

# NIKITA ASHOK

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## EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley - Computer Science (expected: December 2020)

### Activities:

- Free Ventures, leading pre-seed accelerator
- Fung Fellowship, product design for healthcare clients
- Accel Scholars
- Sigma Eta Pi, co-ed entrepreneurship org.
- Kairos Society

### Classes:

- Algorithms
- Security
- Databases
- ML/AI
- Networking
- Databases
- Operating Systems
- Data Structures (Academic Intern Su'18)

## EXPERIENCE

### Slack, Inc.

May 2020 - Aug. 2020

Software Engineer Intern, Kleiner Perkins Fellow

- Led the incorporation of a new XSS prevention library for Slack's link "unfurling"
- **Build a fully functional recursive stratify based library in Hacklang, creating lexers, generators, and tokenizers to convert regular string meta URL's to tokens that are sanitized of vulnerabilities**
- Improved the existing third party service that lives within the Slack codebase by a 5x performance speed-up

### Amazon

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

Software Development Engineering Intern

- Built AWS Single Sign On App Catalog, transforming over 200 integration templates for SAML federation flows
- Integrated a full stack web application (Java + ReactJS) with read, search, sort, and diff functionality for version control within the App Catalog SAML company catalog

### Free Ventures

March 2019- present

Director, Startup Accelerator

- Leads accelerator at The House with investment firms across the Bay Area to back 10 yearly startups
- Advises companies that have secured funding from 8VC, and has raised over \$7k in additional program sponsorship

### Whitney Lab, UC Berkeley

June 2016 - Dec. 2017

Research Assistant (under Prof. Allison Leib)

- Facilitated mobile development testing for UI/UX and user flow
- Scripted MATLAB code for 2 human vision experiments and data analytics to detect how well humans gauge animacy

## PROJECTS

Pursu (ReactJS, GraphQL) [pursu.dev](#)

- Built the frontend functionality and design with API calls using GraphQL in ReactJS for an ML tool that automates software recruitment management

CalHacks 4.0 - HoneyComb (Python)

- Built a web app tool that helps students visualize content in network graph structures

## SKILLS

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| » Java     | » AWS     |
| » Python   | » NumPy   |
| » C        | » ReactJS |
| » Hacklang | » GraphQL |

## RECOGNITIONS

National Center for Women &  
Information Technology (NCWIT)  
San Francisco Bay Area: Honorable Mention  
2017