

# TREVOR ABLETT

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D** (in progress), University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario 2017 - Present  
Institute for Aerospace Studies, Space and Terrestrial Autonomous Robotics Systems Lab  
Supervisor: Dr. Jonathan Kelly.  
Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0
- M.A.Sc.** (Transferred to PhD), University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario 2016 - 2017  
Institute for Aerospace Studies, Space and Terrestrial Autonomous Robotics Systems Lab  
Supervisor: Dr. Jonathan Kelly.  
Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0
- B.Eng., Mechatronics**, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario 2011 - 2015  
Faculty of Engineering, Dept. of Computing and Science  
Summa cum laude, Overall GPA: 3.9/4.0
- B.A., Psychology**, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario 2009 - 2015  
Faculty of Social Sciences, Dept. of Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour  
Summa cum laude, Overall GPA: 3.9/4.0

## AWARDS

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- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)** September 2019 - August 2020  
*University of Toronto* Toronto, ON  
· \$5000 per semester, \$15000 total.
- Kenneth M. Molson Fellowship** October 2019  
*University of Toronto* Toronto, ON  
· \$2500.
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)** September 2018 - August 2019  
*University of Toronto* Toronto, ON  
· \$5000 per semester, \$15000 total.
- Douglas Patton Hogg Memorial Award** December 2018  
*University of Toronto* Toronto, ON  
· \$2531.
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)** September 2017 - April 2018  
*University of Toronto* Toronto, ON  
· \$5000 per semester, \$10000 total.

**University (Senate) Scholarship**  
*McMaster University*

September 2013 - August 2014  
*Hamilton, ON*

- \$800.

**McMaster Honour Award, Level 3**  
*McMaster University*

September 2009 - August 2011  
*Hamilton, ON*

- \$2000 per year, \$4000 total.

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. F. Maric, O. Limoyo, L. Petrovic, **T. Ablett**, I. Petrovic, and J. Kelly, "Fast Manipulability Maximization Using Continuous-Time Trajectory Optimization," in *Proceedings of the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS'19)*, Macau, China, Nov. 4–8 2019, to Appear
2. O. Limoyo, **T. L. Ablett**, F. Marić, L. Volpatti, and J. Kelly, "Self-Calibration of Mobile Manipulator Kinematic and Sensor Extrinsic Parameters Through Contact-Based Interaction," in *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA'18)*, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, May 2018

## PATENTS

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1. J. Kelly, O. Limoyo, and **T. Ablett**, "Method of Calibrating a Mobile Manipulator," no. Ser. No. 62/637,282, 2018
2. R. Peters, C. V. Tran, **T. L. Ablett**, L. J. Lepore, and M. J. Sergenese, "Vision-based System for Navigating a Robot Through an Indoor Space," no. WO2017066870A1, 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Coursera.org and University of Toronto**  
*Subject Matter Expert*

October 2018 - April 2019  
*Toronto, ON*

Course Title: Self-Driving Car Specialization

- Developing code, assignments and other supplementary material for a course on state estimation of self-driving cars.
- Assignments are on sensor fusion using filtering techniques, point cloud matching, and 3D geometry.

**University of Toronto**  
*Teaching Assistant*

January 2018 - April 2018  
*Toronto, ON*

Course Title: AER521 - Mobile Robotics

- Course with both undergraduate and graduate level students
- Developed, administered, and graded MATLAB/robotics laboratories

**University of Toronto**  
*Teaching Assistant*

January 2018 - April 2018  
*Toronto, ON*

Course Title: APS106 - Fundamentals of Computer Programming

- First year programming course using Python
- Administered weekly programming laboratories to students and aided in ongoing development of course

**University of Toronto**  
*Teaching Assistant*

September 2016 - December 2016  
*Toronto, ON*

Course Title: ROB501 - Computer Vision for Robotics

- Course with both undergraduate and graduate level students
- Administered MATLAB and computer vision tutorials
- Aided in development and marking of MATLAB based computer vision assignments

**McMaster University**

January 2015 - April 2015

*Teaching Assistant*

*Hamilton, ON*

Course Title: Software Engineering 2DA4 - Digital Systems and Interfacing

- Administered labs using Verilog HDL and Altera based FPGAs

**McMaster University**

September 2014 - December 2014

*Teaching Assistant*

*Hamilton, ON*

Course Title: Software Engineering 3I03 - Communications Skills

- Created presentation materials for tutorials on giving software engineering presentations
- Ran weekly mandatory tutorials for 30 students

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Callisto Mechanical**

April 2015 - June 2016

*Controls Engineer in Training*

*Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON*

- Management and execution of research based projects in vision, robotics, and controls
- Named on pending patent for a vision-based Automated Guided Vehicle
- Development of software based controls, HMIs, and SCADA for OEM machines to be used in process automation
- Worked with various software and hardware tools, including Java and C++ based embedded systems, PLCs, and HMIs
- Attended numerous sites for commissioning of various machines and software systems

**Self Employed – University Level Private Tutor**

September 2013 - April 2015

*Introductory Level Programming*

*Hamilton, ON*

- Charged a small fee for private tutoring sessions in an introductory level programming class where assignments were completed using Python.

**Callisto Integration**

May 2014 - August 2014

*Controls Engineer in Training*

*Hamilton, ON*

- Lead designer of HMI for a Solar Farm
- PLC programming and debugging of existing systems

**Venture Engineering and Science Camp**

May 2013 - April 2014

*Computer/Technology/Robotics Instructor*

*Hamilton, ON*

- Designed various electronics, computer, and robotics projects for elementary school aged children

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF)**

January 2017 - April 2017

*Team Mentor*

*Burlington, ON*

- Provided weekly assistance and advice to an elementary school science fair team

**Industry Education Council of Hamilton**

January 2015 - June 2015

*Code Club - Instructor*

*Hamilton, ON*

- Ran a lunchtime club for elementary school students to learn programming through simple projects

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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### **Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Showcase – Demo**

Aired May 17, 2017

*China Central Television*

CCTV-13, the Chinese national news channel, included a short segment in their daily broadcast with video of me teleoperating our mobile manipulator platform. [[Online news brief \(Chinese\)](#)]

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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### **Programming Languages**

Python, C++, C, Java, MATLAB, LaTeX, Verilog, Ladder Logic

### **Frameworks/Libraries**

numpy, scipy, pytorch, ROS, OpenCV, scikit-learn

### **Hardware**

Arduino, Raspberry Pi, PIC microcontroller, various actuators and sensors

### **Tools**

Linux (CLI), Windows, MS Office, Git, SVN