

# Yuliana Jasso

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## EDUCATION

### The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Specializing in Artificial Intelligence

GPA: 3.44 | Remote, TX

Aug 2024 – Present

### The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Business Administration

GPA: 3.58 | Edinburg, TX

Aug 2016 – May 2024

## EXPERIENCE

### Software Engineering Resident

Nov 2024 – Apr 2025

Headstarter

Remote, TX

- Developed and deployed **machine learning solutions** and **full-stack web applications** using **React, Next.js, and Gradio**, delivering new features on a weekly schedule to support rapid product iteration.
- Received **one-to-one mentorship** from industry advisors, sharpening technical skills and gaining insights into best practices for scalable software architecture.

### Technology Operations Intern

Mar 2022 – May 2023

IDEA Public Schools

Weslaco, TX

- Provided comprehensive **technical support** for hardware, peripherals, and network connections.
- Maintained computers, classroom equipment, and printers across headquarters, **reducing downtime for staff and students**.
- Contributed to a major **mobility change** project, transitioning over 3,000 staff to a new cellular service and **saving the company millions of dollars per year**.

## PROJECTS

### Researchella | [Live Link](#)

Nov 2025

- Built an AI-powered research assistant using **Next.js, React, and OpenAI**, inspired by my Hack Research 2023 project and Google's NotebookLM, enabling users to upload materials and chat with their sources.
- Implemented a **RAG pipeline** with **LangChain** and **Pinecone** over embedded document chunks to ground responses in original papers and reduce hallucinations.
- Related work and more is showcased [on my website](#).

## ACHIEVEMENTS / ACTIVITIES

### Hackathon Achievements

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Nov 2024

- Built a Don Pollo call-simulation **Next.js** web app with an **ElevenLabs conversational AI** widget and a Google T-Rex mini-game; **won Memenome Best Don Pollo Integration Hack** at the viral jia.seed brainrot hackathon (\$1k grand prize, 1k+ participants).

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Oct 2024

- Created a **Google Gemini AI**-powered recycling assistant using **JavaScript** and **won 1st place in Sustainability** at Frontera Hacks (24-hour hackathon, 200+ participants).

Healthcare AI RAG Tutoring System

Nov 2023

- Built a **GPT-4 + RAG tutoring system** over medical textbooks, including a custom **Python** scraper; **won 1st place in AI Healthcare** at Hack Research 2023 (24-hour research-focused hackathon, 200+ participants).

### Additional Experience

- UTRGV Leadership Roles – Served as **Software Engineering Mentor, CS II PLTL Leader, TexPREP Mentor, and BOOSTCAMP Mentor**, collectively supporting 25–30 students per cohort in **C++/DSA**, STEM projects, and engineering-focused challenges.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** C++, Python, SQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

**Technologies:** Git, VS Code, Cursor, Claude, GPT, GitHub Copilot, Grok, Lightning AI, Google Colab, Gradio, Jupyter Notebook, Jira, Xcode

**Expertise:** Web Development, Generative AI