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Education

Seoul National University Integrated M.S./PhD, Interdisciplinary Program in Artificial Intelligence (Advisor: Bongwon Suh)	Seoul, Republic of Korea Mar. 2026 - Present
Hanyang University (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>) B.S. in Department of Data Science, Cognitive Science Major <i>Representative graduate at the commencement ceremony</i>	Seoul, Republic of Korea Mar. 2021 - Feb. 2026
Concordia University Exchange student	Montreal, Canada Aug. 2023 - Dec. 2023

Research Experience

Human Centered Computing Lab (HCCL), Seoul National University Undergraduate Research Intern, <i>Advisor: Prof. Bongwon Suh</i> <i>Conducted research on Human-AI Interaction and AI companion design. First-authored papers accepted at CHI EA 2026 and HCIK 2026, and contributed as co-author to a paper accepted at CHI 2026.</i>	Jul. 2025 - Feb. 2026
AI Model Development Intern Hanwha General Insurance <i>Developed an LLM-based RAG question-answering assistant for insurance policy documents using LangChain, HuggingFace, and related LLM frameworks.</i>	Jan. 2025 - Feb. 2025
Digital Healthcare International Collaborative Researcher Hanyang Digital Healthcare Center, <i>Advisor: Prof. Kyungsik Han, Hyungsook Kim</i> <i>Analyzed mobile app log data using Azure Databricks to investigate user characteristics across depression levels and proposed service improvement strategies.</i>	Jun. 2024 - Dec. 2024
Computational Motor Neuroscience Lab, Hanyang University Undergraduate Research Assistant, <i>Advisor: Prof. Sungshin Kim</i> <i>Received hands-on training in TMS and fMRI experimental protocols and assisted with human-subject experiments.</i>	Jul. 2021 - Aug. 2021

Publication

2026	InterAICion: Multi-turn Simulation Framework for Relational Harm in AI Companions. <u>Minchae Kim*</u> , Jung Lee*, Minjeong Shin, Kyusik Kim, Bongwon Suh. <i>EMNLP 2026 (Under Review)</i>
2026	“What Keeps Fans on the Silent Field?”: Understanding Lean-Back Football Fans via AI Sports Broadcasting in Non-Event Time. Kyusik Kim, Jaehoon Choi, Hoyeol Yang, Hyunsoo Choi, <u>Minchae Kim</u> , Minjeong Shin,

Bongwon Suh.

[CHI 2026](#)

2026 “Just Listening Was Enough—Until it Wasn’t”: Relationship-Stage-Aware Cognitive Scaffolding in AI Companions.

Minchae Kim, Hyungwoo Song, Jung Lee, Bongwon Suh.

[CHI EA 2026](#)

2026 From Relief to Resilience: Designing Adaptive AI Companions via Social Penetration Theory and Implicit Cognitive Reframing.

Minchae Kim, Hyungwoo Song, Bongwon Suh.

[HCIK 2026 \(HCI Korea\)](#)

2024 Poster: Analysis of User Characteristics by Depression Levels Based on Mobile Data.

Minchae Kim, Hyunji Kim, Jibin Hwang.

[KDMS 2024 \(Korea Data Mining Society - Autumn Conference 2024\)](#)

References

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