# Omid Reza Heidari

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#### **EDUCATION**

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

Master of Science in Computer Science

Islamic Azad University, Zanjan, Iran

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering

## 2023 | Present GPA: 3.43/4.00

2017 | 2022 GPA: 3.47/4.00

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision; Multimodal Vision-Language; NLP; Retrieval Augmented Generation; Multimodal AI

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### 2024

- Omid Reza Heidari\*, Maria Siddiqua\*, Mennatullah Siam. Self-Supervised Video Object Segmentation. Work in progress
- Omid Reza Heidari, Yang Wang, Xinxin Zuo. Test-Time Adaptation for Security X-ray Images Using Meta-Auxiliary Learning. Work in progress
- Omid Reza Heidari\*, Li Gu\*, Jiahao Nick Li\*, Yang Wang. Retrieval Augmented Generation for Natural Language Query in Egocentric Videos. *Preparing for CVPR 2025* 
  - Selected as the Best Poster at Mila Quebec AI Institute

April 2024

• Omid Reza Heidari\*, Nihan Anam\*, Azmine Toushik Wasi\*, Taki Hasan Rafi. A Review of Human-Centric Evaluation of Cultural Bias in Indic Languages within LLMs: Rethinking Research Directions. Submitted to COLING 2025

#### 2023

• Omid Reza Heidari, Ahmadreza Zakerian Zadeh, Mohsen Dadashi. Assessment of Structural Connectivity and Brain Volumes after tDCS in Stroke: A Machine-learning Method

# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

## Ontario Tech University

Research Engineer

Oshawa, Canada (Hybrid) Sep 2024 | Present

- Holding biweekly meetings with the supervisor and postdoctoral researcher to discuss papers and plan research goals.
- Reviewing and discussing different approaches to improve the performance and accuracy of our methodology.
- Implementing state-of-the-art models in PyTorch Lightning and running on Google Cloud Platform(GCP) and Compute Canad(CCDB).

### Hanyang University

NLP Intern

Seoul, South Korea (Remote) Jul 2024 | Sep 2024

- · Assess cultural, gender, religious and ethnic biases in LLMs, emphasizing underrepresented languages and dialects.
- Research regional dialect biases in LLMs; develop evaluation frameworks and assessment methods.
- Test LLM performance across dialects and cultures; Prepare a conference paper.

## Concordia University

 $Teaching\ Assistant$ 

Montreal, Canada Jan 2024 | Present

- COMP 6321 Machine Learning
- COMP 6771 Image Processing
- $\bullet~$  COMP 352 Data Structures and Algorithms
- COMP 353 Databases
- COEN 352 Data Structures and Algorithms
- COMP 248 Object-Oriented Programming I

#### Zanjan University of Medical Science

Data Reserach Analyst

Zanjan, Iran Jul 2022 | Jan 2023

- Conducted research on Machine Learning and Electroencephalogram signals
- Utilized Welch, Convolution, and Fourier transform, to compute connectivity, power, and amplitude

# Sharif University of Technology

 $Teaching\ Assistant$ 

Tehran, Iran Sep 2022 | Feb 2023

• CE 717 - Machine Learning

# Zanjan University

 $Teaching\ Assistant$ 

Zanjan, Iran Sep 2021 | Jun 2022

- Principles Of Database Design
- Digital Logic Design
- Advanced Programming

## SELECTED COURSES

#### Master's Courses

- Links Between Computer Vision and Language
- Representation Learning
- Statistical Natural Language Processing
- Machine Learning

### Bachelor's Courses

- Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems
- Advanced Database

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

#### IELTS (Academic): 7

Listening: 7.5 | Reading: 7 Speaking: 6.5 | Writing: 6

Test date: Nov 2022

#### French:

Listening: A2 | Reading: A2 | Speaking: A2 | Writing: A2

### **SKILLS**

• **Programming:** : Python, MATLAB, C++

• Frameworks: PyTorch, PyTorch Lightning, Scikit-learn, OpenCV

• Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, MongoDB

• Services: AWS, GCP, RabbitMQ