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Education






- 2017 – **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE**
PhD, Computer Science and Engineering
[GPA: 3.95/4.0, Advisers: Jon Froehlich, Leah Findlater](#)
- 2014 – 2016 **MIT MEDIA LAB**
Masters, Media Arts and Sciences
[GPA: 5.0/5.0, President of MIT Scuba Club](#)
- 2009 – 2013 **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, DELHI**
Bachelors, Computer Science and Engineering
[GPA: 9.23/10.0, Class Rank: 3/81, **best bachelors thesis**](#)

Employment

- Summer '19 **MICROSOFT RESEARCH**
Research intern
[Mentors: Sasa Junuzovic, Meredith Ringel Morris](#)
- Summer '19 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK**
Research Intern
[Advisers: Jon Froehlich, Leah Findlater](#)
- Fall '13 **MICROSOFT RESEARCH, INDIA**
Research Intern
[Mentors: Kalika Bali, Ed Cutrell](#)
- Summer '13 **DAVID & LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION**
Intern
[Manager: Aaditeshwar Seth](#)
- Summer '12 **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON**
Research Intern
[Adviser: Vinay Ribeiro](#)
- Winter '12 **STANFORD INDIA BIODESIGN**
Visiting Researcher
[Host: Pragun Goyal, Mayank Kumar](#)

Publications

- 2020² **HOMESOUND: AN ITERATIVE FIELD DEPLOYMENT OF AN IN-HOME SOUND AWARENESS SYSTEM FOR DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING USERS**
[Jain, Mack, Amrous, Wright, Goodman, Findlater, Froehlich](#)
[ACM CHI 2020](#)
- 1 **EVALUATING SMARTWATCH-BASED SOUND FEEDBACK FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING USERS ACROSS CONTEXTS**
[Goodman, Kirchner-Adelhardt, Guttman, Jain, Froehlich, and Findlater](#)
[ACM CHI 2020](#)
- 2019⁴ **AUTOETHNOGRAPHY OF A HARD OF HEARING TRAVELER**
[Jain, Desjardins, Findlater, and Froehlich](#)
[ACM ASSETS 2019](#)
 **best paper honorable mention**
- 3 **SOCIAL TENSIONS WITH HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAYS FOR ACCESSIBILITY**
[Goodman, Jain, Froehlich, Craft, and Findlater](#)
[ACM CHI 2019 \(Workshop\)](#)

- 2 **EXPLORING SOUND AWARENESS IN THE HOME FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING**
Jain, Lin, Guttman, Amalachandran, Zeng, Findlater, and Froehlich
[ACM CHI 2019](#)
- 1 **DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING INDIVIDUALS' PREFERENCES FOR WEARABLE AND MOBILE SOUND AWARENESS**
Findlater, Chinh, Jain, Froehlich, Kushalnagar, and Lin
[ACM CHI 2019](#)
- 2018 2 **TOWARDS ACCESSIBLE CONVERSATIONS IN A MOBILE CONTEXT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**
Jain, Franz, Findlater, Cannon, Kushalnagar, and Froehlich
[ACM ASSETS 2018](#)
- 1 **EXPLORING AUGMENTED REALITY APPROACHES TO REAL-TIME CAPTIONING: A PRELIMINARY AUTOETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY**
Jain, Chinh, Findlater, Kushalnagar, and Froehlich
[ACM DIS 2018 \(Poster\)](#)
- 2016 4 **IMMERSIVE SCUBA DIVING SIMULATOR USING VIRTUAL REALITY**
Jain, Sra, Gro, Marques, Wu, Chiu, and Schmandt
[ACM UIST 2016](#)
 MIT council of arts grant (\$4k), [extensive press coverage](#)
- 3 **RESOLVING SPATIAL VARIATION AND ALLOWING SPECTATOR PARTICIPATION IN MULTIPLAYER VR**
Sra, Jain, Caetano, Calvo, Hilton, and Schmandt
[ACM UIST 2016 \(Poster\)](#)
- 2 **IMMERSIVE TERRESTRIAL SCUBA DIVING USING VIRTUAL REALITY**
Jain, Sra, Gro, Marques, Wu, Chiu, and Schmandt
[ACM CHI 2016 \(Ext. Abs.\)](#)
 [extensive press coverage](#)
- 1 **TOWARDS INTERACTIVE FORCE-SENSITIVE DIGITALLY ENCODED MATERIALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL MODELS AND CONSTRUCTION**
Jain, Babbitt, Canning, and Willmer-Shiles
[ACM CHI 2016 \(Workshop\)](#)
- 2015 2 **JOGCALL: PERSUASIVE SYSTEM FOR COUPLES TO JOG TOGETHER**
Jain, and Schmandt
[PERSUASIVE 2015](#)
- 1 **HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAY VISUALIZATIONS TO SUPPORT SOUND AWARENESS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**
Jain, Findlater, Gilkeson, Holland, Duraiswami, Zotkin, Vogler, and Froehlich
[ACM CHI 2015](#)
 Google faculty research award (\$90k), NSF grant (\$1.2m), UW reality lab grant (\$90k)
- 2014 2 **PILOT EVALUATION OF A PATH-GUIDED INDOOR NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED IN A PUBLIC MUSEUM**
Jain
[ACM ASSETS 2014 \(Poster\)](#)
- 1 **PATH-GUIDED INDOOR NAVIGATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED USING MINIMAL BUILDING RETROFITTING**
Jain
[ACM ASSETS 2014](#)
 Samsung university relations grant (\$25k), IIT Delhi alumni award (₹200k), best bachelors thesis (₹10k), [extensive press coverage](#)
- 2013 3 **PATH-GUIDED AUDIO BASED INDOOR NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**
Jain, Jain, Paul, Komarika, and Balakrishnan
[ACM ASSETS 2013](#)
 [extensive press coverage](#)
- 2 **APPLICATION OF SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY BASED ACTUATION FOR REFRESHABLE DISPLAY OF BRAILLE**

Singhal, Jain, Chanana, Jain, Paul, Balakrishnan, and Rao
[ASME/IEEE MESA 2013](#)

1 **WHITESPACE NETWORKS FOR VEHICULAR COMMUNICATION**

Jain, Gupta, Gautam, Kumar, Ribeiro, and Sharma
[COMSNETS 2013 \(Poster\)](#)

2012 1 **DESIGN AND USER STUDY OF AN AFFORDABLE CELLPHONE BASED INDOOR NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

Jain, Agrawal, Maheshwari, Mittal, Balakrishnan, Rao, and 11 others
[TRANSED 2012](#)



best paper award, extensive press coverage

Academic Service

2020 **PROGRAM COMMITTEE – POSTER & DEMOS CO-CHAIR**
ACM ASSETS 2020

2020 **PROGRAM COMMITTEE – ASSOCIATE CHAIR (AC)**
ACM CHI 2020 LBW

2019 **ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR**
ACM ASSETS 2019

2019 **DESIGN & WEB CO-CHAIR**
ACM UIST 2019

2016 – **REVIEWER (30+ PAPERS)**
ACM CHI '16 '17 '18 '19 '20, ACM UIST '17 '18 '19, ACM TACCESS '18, IEEE VR '20

Teaching and Leadership Experience

2013 – **WORLDWIDE EDUCATION OUTREACH INITIATIVES**
Faculty and organizing member of DIY workshops in India ('13 '14 '15 '16, sponsored by MIT, TechTop, Samsung, ICICI Bank), South Africa ('15, sponsored by KwaZulu-Natal), Mexico ('16, sponsored by CDC Mexico), and France ('17, sponsored by Grenoble École de Management)

2012 – **TEACHING ASSISTANT**
University of Washington Seattle (Spring '18 – HCI, Fall '17 – HCI), MIT (Fall '15 – Principles of Assistive Technology), IIT Delhi (Spring '13 – Digital Hardware Design, Fall '12 – Embedded Systems)

2011 – 2014 **MIT SCUBA CLUB**
President ('15-'16), Vice President ('14-'15)

2014 – 2016 **MIT AND IIT DELHI ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CLUBS**
Co-Director of MIT AT Club ('14-'16), Treasurer of MIT ASL Club ('16), Co-Founder of IIT Delhi AT Club ('12-'14)

Awards and Honors

2019 **MADRONA PRIZE RUNNER UP**
University of Washington, for project: In-Home Sound Awareness

2019 **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**
During Industry Affiliates University of Washington, for project: In-Home Sound Awareness

2018 **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**
During Industry Affiliates University of Washington, for project: Augmented Reality Captioning

2015 – 2016 **GOOGLE LIME SCHOLAR**
Among 12 disabled students selected in the US for this prestigious scholarship (\$10,000)

2015 **BEST PROPOSAL, MIT ICAMPUSPRIZE**
Presented for a vision to make MIT campus more accessible to people with disabilities (\$3,500)

2013	BEST BACHELORS THESIS Among 250+ students in IIT Delhi class of 2013 (cash prize of INR 200,000).
2012 – 2013	BEST RESEARCH PROJECT IN SEVERAL NATIONAL COMPETITIONS Govt. of India Budding Innovators Award 2013, Govt. of India Young Innovators Award 2012, IBM Research Academic Exchange Award 2013, IBM Research Academic Exchange Award 2012, Quest Global Inc. Ingenium Award 2013, all awarded for the project Roshni: Indoor Navigation System for Visually Impaired Users.
2009	ALL INDIA RANK 1 IIT Joint Entrance Exam (IIT-JEE), disabled category

Invited Talks

Feb 2020	WHAT IS GRADUATE SCHOOL LIKE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES? Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts
Jan 2016	APPLICATIONS OF SCUBA DIVING SIMULATOR FOR THE NAVY United States Navy, Boston, Massachusetts
Aug 2017	INCLUSIVE DESIGN Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India
Nov 2013	INNOVATIONS IN ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT Microsoft Research, Bangalore, India

Grants

Oct 2015	MIT COUNCIL OF ARTS GRANT – \$4,000 For project Amphibian: Immersive Scuba Diving Simulator Using Virtual Reality
Aug 2015	MIT MEDIA LAB ADHOC GRANT – \$1,500 To organize the first American Sign Language class at MIT
Jun 2015	MIT PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER GRANT – \$1,600 For project Vibes: Wrist Worn Tactile Device to Support Sound Awareness for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Users
May 2014	SAMSUNG UNIVERSITY RELATIONS GRANT – \$25,000 For project Roshni: Indoor Navigation System for Visually Impaired Users

Students Mentored

2019 –	Kelly Mack , PhD., Computer Science and Engineering (currently at UW)
2018 –	Venkatesh Potluri , PhD., Computer Science and Engineering (currently at UW)
2019	Akli Amrous , High School Student (currently at Bishop Blanchet)
2018	Angela Carey Lin , High School Student, Seattle Prep (currently undergraduate at U Penn)
2015 – 2016	Jingru Guo , Undergraduate, Rhode Island School of Design (currently at Amazon)
2015 - 2018	Anand Parikh , Undergraduate, IIT Madras (currently CEO of Shira MedTech)
2014 – 2015	Brendon Chiu , Undergraduate, Mechanical Engineering, MIT (currently at Virgin Orbit)
2014 – 2015	Eric Manzi , Undergraduate, Computer Science, MIT (currently at Facebook)
2014	Rohit Satija , Masters, Biotechnology, IIT Delhi (currently PhD at UT Austin)
2013 – 2014	Arjun Bhatia , Undergraduate, IIT BHU (currently a freelance author)

Selected Press Articles

Nov 2019	GeekWire , A smart ring for AR, real-time AI for healthcare, and more UW tech innovations
Nov 2019	BusinessWire , Madrona Awards 2019
Nov 2018	GeekWire , From fighting Alzheimer's to AR captions, UW CSE students show cutting-edge innovations
Aug 2016	Quartz , The invention of the scuba simulator can transform the way humans think about the ocean
May 2016	Business Insider , MIT's virtual scuba simulator makes you feel like you are really underwater
Apr 2016	MIT Tech Review , Disability-Simulating VR Promotes Empathy
Apr 2016	Communications of the ACM , Experiencing Underwater Worlds, Virtually
Apr 2016	BostInno , VR on Steroids: This 3D Simulator Makes Your Entire Body Feel Like You're Scuba Diving
Apr 2016	R&D Mag , Scuba Dive Without Getting Wet
Apr 2016	Phys.org , SCUBA simulator advances VR research while exploring the relationship between diving and disability

Apr 2016 | **ECN Mag**, SCUBA simulator advances the field of virtual reality
Apr 2016 | **Azo Sensors**, Amphibian SCUBA Diving Simulator Lets Abled People Experience Underwater World
Mar 2016 | **MIT News**, Experiencing underwater worlds, virtually
Jul 2015 | **MIT News**, Vision for a more accessible MIT
Oct 2014 | **Metro (UK)**, Infrared guidance for the blind
Oct 2014 | **New Scientist**, Light beacons let map app talk to blind people
Jan 2014 | **Hindustan Times**, A seeing eye app for indoor use
Dec 2013 | **Electronics for You**, Roshni - Indoor Navigation System for visually impaired
Jul 2014 | **Deccan Herald**, No dearth of avenues
Jun 2013 | **Times of India**, Winners of 'QuEST Ingenium 2013' announced
Dec 2012 | **Deccan Herald**, Working to beat disability
Apr 2012 | **Dainik Bhaskar**, IIT's invention: Blind people will reach their destination without any help
Apr 2012 | **Hindustan Times**, A taste of future with students of IIT Delhi
Apr 2012 | **Indian Express**, IIT showcases camouflage tech, multiple-user screens
Apr 2012 | **Mathrubhumi Education**, IIT to display smart tech: Smartcane, Indoor Navigation System, Tactile Graphics
May 2009 | **Times of India**, Father helped him with notes, he heard the call
May 2007 | **The Hindu**, Disabled boy scores 95%
May 2007 | **Hindustan Times**, Overcoming odds to reach the top