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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

Ph.D. Student (Expected date of graduation: 5/2029)

Illinois, USA

8/2024-Present

- **Research interest:** information retrieval, learned sparse retrieval, retrieval-augmented generation, cross-modal information retrieval, generative model, vision language model
- **GPA:** 3.92/4.0
- **Academic advisor:** Prof. Kevin Chang.

Hanoi University of Science and Technology

BSc. in Computer Science

Hanoi, Vietnam

8/2018-5/2023

PUBLICATIONS

List of publications on [Google Scholar](#).

Preprint

1. **Lam Thanh Do**, Bhagyashree Taleka, Hozaifa Ammar Bhutta, Vikram Sharma Mailthody, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang, Wen-mei Hwu. IRB: Automated Generation of Robust Factuality Benchmarks. *Under submission*. 2026
2. **Lam Thanh Do**, Linh Van Nguyen, David Fu, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang. CASPER: Concept-integrated Sparse Representation for Scientific Retrieval. *Under submission*. 2026
3. David Jiahao Fu, **Lam Thanh Do**, Jiayu Li, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang. AttentionRetriever: Attention Layers are Secretly Long Document Retrievers. *Under submission*. 2026

Conference Publications

1. **Lam Thanh Do**, Aaditya Bodke, Pritom Saha Akash, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang. ERU-KG: Efficient Reference-aligned Unsupervised Keyphrase Generation. *The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. 2025.
2. **Lam Thanh Do**, Pritom Saha Akash, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang. Unsupervised Open-domain Keyphrase Generation. *The 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. 2023.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Forward Data Lab, UIUC

Illinois, USA

Research Assistant

8/2024-present

- **Description:** Working on learned sparse retrieval (LSR) algorithms for scientific documents.
- **Advisor:** Prof. Kevin Chang

The Impact Research Group, UIUC

Illinois, USA

Research Assistant

6/2025-present

- **Description:** Working on a framework for automatic RAG benchmarks construction with quality guarantee.
- **Advisor:** Prof. Wei-mei Hwu

Forward Data Lab, UIUC

Hanoi, Vietnam

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Part-time, remote)

4/2021-12/2022

- **Description:** Developed unsupervised keyphrase generation algorithms that achieved performance nearly equal to a supervised model.
- **Advisor:** Prof. Kevin Chang

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Cazoodle Inc.

Hanoi, Vietnam

Lead Software Engineer

5/2023-8/2024

- **Co-founded** the Academic Online project (*Explore, Public Profile*) with my advisor. This project collects and combines scholarly data from various sources to help users understand the research landscape. **Led a team** of 9 members throughout its development.
- The project are currently being beta-tested by **seven US institutions**.
- **Advisor:** Prof. Kevin Chang

iCOMM Media & Tech, Jsc

Hanoi, Vietnam

Software Engineer

12/2022-5/2023

- **Topic:** News Reports Generator for the Vietnamese Language

Viettel Group

Software Engineer

- **Topic:** Recommendation System for **TV360**

Hanoi, Vietnam

12/2021-10/2022

Pixta Inc.

Software Engineer

- Worked on a Learning-to-Rank system for **Pixtastock** alongside 2 other members.
- Achieved a **15% increase in click-through rate** and a **4% increase in conversion rate** in the first A/B test. The project was eventually deployed to production and is **currently in use**.

Hanoi, Vietnam

5/2020-4/2021

Pixta Inc.

Software Engineer Intern

- Designed an Automatic Image Tag Annotation system. The tags are used by the **Pixtastock** search engine. The project was deployed to production and is **currently in use**.

Hanoi, Vietnam

9/2019-5/2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Lecturer*, VietAI (10/2023 - Present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Reviewer: ACL

SKILLS

1. **Programming languages:** Python, C/C++, SQL.
2. **Technologies:** Numpy, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, HuggingFace, Git, AWS, Docker, Linux, L^AT_EX.
3. **Languages:** English (*fluent*), Vietnamese (*native*).

RELEVANT COURSES

• CS483 - Applied Parallel Programming by Prof. Volodymyr Kindratenko	<i>(UIUC - Spring 2026)</i>
• ECE534 - Random Processes by Prof. Olgica Milenkovic	<i>(UIUC - Spring 2026)</i>
• CS512 - Data Mining Principles by Prof. Jiaxuan You	<i>(UIUC - Fall 2025)</i>
• CS546 - Advanced Topics in NLP by Prof. Dilek Hakkani-Tur	<i>(UIUC - Fall 2025)</i>
• CS510 - Advanced Information Retrieval by Prof. ChengXiang Zhai	<i>(UIUC - Spring 2025)</i>
• CS447 - Natural Language Processing by Prof. Julia Hockenmaier	<i>(UIUC - Spring 2025)</i>
• CS412 - Machine Learning by Prof. Arindam Banerjee	<i>(UIUC - Fall 2024)</i>
• CS410 - Text Information Systems by Prof. Pablo D Robles Granda	<i>(UIUC - Fall 2024)</i>

REFERENCE

1. **Prof. Kevin Chang**, Full Professor at the Siebel School of Computing and Data Science - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), USA *kcchang@illinois.edu*
2. **Prof. Wen-mei Hwu**, Professor and Sanders-AMD Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), USA *w-hwu@illinois.edu*