

# Viet Hoang Pham

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## OVERVIEW

Graduated from Hanoi University of Science and Technology with a focus on Natural Language Processing. Over the past two years, at Viettel AI, I have conducted research on interpretable and trustworthy NLP systems that address large language models' challenges, including outdated knowledge, inconsistent reasoning, limited explainability and multi-modality. My recent work focuses on enhancing knowledge-intensive tasks by integrating large language models with external knowledge sources, such as knowledge graphs and textual corpora, and extending this approach to additional modalities including images, audio, and video.

## EDUCATION

### Hanoi University of Science and Technology

*B.Sc. in Computer Science*

*Hanoi, Vietnam*

*Sep. 2020 – Sep. 2024*

- Overall GPA: 3.75/4.0 (9.38/10.0 equivalent), top 5% of major
- Excellent Student title in all Academic Years.
- Thesis: Continual Learning and Task Retrieval for Fine-tuning Large Language Models - Score: 9.3/10.0.
- Language: English - Professional working proficiency (IELTS 7.5 Overall)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Hoang Pham\***, Thanh-Do Nguyen\*, & Khac-Hoai Nam Bui (2025). "ClaimPKG: Enhancing Claim Verification via Pseudo-Subgraph Generation with Lightweight Specialized LLM." Findings of the *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2025) (CORE A\*)*.  
Link: <https://aclanthology.org/2025.findings-acl.274>
- **Hoang Pham**, Thanh-Do Nguyen, & Khac-Hoai Nam Bui (2025). "Verify-in-the-Graph: Entity Disambiguation Enhancement for Complex Claim Verification with Interactive Graph Representation." In *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Nations of the Americas Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL 2025) (CORE A)* [In-person presentation].  
Link: <https://aclanthology.org/2025.naacl-long.268>
- Quang-Vinh Nguyen, Quang-Chieu Nguyen, **Hoang Pham**, & Khac-Hoai Nam Bui (2025). "Spec-TOD: A Specialized Instruction-Tuned LLM Framework for Efficient Task-Oriented Dialogue Systems." Accepted at the *Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL 2025)*.  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.04841>
- **Hoang Pham**, Thuy-Duong Nguyen, & Khac-Hoai Nam Bui (2024). "Agent-UniRAG: A Trainable Open-Source LLM Agent Framework for Unified Retrieval-Augmented Generation Systems" (Preprint, 2024).  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.22571>

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

### Artificial Intelligence Researcher

*Viettel AI, Viettel Group*

*Hanoi, Vietnam*

*Nov. 2023 – Present*

- **Conducted applied research** on high-impact topics at the intersection of natural language processing, reasoning and knowledge augmentation, with an emphasis on:
  1. **Automated Fact Checking:** Proposed reliable, interpretable frameworks integrating large language models (LLMs) with knowledge sources (e.g., knowledge graphs, raw-text corpora) for fact verification.
  2. **Agentic Reasoning Systems:** Designed scalable, interpretable agent-based frameworks for complex NLP tasks, including multi-hop question answering and claim verification.
  3. **Knowledge Graphs:** Proposed novel methodologies for constructing and exploiting knowledge graphs, with a focus on ensuring completeness, reliability, and interpretability.
  4. **Reasoning Models:** Trained specialized models based on reinforcement learning algorithms (e.g., GRPO and PPO) to enhance reasoning capability and task-specific performance.

- **Continual pre-trained large language models (LLMs) for Vietnamese:** Spearheaded infrastructure configuration, hyperparameter optimization, training script development, and large-scale data preparation (several GBs of text) to produce LLMs ranging from 7B to 70B parameters, achieving high performance in both general Vietnamese language understanding and domain-specific legal applications.
- **Aligned LLMs to desired behaviors via synthetic data:** Curated and validated Vietnamese instruction-following datasets using large-scale models (up to 405B parameters). Leveraged knowledge distillation and agentic pipelines to generate high-quality, behavior-aligned data for fine-tuning.
- **Developed AI-powered NLP systems for internal deployment:** Designed end-to-end pipelines for NER and virtual assistants, including data augmentation, model training, and deployment. Developed instruction-tuned models and RAG workflows for accurate, efficient document-based responses.

**Viettel Digital Talent Residency**  
*Viettel Group*

*Hanoi, Vietnam*  
*Apr. 2023 – Nov. 2023*

- **Intensive trained on key areas of Data Science & AI,** covering advancements in computer vision, natural language processing, speech processing, and big data management.
- **Independent mini-research improved virtual assistant performance in public services,** leveraging LLM agent techniques. Hands-on experiences in training and deploying medium-scale language models.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Top-4 Global Public, AI City Challenge 2024 – Safety Description and Analysis Track.  
 Utilized grounding information with Vision-Language models to enhance factual accuracy in video description.
- Talent Ambassador (Finalist Top 10), Viettel Digital Talent Residency 2023.
- Third Prize, Hanoi Municipal Mathematics Olympiad – Senior Year of High School.

## KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

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**Technical Domains:** Natural Language Processing (NLP), Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Knowledge Graphs, Agent-based Reasoning, Reinforcement Learning.

**Research Skills:** Scientific Writing, Literature Review, Experimental Design, Ablation Studies, Dataset Curation & Validation.

**Theoretical Foundations:** Probability & Statistics, Linear Algebra, Optimization, Calculus, Information Theory, Data Structures & Algorithms.

**Frameworks:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, Hugging Face.

**Programming Languages:** Python, C++.