


# Ram Eshwar Kaundinya



## CONTACT

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## SKILLS

- C, C++, C#, Go, Python, ACT-R, Java, Javascript, MATLAB; SQL, PyTorch, Numpy, Tensorflow, Qiskit, Nengo
- Unity and Unreal Game Engines
- VR and Game Development
- Reinforcement Learning, Multi-Layer Neural Networks, Deep Learning, Cognitive Architectures, NLP, Cloud Computing, High Performance Computing, Quantum Computing
- Cognitive Science background

## LANGUAGES

### English

Native

### Telugu

Intermediate

### Spanish

Intermediate

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

PhD Candidate researching biologically plausible Artificial Intelligence. Gameplay Engineer working with veteran game developers from Civilization, XCom, The Sims, and Skyrim. Researching neuromorphic chips, cognitive architectures, memristors, and cognitive models. Working towards energy efficient computing. Strong professional software engineering background and academically trained in cognitive science and AI. A lifelong musician and curious human being!

## WORK HISTORY

### Software Engineer

03/2024 - Present

**Midsummer Studios** - Hunt Valley, Maryland

- AI and Gameplay programming
- Telemetry system programming
- Maintaining and updating internal documentation
- Large Language Model and cloud services integration

### Engineer

03/2022 - 03/2024

**Firaxis Games** - Sparks, Maryland

- Shipped game partnered with Marvel Studios called Marvel's Midnight Suns
- Live services, multiplayer, and analytics programming in collaboration with 2K Analytics
- Gameplay engineering on Civilization 7
- Programmed AI decision making and abilities for Marvel's Midnight Suns
- Shipped and maintained the mission system for Marvel's Midnight Suns

## EDUCATION

**PhD:** University of Groningen, 09/2024 - Present

Working with tactile sensing data and spiking neural networks using SNN-Torch and Nengo. Recent paper on an adaptive controller using biologically plausible spiking neural network encodings. Studying cognitive architectures, neuromorphic chips, memristors, and cognitive models. Working with Cognigron and the NL-ECO Consortium on energy efficient computing.

**Master of Science** : Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, 03/2022 - 03/2024

**Drexel University** - Philadelphia

Studies included reinforcement learning, high performance computing, cloud native engineering, cognitive architectures, machine learning, deep learning, quantum computing, and more.

**Bachelor of Science** : Cognitive Science, 09/2015 - 06/2019

**University of California Los Angeles** - Los Angeles

Worked with Professor Uri Maoz on decision making research and Professor Patricia Cheng on principles of perception. Studies included research design, psychology, digital humanities, and computing.