

# VIET H. PHAM

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**Biography:** I completed my Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science at the [University of Science](#) in Vietnam, advised by [Assoc. Prof. Dien Dinh](#). My bachelor's thesis focused on Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Theoretical Linguistics, in which I integrated the [Abstract Meaning Representation \(AMR\)](#) semantic graph into Neural Machine Translation. After graduating, I worked in the IT industry for more than one year as an AI Engineer. Meanwhile, I am also a research assistant at the [Computational Linguistic Center \(HCMUS\)](#), advised by Assoc. Prof. Dien Dinh. My research interests include machine translation, language modeling, and QA.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Science** 2016 - 2020  
*B.Sc in Computer Science* *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*  
· Thesis: Integrating Abstract Meaning Representation into Neural Machine Translation  
· Defend: 10/10 (Excellent undergraduate thesis)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**👛 Auburn University** August 2022 - present  
*Research Assistant* *Auburn, AL, USA*

- Research topics: *Interpretable Machine Learning* and *Phrase Language Modelling*
- Multiple-round reading comprehension
- Build a phrase language model that can distinguish different meanings of a phrase

**👛 Computational Linguistic Center** December 2019 - August 2022  
*Research Assistant* *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

- Research interests: *Neural Machine Translation (NMT)* and *Semantic Representation*
- Build a Graph Encoder for encoding semantic information from semantic graphs
- Integrate semantic information into Neural Machine Translation system
- Co-Advise students for undergraduate thesis

**👛 Propzy Vietnam** November 2021 - July 2022  
*AI Engineer* *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

- House pricing prediction:
  - Using Graph Attention Networks (GAT) to build a house-pricing model
  - Integrating edge information into GAT
  - Applied Reinforcement Learning and Self-learning for house-pricing models
- Recommendation system:
  - Augmented realty data with sequential models
  - Investigated and adapted state-of-the-art models for the recommendation system such as Transformer, Graph Convolution Networks, GAT, and Edge-GAT for real estate domain

- Proposed new metrics for evaluating model performance
- Evaluated and analyzed model's errors

· Question-Answering System

- Investigated state-of-the-art models for the Question-Answering task
- Built QA model for Vietnamese car manual dataset
- Optimized parallel computing with multiple GPUs for speeding up a model training process
- Construct a golden QA dataset for car manual (Vietnamese)
- Fine-tuning ALBERT pre-trained model for SQUAD2.0 dataset

· Virtual Assistant

- Handled errors and edge cases
- Labeled and constructed golden data for intent and slot-filling tasks for car manual domain

## PROJECTS

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NMT with Consistency Regularization

December 2021 - July 2022

- A semi-supervised learning method for low-resource NMT
- Augmenting unlabeled data by back-translation, then combine with labeled data for training

## PUBLICATION

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My Google ScholarJournal papers:

- Long H.B. Nguyen\*, Viet Pham\* and Dien Dinh, Improving neural machine translation with AMR semantic graphs, Mathematical Problems in Engineering, 2021, 2021. doi: 10.1155/2021/9939389. URL <https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/9939389>
- Long Nguyen, Viet Pham, H. Minh, D. Dinh, and T. Manh, Integrating AMR semantic graphs to convolutional neural machine translation, ICIC Express Letters, vol. 12, pp. 133-141, 2021

Conference papers:

- Nguyen, B., Le, B., Nguyen, L., Pham, V., Dinh, D. (2022). Providing Syntactic Awareness to Neural Machine Translation by Graph-Based Transformer. In: Dang, N.H.T., Zhang, YD., Tavares, J.M.R.S., Chen, BH. (eds) Artificial Intelligence in Data and Big Data Processing. ICABDE 2021. Lecture Notes on Data Engineering and Communications Technologies, vol 124. Springer, Cham.
- L. H. B. Nguyen, V. Pham and D. Dinh, "Integrating AMR to Neural Machine Translation using Graph Attention Networks," 2020 7th NAFOSTED Conference on Information and Computer Science (NICS), 2020,

- Viet Pham, Long H. B. Nguyen, and Dien Dinh. 2020. Semantic Convolutional Neural Machine Translation Using AMR for English-Vietnamese. In Proceedings of the 2020 International Conference on Computer Communication and Information Systems (CCCIS 2020). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA

#### E-print articles:

- Viet H. Pham, Thang M. Pham\*, Giang Nguyen\*, Long Nguyen, Dien Dinh (2022). Semi-supervised Neural Machine Translation with Consistency Regularization. *Under review*.

(\*) Equal contributors

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Excellent undergraduate thesis award	2020
Scientific Research Contest for Excellent Students - Semi-final Round	2020
Honour Certificate for Achieving Excellent Results in National High School Exam	2016
Long An Provincial Excellent Student in Mathematics - Third prize	2015

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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Programming Language	Python, C++ (basic)
Deep Learning Frameworks	Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras
NLP Tools	NLTK, spaCy, Pandas
Version Control	Git

## LANGUAGES

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Vietnamese	Native speaker
English	Fluent

## REFERENCES

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