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EDUCATION University of Rochester

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

Rochester Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science - Cum Laude

Minor: Mathematics

Full Time Research: Fall 2019, Spring 2018

May 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ROCHCI Group - Dr. Ehsan Hoque University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

June 2020 - Present

Future Interfaces Group - Dr. Chris Harrison Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA ${\rm May}~2020$ - April2021

Independent Study - Dr. Christopher Homan
Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
September 2017 - August 2020

- Independent Study: Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018, Spring 2019
- Full Time Research (Co-Op): Autumn 2019

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

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

Summer 2018

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 CONFERENCE PAPERS

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	Heidelberg Laureate Forum - Young Researcher	2022
	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 Fellowsh	ip 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Programming (CSC 161) - Teaching Assistant Autumn 2021, Spring 2022

First place award - University of Rochester Spring DandyHacks Hackathon

 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, Summer 2022

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

Assisting Doctors with Movement Disorder Diagnosis using AI

Graduate Research Day - University of Rochester

2022

2018

Assisting Doctors with Movement Disorder Diagnosis using AI

NSF-NIH Smart and Connected Health workshop - Washington State University 2022

Research workflows with Jupyter and Conda

PhD #Shots - Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York

2022

	OPAL and Robots Or How I Stopped Worrying	And Learned to Algo-		
	rithmically 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 Y	York 2016		
SELECTED POPULAR PRESS	Discover Something New at Imagine RIT The secret lives of students who mine cryptocurrency in the A season of learning at the Lab	2019 2018 2017		
ACADEMIC				
ACTIVITIES	Conference Reviewer: ACII'21, CHI'23			
	University of Rochester School of Arts, Sciences & Engineering - Conference Grant Reviewer: Winter 2021, Spring 2022			
	MIT Summer Research Program Application Review Committee:	2021, 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	August 2020 - Present May 2019 - June 2020 October 2019 2018-2020 Summer 2016 2016-2020 2018-2020 2015-2020 2018-2020 2018-2020 2018-2020 2015-2017		
STUDENTS SUPERVISED	Sarah Chen, B.A. Psychology, U of R	Spring 2022-Present		