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EDUCATION University of Rochester

Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Ehsan Hoque August 2020 - Present

May 2020

Rochester Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Minor: Mathematics

Cumulative GPA: 3.42, Cum Laude

Dean's List: Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

Full Time Research: Fall 2019, Spring 2018

University of Rochester Summer 2016

Non-degree seeking courses

Westchester Community College Summer 2014

Non-degree seeking courses

RESEARCH ROCHCI Group - Dr. Ehsan Hoque June 2020 - Present EXPERIENCE University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Future Interfaces Group - Dr. Chris Harrison May 2020 - April 2021

Independent Study - Dr. Christopher Homan Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

• Independent Study: Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018, Spring 2019

• Full Time Research (Co-Op): Autumn 2019

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

MIT Summer Research Program - Dr. Alex Pentland Summer 2019 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Laboratory, Cambridge, MA

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory - Dr. Adrian Stoica Summer 2018 California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

MIT Summer Research Program - Dr. Andrew Lippman Summer 2017 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Laboratory, Cambridge, MA

Future Everyday Technology Research Lab - Dr. Daniel Ashbrook

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY May 2016 - June 2018

- Independent Study: Summer 2016, Autumn 2016, Spring 2017, Autumn 2017
- Full Time Research (Co-Op): Spring 2018

REFEREED Vivian Shen, James
CONFERENCE ad hoc Touch Sens
PAPERS sium on Spatial Uses

Vivian Shen, James Spann, Chris Harrison. FarOut: Extending the Range of ad hoc Touch Sensing with Depth Cameras *Proceedings of the ninth ACM Symposium on Spatial User Interaction (ACM SUI)*, 2021 [Won Best Paper Award]

Md. Kamrul Hasan, **James Spann**, Masum Hasan, Md. Saiful Islam, Kurtis Haut, Rada Mihalcea, Ehsan Hoque. Hitting your MARQ: Multimodal ARgument Quality Assessment in Long Debate Video *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2021

HONORS	AND
AWARDS	

ACM Symposium on Spatial User Interaction (ACM SUI) - Best Paper Award Autumn 2021

Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference Scholarship - Jane Street Scholar

Autumn 2021

The National GEM Consortium - GEM Associate Fellow

2020 - 2022

National Science Foundation - Research Traineeship Fellowship

2020 - 2021

University of Rochester - Provost's Fellowship (Deferred until Autumn 2021 for the NSF Trainee Fellowship) 2020 - 2022

RIT McNair Scholar

(4 semesters) 2018-2020

RIT Tiger Tank Business Competition Finalist

2019

California Institute of Technology SURF Fellow

2018

First place award - University of Rochester Spring DandyHacks Hackathon

2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Programming (CSC 161) - Student Grader

Autumn 2021

 Maintained office hours for student assistance, managed and participated in exam grading sessions with other TAs, and helped write course content for exams and projects.

Upward Bound Math/Science Program - Teacher

Summer 2021

• Designed and taught intro Computer Science lectures as a part of the University of Rochester's Summer 2021 Upward Bound program for Rochester high school students. Created and supervised weekly hands-on example activities, and demonstrated various programming techniques.

Data Management Systems (CSC 263/463) - Student Grader

Spring 2021

• Graded student exams and assignments.

Principles of Data Mining (CSCI 420) - Student Grader

Spring 2020

• Graded student quizzes and held weekly office hours.

INVITED TALKS

OPAL and Robots Or How I Stopped Worrying And Learned to Algorithmically Trust

MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, Massachusetts

2019

Detecting bias through user interaction

	MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, Massachusetts		2017
	Knock on Wood Sensor RIT Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rochester, New Yo	ork	2016
SELECTED POPULAR PRESS	Discover Something New at Imagine RIT The secret lives of students who mine cryptocurrency in their A season of learning at the Lab	dorm rooms	2019 2018 2017
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	Conference Reviewer: ACII'21 UR AS&E GSA - Conference Grant Reviewer MIT Summer Research Program Application Review		er 2021 1, 2022
ACTIVITIES	Graduate Students of Color Computer Petting Zoo Exhibitor Stanford SERGE McNair Scholars Program MIT Media Lab Digital Currency Initiative Bootcamp RIT Data Science Research Group Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Multicultural Center for Academic Success Program RIT No Voice Zone RIT Go Club RIT Fencing Club	Summe 201- 201- 201- 201- 201-	e 2020 er 2019 8-2020