

# ZAINAB MEMON

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## Education

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Expected May 2027

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, Minor in Mathematics

GPA: 3.53/4.00

Honors: James Scholar Honor Student, Grainger First-Year Projects Scholar

## Relevant Coursework

- Algorithms & Models of Computation
- Data Structures (C++)
- Cryptography
- Digital Signal Processing (Python)
- Secure Systems Administration

## Certificates & Skills

**Certificates:** Zscaler Fundamentals of Cybersecurity, Illinois Leadership Certificate

**Programming:** C, C++, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Python, Java, LaTeX, React, SQL

**Tools:** GitHub, Visual Studio Code, Linux, AMD Vivado, Breadboard Circuitry, Autodesk Fusion 360, Adobe Tools, Canva

## Experience

### Girls Who Code

May 2024 – Aug. 2025

Lead Teaching Assistant

Remote

- Led a team of TAs to deliver JavaScript game development to 350+ students while tracking progress and attendance
- Mentored 60 students via project planning/guidance, 80+ hours of debugging support, and professional development

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2023

Introduction to Computer Science I Course Staff

Champaign, IL

- Recorded homework solution walkthrough videos and provided debugging support for homework & machine projects
- Trained course assistants in Java concepts, grading standards, and student support strategies, to support 500+ students

### Illinois Mathematics Lab (formerly Illinois Geometry Lab)

Jun. 2022 – Jul. 2022

Summer Research Intern

Champaign, IL

- Developed Python programs to represent generalizations such as Waring's problem and Quadratic forms
- Researched expression of natural numbers as the sum of four squared integers & authored findings in a 9-page report

## Projects

### Smart Home Automation App | React Native (Expo), Node.js, npm, Git, Android Studio

Aug. 2024 – Present

- Developed an app for smart home lighting control using React Native and Expo, integrating multiple smart devices
- Enabled remote lighting automation and visualized real-time energy consumption to optimize energy efficiency

### AcademiCal (Startup) | Svelte, SvelteKit, Google Gemini API, Tailwind CSS, Cloudflare

Jan. 2025 – Present

- Created SvelteKit web app that parses course syllabi, .ics, & spreadsheets to auto-generate personalized calendar files
- Improved student deadline tracking and management by extracting key dates and integrating with Google Gemini API

### Leadership Certificate Website | HTML, CSS, JavaScript

May 2025 – Oct. 2025

- Designed and deployed a responsive HTML/CSS/JavaScript website highlighting leadership and personal growth
- Implemented animations, interactivity, and a dynamic navigation bar to enhance functionality and user experience

### Fatima4Unit4 (Campaign Website) | HTML, CSS

Feb. 2025 – Mar. 2025

- Built a campaign website using HTML/CSS, optimized for smooth functionality on multiple devices
- Researched and integrated ballot access information to support the candidate and increase civic engagement

## Extracurriculars

### ECE Student Advancement Committee

Aug. 2024 – Present

Publicity Chair, Academic Affairs Team Member

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

- Established the new organization website, migrating old content to new domain and continuously updating content
- Organized department-wide events and led circuit demos that engaged 1,000+ visitors during outreach initiatives
- Designed promotional content with Canva and Photoshop & grew Instagram engagement by 31.7%

### Illinois Student Council

Apr. 2024 – Present

Vice Chair of Environmental Sustainability, Engineering Representative

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

- Organized Trash Clean-Up, Clothing Swap, and Earth Week events to promote and expand sustainable practices
- Directed committee operations, overseeing agendas, logistics, and attendance to facilitate productive meetings
- Led civic engagement initiatives, including voter registration drives and the South Asian Student Experience panel