

# VIHAN SHAH

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Waterloo

*September 2023 - Present*

PhD in Computer Science

Cheriton School of Computer Science

Advisor: Sepehr Assadi

### Rutgers University

*September 2020 - September 2023*

PhD in Computer Science (Master's degree earned en route)

New Brunswick College of Arts and Sciences

Advisor: Sepehr Assadi

### Rutgers University

*September 2019 - May 2020*

BA in Computer Science

Camden College of Arts and Sciences

### Mahindra Ecole Centrale (MEC)

*August 2016 - May 2019*

Completed 3 years of B.Tech in Computer Science

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research interest is in **theoretical computer science** and specifically in **streaming** algorithms. I have recently also worked on sublinear, dynamic, and learning-augmented algorithms. I generally enjoy working on **graph** problems in these settings.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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### An Improved Fully Dynamic Algorithm for Counting 4-Cycles in General Graphs using Fast Matrix Multiplication

*PODS 2025*

with Sepehr Assadi.

### Fully Dynamic Adversarially Robust Correlation Clustering in Polylogarithmic Update Time

*AISTATS 2025*

with Vladimir Braverman, Prathamesh Dharangutte, Shreyas Pai and Chen Wang.

### Space Complexity of Minimum Cut Problems in Single-Pass Streams

*ITCS 2025*

with Matthew Ding, Alexandro Garces, Jason Li, Honghao Lin, Jelani Nelson, and David Woodruff.

### Learning-augmented Maximum Independent Set

*APPROX 2024*

with Vladimir Braverman, Prathamesh Dharangutte and Chen Wang.

### New Lower Bounds in Merlin-Arthur Communication and Graph Streaming Verification

*ITCS 2024*

with Prantar Ghosh

<b>Streaming Algorithms and Lower Bounds for Estimating Correlation Clustering Cost</b> with Sepehr Assadi and Chen Wang	<i>NeurIPS 2023</i>
<b>Tight Bounds for Vertex Connectivity in Dynamic Streams</b> with Sepehr Assadi	<i>SOSA 2023</i>
<b>Generalizing Greenwald-Khanna Streaming Quantile Summaries for Weighted Inputs</b> with Sepehr Assadi, Nirmal Joshi and Milind Prabhu	<i>ICDT 2023</i>
<b>Space Optimal Vertex Cover in Dynamic Streams</b> with Kheeran K. Naidu	<i>APPROX 2022</i>
<b>An Asymptotically Optimal Algorithm for Maximum Matching in Dynamic Streams</b> with Sepehr Assadi	<i>ITCS 2022</i>

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>NeurIPS Scholar Award</b>	<i>October 2023</i>
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## TALKS

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<b>Young Researcher Seminar Series</b> , Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago	<i>April 2025</i>
<b>Seminar Talk</b> , University of Waterloo	<i>March 2025</i>
<b>Seminar Talk</b> , Dartmouth College	<i>January 2025</i>
<b>Reading Group Presentation</b> , Rutgers University	<i>June 2024</i>

## EXTERNAL REVIEWER

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<b>Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC)</b>	<i>2022, 2024, 2025</i>
<b>Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS)</b>	<i>2025</i>
<b>Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)</b>	<i>2022, 2023, 2024</i>
<b>Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS)</b>	<i>2024, 2025</i>
<b>Symposium on Principles of Database Systems (PODS)</b>	<i>2025</i>
<b>European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA)</b>	<i>2022, 2023, 2024</i>
<b>International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP)</b>	<i>2023, 2025</i>
<b>Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC)</b>	<i>2021</i>

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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Directed Reading Program (DRP) Mentor for Women in Mathematics (WiM) at University of Waterloo *Winter 24*

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Mentor along with my advisor Sepehr Assadi at Rutgers University/DIMACS *Summer 23*

Guest Lectures on Sublinear and Streaming Algorithms at PACT (Program in Algorithmic and Combinatorial Thinking) in Princeton University *Summer 20, 21, 22, 23, 24*

Guest Lecture, Randomized Algorithms (CS 761) at the University of Waterloo *Winter 2025*

Teaching Assistant for Design and Analysis of Computer Algorithms (CS 344) at Rutgers University *Spring 21, 22, Fall 21*

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Discrete Structures (CS 205) at Rutgers University *Fall 20, Summer 21*

Teaching Assistant for Discrete Mathematics at PACT *Summer 19*

## REFERENCES

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