

# SAFA SHAIKH

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## EDUCATION

### Columbia University School of Engineering

*Master of Science in Computer Science – Machine Learning* GPA: 3.8

New York, NY  
May 2022

### Rutgers University School of Engineering

*Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering* GPA: 3.9  
*Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science*

New Brunswick, NJ  
May 2019

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Lockheed Martin

*Senior AI & Machine Learning Engineer for AI Factory*

Remote  
March 2022 - Present

- Built internal operations CLI to automate deployments for ML workspaces, jobs (Ray and k8s), data volumes, data pipelines, etc
- Tested and hosted latest open source ML models, including LLMs such as Mistral and Llama models, on internal server for developer usage e.g. Segment Anything -- enabled bounding box, point and segment everything options through a hosted KServe instance
- Built finetuning as a service pipeline using Flyte and a hosted Lorax server
- Hosted KServe and TGI models on Foundation Model Platform
- RAG pipelines with internal data

### Lockheed Martin

*Software Engineering Intern, Associate Software Engineer, Software Engineer I & II (AI/ML)*

Moorestown, NJ  
May 2017 - July 2019, July 2019 – March 2022

- Worked on OASIS Simulation Training Product for Aegis Weapons System (AWS) (C++ code)
- Built and maintained prediction algorithm libraries for internal developers
- Led the prediction team as part of greater R&D efforts
- Data preparation and preprocessing

### PreCalculus Tutor

*Private Tutor*

New Brunswick, NJ  
July 2016 - August 2016

- Taught high school students the fundamentals of function analysis, limits, and function characterization.

### Rutgers University

*Tour Guide and Student Ambassador*

New Brunswick, NJ  
February 2016 - April 2016

- Led a weekly presentation informing prospective engineering students about opportunities in the ECE Department

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### NeuroImaging Laboratory at Rutgers University with Dr. Laleh Najafizadeh

*Research Assistant*

New Brunswick, NJ  
May 2016 - July 2016

- Researched Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) paradigms - provide a neural pathway for the human brain to interact with a computer program or robot in order to stimulate motor activity; Constructed brain caps compatible with the Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS) machine and the electroencephalogram (EEG).

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Environments: PaaS (OpenShift), Linux, macOS, Windows

Languages (On scale of 0-10 where 10 is most proficient)

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|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| • Python (10)    | • C++ (7)  | • JavaScript (3) | • XML (6)  |
| • Java (8)       | • YAML (6) | • HTML (6)       | • JSON (8) |
| • TypeScript (3) | • SQL (8)  | • CSS (6)        |            |

### Development

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, DevOps, Agile Development, Big Data, Data Analytics, Object-Oriented Programming

### Frameworks/Tools

REST, TensorFlow, SciKit Learn, PyTorch, Keras, Kserve, TGI, HuggingFace, Django, Kafka, GitLab, KubeFlow, Spark, Trino, Git, OpenShift, Docker, AWS, Angular, MongoDB, SQL Server, MySQL, PostgreSQL, VI/Vim

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| • Systems Programming   | • Probability and Rand. Proc | • Robotics & Comp Vision                      | • Artificial Intelligence                |
| • Data Structures       | • Linear Systems and Signals | • Electronic Devices                          | • Machine Learning                       |
| • Computer Architecture | • Software Engineering       | • Principles of Electrical Engineering I & II | • <b>Capstone Design</b> – Lip           |
| • Databases             | • Digital Sys Design (FPGAs) |   | Reading Android App with Neural Networks |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubPe-gHJ0JU>

## HONORS

School of Engineering Dean's List GPA: 3.9, Engineering Honors Academy, Tau Beta Pi, Society of Women Engineers