

# SHIBO ZHANG

## Final-year Computer Science PhD

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

- My PhD research area is **machine learning** and **human activity recognition**.
- I have experience in applying machine learning and deep learning techniques to help advance our ability to perceive human behaviors and facilitate human life. I am especially willing to attack the hardest and most challenging problems and make a difference in our lives.
- I am expected to graduate in the summer of 2021.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

### Deep Generative On-body Sensor Synthesis from Video

📅 2020 – 2021

- Propose a deep generative cross-modal model to synthesize on-body sensor data from videos. Experiments conducted on public sensor-based activity recognition datasets illustrate the validity of the synthetic data.
- Aims at expand on-body sensor dataset, by generating synthetic sensor data from video.

### Sensor Fusion for Complex Activity Detection

📅 2019 – 2021

- Applied deep learning based multi-sensor (IMUs, respiration sensor, and GPS) fusion algorithms to detect daily activities including smoking and eating gestures in long-term wild settings.
- Proposed a time synchronization method to resolve the clock-sync issue between wearable-camera and on-body accelerometer. Published a paper on top conference Ubicomp as a co-first author.

### An Eating Detection Approach using a Multi-sensor Neck-lace

📅 2017 – 2019

- Proposed a two-stage eating detection approach multi-sensor necklace. Applied a periodic peak detection algorithm in large volume of time series data, followed by gradient boosting algorithm to detect eating activity in free living setting. A density-based clustering method is then used towards eating episode recognition.
- Published a first-author paper on top conference Ubicomp and won the Best Presentation Runner-up Award.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 **Best Poster Award**, UbiComp (2%)  
2020 **Best Presentation Runner-up**, Audience Choice, UbiComp (1.3%)  
2019 **Distinguished Paper Award**, IMWUT (3.7%)  
2018 Student Travel Scholarship, NSF  
2017 Travel Grant, Northwestern  
2016 **Best Paper Award**, ACM BodyNets  
2013 Best Intern Award, Eaton  
2012 Best Intern Award, Eaton  
2012 Outstanding Thesis Award, HIT (3%)  
2012 Eaton Innovation Scholarship

## SKILLS

Machine Learning Deep Learning  
Time-series Analysis Signal Processing  
Speech Recognition Computer Vision  
Embedded System  
Python Matlab R C & C++

## EDUCATION

### PhD in Computer Science

**Northwestern University**

📅 2016 – 2021 Evanston, IL

### MS in Computer Science

**Northwestern University**

📅 2015 – 2017 Evanston, IL

### BS & MS in Electrical Engineering

**Harbin Institute of Technology**

📅 2008 – 2014 Harbin, China

## EMPLOYMENT

### Research Intern

**Samsung Research America**

📅 2021 Jan – Apr Remote

### Machine Learning Intern

**OPPO Research US**

📅 2019 Jul – Sep Palo Alto, CA

### Engineering Intern

**DJI Technology Co.**

📅 2015 Jul – Aug Shenzhen, China

### Engineering & Leadership Trainee

**Eaton Corp., Global Research & Technology**

📅 2014 – 2015 Shanghai, China

### Research Intern (thesis)

**Eaton Corp., Global Research & Technology**

📅 2012 – 2014 Shanghai, China

## PUBLICATIONS

20+ publications in peer-reviewed conferences and journals.