes". In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 33. 2020, pp. 21394–21405.
- [5] 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: *49th International Conference on Parallel Processing*. 2020, pp. 1–11.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Student – Monash University International School in AI and its Applications in CS, 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.