

# Magdalen Dobson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2019-present **PhD Candidate in Computer Science**, *Carnegie Mellon University* | Advisor: Guy Blelloch
- 2015-2019 **B.S. in Mathematics**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, GPA 4.7/5.0

### Publications

- ICALP 2023 *The Geometry of Tree-Based Sorting*  
Guy Blelloch and Magdalen Dobson
- ALENEX 2022** *Parallel Nearest Neighbors in Low Dimensions with Batch Updates*, Guy Blelloch and Magdalen Dobson
- 2021 *Poster: The Problem-Based Benchmark Suite, V2*  
Guy Blelloch and Magdalen Dobson
- AAAI 2020** *Multiagent Evaluation Mechanisms*, Tal Alon, Magdalen Dobson, Jamie Tucker-Folz, Ariel Procaccia, Inbal Talgam-Cohen

### Manuscripts

- 2023 *Scaling Graph-Based ANNS Algorithms to Billion-Size Datasets: A Comparative Analysis*  
Magdalen Dobson, Zheqi Shen, Guy E. Blelloch, Laxman Dhulipala, Yan Gu, Harsha Vardhan Simhadri, and Yihan Sun  
arXiv:2305.04359

### Awards and Honors

- 2021 **Best Poster Award, ACDA 2021**
- 2019 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (NSF GRFP)**

### Visits and Internships

- Summer 2022 **PhD Student Intern | Microsoft Research, Redmond**  
*Supervisor: Harsha Vardhan Simhadri*
- Summer 2019 **Research Intern at Technion—Israel Institute of Technology**  
*Supervisor: Prof. Inbal Talgam-Cohen, Department of Computer Science*

### Teaching and Service

- Fall 2023 **Teaching Assistant, 15-451 Design and Analysis of Algorithms, CMU**

Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant, 15-455 Undergraduate Complexity Theory, CMU**  
2020-2021 **Theory Lunch Organizer, CMU**  
2020-2022 **PhD Student Mentor, CMU**  
2020-2021 **Immigration Course Committee, CMU**  
2019-2022 **Math Tutor, Neighborhood Learning Alliance of Pittsburgh**

## Selected Coursework

CMU Courses Analytical Performance Modeling, Theoretical Computer Science Toolkit, Computer Networks, Artificial Intelligence, Types and Programming Languages, Parallel Algorithms  
MIT Courses Algorithmic Game Theory, Advanced Algorithms, Theory of Computation, Abstract Algebra I and II, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis, Discrete Mathematics, Topology, Probability and Random Variables