Mahan Pouromidi

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HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATION

- Master's graduate in Biomedical Engineering (GPA: 3.97/4.0) with research in computer vision and deep learning.
- First-author publication accepted at SPIE Medical Imaging 2025; experience developing multimodal vision–language models.
- Strong theoretical and programming background in mathematics, optimization, Python, and C++.

EDUCATION

McMaster University

Hamilton, Ontario

Master of Applied Sciences in Biomedical Engineering (GPA: 3.97/4.0)

Sep 2022 - Sep 2024

- Master's Thesis: An Investigation of Advanced Deep Learning-Based Automated Models for Tumor Segmentation in Whole-Body PET/CT Images (Supervisor: Dr. Ashirbani Saha)
- Selected Coursework: Information theoretic methods in trustworthy machine learning applications: **A**, Research methodologies in basic health sciences: **A**⁺, Biomedical Engineering 2: **A**⁺

Amirkabir University of Technology

Tehran, Tehran

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (GPA: 3.6/4.0)

Sep 2017 – Mar 2022

- Bachelor's Thesis: Fire Detection Using Neural Networks and Thermal (Supervisor: Dr. Amir Jahanshahi)
- Selected Coursework: Machine learning: **A**, Computational, intelligence: **A**, Numerical analysis: **A**⁺, Engineering Mathematics: **A**⁺, Calculus: **A**⁺

HONORS

- Ranked within the top 0.5% in the university entrance exam among around 150,000 participants. [Summer 2017]
- Granted admission to study a second major (offered to students with a high GPA, selected by Exceptional Talents
 Office)

PUBLICATIONS

- **Pouromidi, M.**, et al. Is segmentation performance of deep-learning models affected by cancer type? A performance analysis on PET/CT. SPIE Medical Imaging 2025. (Link)
- Pouromidi, M., Bayasi, N., Yousefirizi, F., Rahmim, A. Report-Guided Vision—Language Segmentation for PSMA PET/CT. Manuscript in preparation for submission to Journal of Nuclear Medicine or European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (EJNMMI), 2025.

Online Courses & Certifications

Deep Learning Specialization

DeepLearning.AI (Coursera)

• Neural networks, regularization/optimization, CNNs, sequence models.

Linear Algebra Issued: Dec 2021

Imperial College London (Coursera)

• Matrix algebra for ML; vector spaces, eigenvalues/eigenvectors.

Fundamentals of Digital Image and Video Processing

Northwestern University (Coursera)

• Sampling, filtering, transforms; core computer vision and medical imaging basics.

MIT 6.006: Data Structures & Algorithms

Audited

Issued: January 2022

Issued: May 2021

MIT OpenCourseWare

• Asymptotic analysis, hashing, heaps/graphs, dynamic programming, dynamic programming.

Machine Learning Scientist

June 2025 – Present

BC Cancer Vancouver, BC

- Led the development of a **report-guided vision–language** pipeline for whole-body PSMA PET/CT: 3D SegResNet with **decoder cross-attention** fusing clinical-report tokens with PET/CT for lesion segmentation.
- Implemented multimodal text features and ablations: token loaders for LLM embeddings with sanitization.
- Engineered **CrossAttention3D** (InstanceNorm/LayerNorm stabilization, multi-head MHA, residual projections), scaled training/eval: distributed data parallel training + mixed precision.
- Outcome: statistically significant reductions in **false positive lesion predictions** and **tighter boundaries** on a held-out cohort while preserving whole-body biomarkers.

Software Developer Intern (Fullstack)

Jul 2024 - Feb 2025

Biophotonics Lab

Hamilton, Ontario

- Built a low-latency streaming service for dual camera feeds; added TLS and auth; used efficient buffering and server-push.
- Designed PostgreSQL schemas and CRUD APIs (JWT) and structured logging.
- Implemented Next.js server components where useful to shrink TTFB for stream dashboards.

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2022 - Sep 2024

McMaster University

Hamilton, Ontario

- Comprehensive evaluation on convolutional versus transformer-based models for 3D PET/CT tumor segmentation, achieving SOTA F1 = 0.70 on a multi-cancer imbalanced dataset; packaged training/eval in reproducible PyTorch pipelines.
- Optimized SAM mask-decoder with ONNX \rightarrow reduced per-case inference latency by 25% and memory by 150 MB.
- Wrote the first-author paper (accepted SPIE Medical Imaging 2025); owned experiments, ablations, and result visualizations.

Teaching Assistant

Jan 2024 - Jul 2024

McMaster University

Hamilton, Ontario

- C/C++ programming: Instructed 100+ students in C/C++, developing skills in technical instruction, debugging, and clear communication.
- Health Solutions Design Projects III: Assisted students with Arduino and Python programming, including signal denoising and data transmission to remote servers.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Mar 2021 - Mar 2022

Amirkabir University of Technology

Tehran. Tehran

- Improved the accuracy of fire detection by 10% over state-of-the-art by developing CNN architectures (VGG, ResNet, GoogLeNet) in TensorFlow.
- Curated and labeled a dataset of thermal fire images; wrote labeling guidelines, defined a JSON annotation schema, removed duplicates, and corrected noisy labels to improve data quality.

Researcher & Algorithm Developer

Apr 2021 - Dec 2021

NABZ Group

Tehran, Tehran

- Developed and optimized adaptive filtering and digital signal processing-based algorithms in Java to remove high and low frequency noise from ECG signals, improving denoising accuracy by 15% and runtime efficiency by 40%.
- Investigated multi-scale and data-driven denoising methods including Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD), Independent Component Analysis (ICA), and Wavelet Transform for potential integration in real-time cardiac monitoring systems.
- Contributed to algorithmic validation and quantitative benchmarking using synthetic and real-world datasets; produced reproducible scripts and visualizations in MATLAB.

PROJECTS

(Genesis AI Hackathon) NeuroLens

- Developed an AI-powered assistive system for visually impaired users that combined real-time object detection (YOLOv8) and OCR with voice interaction.
- Optimized WebSocket backend to support sub-second response times, ensuring smooth audio-visual feedback in live demos.
- Defined OpenAI agents of triage, vision, text-to-speech, speech-to-text, and environment description.

MedChatBot: A Medical Chatbot Assistant

- Built a retrieval-augmented medical chatbot on a dataset of 47K Q&A pairs, enabling context-aware responses with Llama 3.2
- Designed a FAISS-based vector store for efficient similarity search and context retrieval.
- Implemented a FastAPI backend and integrated with a Next.js front end for interactive querying.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Machine Learning & Deep Learning: PyTorch, TensorFlow, MONAI, scikit-learn, PyTorch Lightning, ONNX; experience with multimodal and representation learning, self-supervised learning, and transfer learning.
- **Computer Vision & Biomedical Imaging:** CNNs, Vision Transformers, SAM, U-Net/SegResNet architectures, image segmentation, registration, preprocessing, and 3D volumetric data handling.
- Natural Language & Multimodal Models: Transformers, BERT, CLIP, LLaMA, cross-attention fusion, vision—language integration, and report-guided medical image analysis.
- **Programming & Tools:** Python (NumPy, pandas, matplotlib), C/C++, Git, Linux, Docker, and REST APIs for research prototyping.
- Cloud & Computational Infrastructure: AWS (EC2, S3, SageMaker), GPU/DP training, mixed precision, reproducible pipelines.