

VIVIAN TAO

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EDUCATION

Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA
B.S., Computer Science and Mathematics

Expected May 2025
4.0 GPA

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Data Structures; Computability and Logic; Probability & Statistics; Engineering Systems; Differential Equations; Linear Algebra; Discrete Mathematics; Single & Multivariable Calculus; Principles & Practice: Computer Science

SKILLS

Programming: HTML5, CSS, Java, Javascript, Python, Racket (basic), MongoDB, C++, Git, R

Libraries: Bootstrap, React, jQuery, Node.js, Express.js, Cloudinary, PassportJS, Mongoose, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, scikit-learn, p5js, Discord.js, MySQL (basic), PyTorch (basic)

Other: Mandarin Chinese (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Researcher at AMISTAD Lab, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA May 2022-Present

- Read and understand current Neural Architecture Search (NAS) methods
- Collaborate with three students and a professor to develop a research question and design experiments
- Utilize Python libraries to empirically analyze improvability of neural architectures, NAS search methods, and NAS search spaces

Computer Science Department Grader/Tutor, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA August 2022-Present

- Grade homework assignments for Data Structures based on style and correctness
- Tutor students on concepts such as pointers, trees, hash tables, and priority queues

ASHMC Webmaster, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA August 2022-Present

- Manage and update the website for the Associated Students of Harvey Mudd College using WordPress

Computer Science Department Student Ambassador January 2023-Present

- Plan social events for Harvey Mudd College computer science department
- Run social media for Harvey Mudd College computer science department

Student Researcher at ALPAQA Lab, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA September 2021-May 2022

- Collaborated with three students and a professor to create a web simulation of Braitenberg Vehicle motion for the Minds and Machines class at Pitzer College using p5.js
- Introduced the research team to Kanban project management and served as primary project manager
- Link: <https://hmc-alpaqa.github.io/braitenberg-vehicles/>

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Student Simulator - <https://v-tao.github.io/studentsim/>

- Web Game that simulates the struggle of balancing academics, fun, and health as a high schooler
- User Interface implemented with React and CSS

Nobles Theatre Collective Website

- Full-stack website for theatre program of the Noble and Greenough School, with an “edit” mode for students to edit and maintain without coding knowledge

Coronavirus Daily Percent Positive Statistical Model - https://github.com/v-tao/covid_project

- Multiple Regression Model that predicts a state’s daily percent positive based on factors such as bar capacity and indoor social gathering limit, implemented through scikit-learn

AWARDS

Harvey Mudd First-Year Platt Prize September 2022

- Awarded to one first-year student who demonstrates excellence in academics and community

Noble and Greenough Computer Science Award May 2021

- Awarded to one graduating senior who demonstrates excellence in computer science