

# Pratyush Das

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## Education

<b>Institute of Engineering &amp; Management, Kolkata</b> <i>Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering. CGPA: 8.43/10</i>	2017-2021 (Expected)
<b>Don Bosco School, Park Circus, Kolkata</b> <i>High School (Council For The Indian School Certificate Examinations)</i>	2016

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## Experience

<b>IRIS-HEP - Fellow</b> Supervisor - Dr. Jim Pivarski (Princeton University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awkward Array: Library for nested, variable-sized data using NumPy-like idioms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Created a source to source compiler to generate equivalent Python for a subset of C++.</li><li>- Created a property based testing framework.</li><li>- Created a source to source compiler to generate equivalent parallel CUDA from specification (Python and type info).</li></ul></li></ul>	June, 2020 - September, 2020
<b>IRIS-HEP - Fellow</b> Location: Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, USA - LHC Physics Centre Supervisor - Dr. Jim Pivarski (Princeton University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uproot: Python implementation of ROOT I/O, an open source file format storing over an exabyte of HEP data<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Completed ROOT file writing interface by adding functionality to write ROOT files with TTrees.</li><li>- Uproot has become one of the most widely used Physics libraries (100K+ downloads)</li></ul></li></ul>	June, 2019 - September, 2019
<b>DIANA-HEP - Fellow</b> Location: Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, USA - LHC Physics Centre Supervisor - Dr. Jim Pivarski (Princeton University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uproot<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Co-developed the Uproot library with Jim Pivarski; authored the ROOT file writing interface.</li><li>- Examined ROOT serialization of objects and added functionality to write ROOT files with strings and histograms.</li></ul></li></ul>	June, 2018 - September, 2018
<b>DIANA-HEP - Summer Student</b> Supervisors - Dr. Jim Pivarski (Princeton University), Dr. Viktor Khristenko (CERN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• spark-root - Apache Spark datasource for ROOT<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Separated spark bindings from TTree reading code.</li></ul></li><li>• root4j - Java implementation of ROOT file reader<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Optimized codebase to facilitate interoperability</li></ul></li></ul>	June, 2017 - August, 2017

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## Summer Schools

<b>Computational and Data Science for High Energy Physics (CoDaS-HEP)</b> <i>Princeton University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interviewed - <i>Princeton University News</i></li></ul>	2019
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## Programming Languages and Tools

**Experienced:** Python, C, CUDA, \*nix  
**Familiar:** C++, Java, ROOT, Haskell, Standard ML

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## Publications

- J.Pivarski, I.Osborne, **P.Das**, A.Biswas, P.Elmer, “Awkward Array: JSON-like data, NumPy-like idioms”, Proceedings of the 19th Python in Science Conference (SciPy, USA), 2020, Pages 68-74, DOI: 10.25080/Majora-342d178e-00b. 2020
- E.Rodrigues, et al., “The Scikit HEP Project - overview and prospects“, Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Computing in High Energy and Nuclear Physics (CHEP 2019), Adelaide, Australia, 2019. [Accepted] 2020
- N.Saha, **P.Das**, H.N.Saha, “Authorship Attribution of Short Texts using a Multi Layer Perceptron”, International Journal of Applied Pattern Recognition, 2018 Vol. 5 No. 3, Pages 251-259, DOI: 10.1504/IJAPR.2018.10016100. 2018

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## Talks at Conferences

- Python in High Energy Physics.  
- *PyCon USA (Remote)*
- 2020

- Python in High Energy Physics  
- *SciPy India (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)* 2019
- The Scikit-HEP Project: Overview and Prospects - Eduardo Rodrigues et al.  
- *24th International Conference on Computing in High Energy and Nuclear Physics (University of Adelaide)* 2019
- Writing files with uproot  
- *PyHEP (Abington, UK)* 2019
- Writing files with uproot  
- *ROOT Users' Workshop (Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina)* 2018

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## Talks at Meetings

- Language Transformations for the Awkward Array library  
- *IRIS-HEP Fellow Presentations (Remote)* 2020
- CUDA backend for the Awkward Array project  
- *Princeton University Liberty Research Group Meeting (Remote)* 2020
- PR 5297: Testing Facilities - Vassil Vassilev, Pratyush Das  
- *ROOT Team Meeting (Remote)* 2020
- Writing TTrees with uproot  
- *IRIS-HEP Topical Meeting: Summer student project presentations (Remote)* 2019
- Writing files with uproot  
- *DIANA Meeting: Updates on ROOT I/O (Remote)* 2018
- Separation of Concerns - Refactoring code between ROOT4J and Spark-Root  
- *DIANA Meeting: Student Projects (Remote)* 2017  
- *CMS Big Data Science Projects (Remote)* 2017

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## Academic Achievements

- Awarded the IRIS-HEP undergraduate fellowship by Princeton University. 2020
- Awarded travel grant to speak at PyCon USA 2020 in Pittsburgh, USA. 2020
- Awarded travel grant to attend PLMW and POPL 2020 in New Orleans, USA. 2019
- Awarded travel grant to attend CoDaS-HEP summer school at Princeton University. 2019
- Awarded the IRIS-HEP undergraduate fellowship by Princeton University. 2019
- Awarded travel grant to speak at ROOT Users' Workshop 2018 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. 2018
- Awarded the DIANA-HEP undergraduate fellowship by Princeton University. 2018

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## Extracurricular Achievements

- International Rated Chess Player (Federation Internationale des Echecs) 2016
- Adhyayan National Student Leadership Contest (Adhyayan India) - Third 2015
- IT Quiz (Computer Society of India) - Second 2014

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## Major Open Source Contributions

- Cling - Configured installer to build using LLVM binary and revamped CI. [*with Dr. Vassil Vassilev (Princeton University)*]
- ROOT - Added ROOTUnitTestSupport and improved performance of rootcling. [*with Dr. Vassil Vassilev (Princeton University)*]
- Clang - Upstreaming patches from Cling. [*with Dr. Vassil Vassilev (Princeton University)*]
- Awkward Array (Core developer) - Designed source to source compilers for the CUDA backend and created a test generator.
- Uproot (Core developer) - Designed ROOT file writing interface.
- uproot-methods - Enabled support to recognize hook for multidimensional uproot histograms.
- root4j - Optimized interface for interoperability.
- spark-root - Separated spark bindings from TTree reading code.

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## Test scores

- **GRE:** Verbal Reasoning - 160, Quantitative Reasoning - 163, Analytical Writing - 4.5
- **TOEFL:** Reading - 29, Listening - 29, Speaking - 24, Writing - 30