

# HETAV PANDYA

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Toronto** Toronto, CA  
Bachelor of Applied Science and Engineering, Computer Engineering *GPA: 3.97* Sep 2019 - May 2024

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Engineering Outreach, University of Toronto** Toronto, CA  
*EngLife Community Instructor* Feb 2023 - June 2023

- Led both online and in-person workshops at Nelson Mandela Public High School.
- Designed and lead six STEM workshops focused on high schools students.
- The topics covered include Programming, Structural Integrity and Electronics.

**Intel Canada - [Data Center and AI Team]** Toronto, CA  
*Software Engineering Intern* May 2022 - May 2023

- Developed a netlist writer for upcoming Quartus Prime releases to support a new database model.
- Developed an automated testing framework to functionally verify netlist between different stages.
- Worked alongside the router team to create a fix for a business-critical customer issue affecting our top model Agilex FPGAs.

**Bell Canada - [Big Data and AI Team]** Toronto, CA  
*Data Scientist Intern* May 2021 - Aug 2021

- Data querying using Apache Spark, Hadoop, and Impala. Data exploration using Python.
- Developed an automated system to detect potential flaws in new version releases, reducing detection time from 3 weeks to 15 minutes. Results were shared using MicroStrategy BI.

**General Motors Canada (GM)** Toronto, CA  
*Machine Learning Model Developer* May 2021 - July 2021

- Deployed an object detection model using transfer learning on 'my\_ssd\_mobnet'.
- The model was optimized for real time detection with a mean Average Precision (mAP) of 0.7.

**Faculty of Information, University of Toronto** Toronto, CA  
*Data Analyst Research Intern* Jan 2021 - May 2021

- Analyzed the effects of machine learning on the future path of job creation and disruption.
- Collected raw data from research conferences, package databases and via webscrapping.

**Engineering Outreach, University of Toronto** Toronto, CA  
*DEEP Summer Program Instructor* Feb 2020 - May 2020

- Designed programming courses for the DEEP program, an educational program offered by UofT.

## SKILLS

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Programming Languages:	Python, C++, C, Kotlin, JavaScript, Go
Machine Learning:	TensorFlow, PyTorch, OpenCV, Kubeflow
Hardware Design:	Verilog, ARM Assembly, Quartus Prime
Data Analysis:	Hive, Impala, Trino SQL, Power BI, MicroStrategy BI, Hadoop
Project Management:	JIRA, Confluence, Agile - SCRUM, Git, GitHub, Perforce

## EXTRA CURRICULARS

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**UofT Engineering Society** Toronto, CA  
*ECE Board of Director Representative* April 2022 - April 2023

- Elected to represent 700+ students at the highest level of governance in the Eng. Society.
- As a Board Member, I collaborated with other representatives to make executive decisions about the operation of the Society that offers services to 6000+ students at the University of Toronto.

**GitHub Education Program**  
*GitHub Campus Expert*

Toronto, CA  
September 2022 - Present

- Selected as one of the 65 new campus experts globally in the 2022 cohort.
- Organized many open-source workshops including the first GitHub Field Day in Canada.

**UofT Machine Intelligence Student Team**  
*Co-President*

Toronto, CA  
July 2021 - July 2022

- Managed a team of 180+ active members spread across nine departments using JIRA.
- Organized joint events with different organizations like the Hatchery, UCL AI Society, AI@MIT, Harvard Open Data Project and many more.

PROJECTS

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**E-Motion** *Python, OpenCV, Selenium* <https://tinyurl.com/cyhtt8jr>

A computer vision suite that enables users to play games, read e-books and listen to music using hand gestures. It secured the second place at UofT Hacks VIII

**ECE-Hustler** *C language, ARM Assembly, DE1-SoC board* <https://tinyurl.com/d38wrur3>

In this game you are an ECE student in the 2nd year at UofT trying to dodge the hurdles we faced! It is an obstacle course compiled on our custom-built ARM processor and displayed on a VGA display.

**COVID-19 InfoBot** *Python, Selenium, Speech Recognition* <https://tinyurl.com/ub8uyavj>

A voice assistant that provides users with credible and updated information regarding the COVID-19. It won the Wolfram award at the Hack\_The\_Virus Hackathon.

**Hands2Ears** *Python, OpenCV, Speech Recognition* <https://tinyurl.com/65ftaddu>

A neural network model that helps converting sign language (ASL) to speech in real time. It was chosen as the Bloomberg Challenge winner and second best project in NSBE Hacks 2020.

**Personal Website** *HTML5, CSS3, Javascript* <https://pandiah5.github.io/>

A detailed and informal description of who I am. Built using raw HTML, CSS and PHP.

**Magnum Opus** *Python, Neural Style Transfer, OpenCV* <https://tinyurl.com/8j9hs2hx>

My personal journey of finding "art in mathematics" and "mathematics in art".

AWARDS

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**Microsoft Discover AI Challenge on AI Ethics - First Prize** Microsoft  
Recognized for the AI Ethics Pipeline built during the Hackathon. June 2021

**University of Toronto Dean's Honor Award** University of Toronto  
Awarded for my consistent academic standing above 3.5 GPA in all semesters. May 2021

**UofT Hacks VIII - Second Prize** UofT Hacks  
Recognized for my project E-Motion and my work on computer vision enabled remote monitoring and control. Feb 2021

**Edward S. Rogers Dept. of Computer Eng. Top Student Award** University of Toronto  
Awarded for being amongst the top three students in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Sept 2020

**Wallberg Undergraduate Scholarship Award** University of Toronto  
Awarded for being amongst the top four students in the Faculty of Engineering, based on academic performance. Sept 2020

**Wolfram Award** Hack The Virus Hackathon  
Recognized for my project COVID-InfoBot based on speech controlled information system. Aug 2020

**NSBE Hacks 2020 - Second Prize** NSBE UofT  
Recognized for my project Hands2Ears, real time ASL to speech conversion. Feb 2020

**Bloomberg First Time Hack Winner** Bloomberg  
Recognized for my project Hands2Ears - "First Time Hack" sub-category at NSBE Hacks 2020. Feb 2020

**State Topper** Central Board of Secondary Education  
Awarded for receiving the highest grade in the province/state of Gujarat for the Annual Grade-12 Examination in India. March 2019