Sieun Kim

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EDUCATION

Seoul National University Mar 2020 – Feb 2025 (Exp.)

B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering, Chemical and Biological Engineering (double major)

Seoul, Korea

• GPA: 4.22/4.3 (cumulative), 4.20/4.3 (CSE major), 4.20/4.3 (CBE major)

University of Washington Mar 2024 – Jun 2024

Exchange Student Program

Seattle, US

• GPA: 3.98/4.0, Dean's List

Sejong Academy of Science and Arts

Mar 2017 - Feb 2020

High-school for Specialized Students in Math and Science Sejong, Korea

RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Goals: Context-Aware Human-Computer Interaction, Semantic Understanding of Human Actions, Intent Inference for Assistance

• Approaches: HCI, Applied ML, Ubiquitous Computing, AR/VR, Computer Vision, Sensing

PUBLICATIONS

[1] **Sieun Kim**. 2025. Designing an Educational Tool to Improve Understanding and Planning in Chemistry Laboratory Courses. In *Extended Abstracts of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '25)*.

[2] Jaewook Lee*, **Sieun Kim***, Minji Park, Catherine L Rasgaitis, and Jon E. Froehlich. 2024. Embodied AR Language Learning Through Everyday Object Interactions: A Demonstration of EARLL. In *Adjunct Proceedings of the 37th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST Adjunct '24).* Article 52, 1–3. (*: equal contribution)

[3] **Sieun Kim**, Kyungjin Lee, and Youngki Lee. 2024. Color-cued Efficient Densification Method for 3D Gaussian Splatting. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops.* 775–783.

EXPERIENCE

Makeability Lab, UW

Mar 2024 - Present

Research Assistant (Advisor: Prof. Jon E. Froehlich)

Seattle, US / Remote

• Embodied AR Language Learning Through Everyday Object Interactions: Implemented head-mounted AR system enabling context-aware, subtle vocabulary learning through grab-and-hold interactions with everyday objects as cues. [2]

• AR Systems for Low Vision Sports and Cooking: Designed AR systems to assist people with low vision by enhancing visual saliency in cooking (CookAR, UIST 2024) and sports environments (full paper in preparation).

Human-Centered Computer Systems Lab, SNU

Mar 23' – Mar 24', Jan 25' – Present

Research Intern (Advisor: Prof. Youngki Lee)

Seoul, Korea

- Real-time NeRF Streaming for Mobile Telepresence: Optimized NeRF variants to meet size and latency requirements for mobile.
- Color-cued Densification for 3D Gaussian Splatting: Suggested new method for densifying Gaussian primitives using color cues to reduce data size while preserving quality. [3]

KIXLAB, KAIST

Jul 2024 – Feb 2025

Research Intern (Advisor: Prof. Juho Kim)

Daejeon, Korea / Remote

• Understanding Gig Tutors and Their Perceptions on Algorithmic Feedback: Implemented automated tutor feedback system for distributed language tutorship, and surveyed gig-tutors on how dual roles shape feedback perceptions. (Currently under review)

Hyundai Motor Company

Jan 2023 - Feb 2023

Research Intern Hwaseong, Korea

• EV Driving Pattern Analysis and Prediction Using Big Data: Worked on predicting EV driving and charging patterns to simulate battery degradation across various driver personas.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

National Presidential Science Scholarship | Korea Student Aid Foundation

Mar 2020 - Feb 2024

• Recognized as one of Korea's top 120 STEM students by the President; awarded \$44,000 covering full tuition and stipend.

Learning Sciences Research Grant | SNU Learning Sciences Research Institute

Sept 2024 - Jan 2025

• Awarded \$2,000 research grant for [Pril] / [1].

Specialized Semiconductor Scholarship | SNU Semiconductor Program

Nov 2023 – Present

• Recognized for excellence in interdisciplinary studies; awarded \$14,300.

Best Poster - SNU Computer Science and Engineering Thesis Showcase | SNU CSE

Feb 2025

Grand Prize - Creative Design Fair *awarded to* [Prj2] SNU College of Engineering

Sep 2023

Sep 2023

Grand Prize - National ICT Smart Device Contest awarded to [Prj2] Ministry of Science and ICT

Aug 2023

Grand Prize - Social Responsibility Plus+ Contest awarded to [Prj3] SNU Social Responsibility Grand Prize - Creative Design Contest for the Under-privileged 90% awarded to [Prj4] Sharing and Tech Inc.

Oct 2021

Sejong Gifted Award | Sejong Academy of Science and Arts

Nov 2020

Recognized as the most outstanding student among 91 graduates.

Feb 2020

PROJECTS &

[Prj1] ChemLab Planner: Automating Methods into Timelines for Enhanced Experiment Planning

Sep 2024 - Present

- Developing system that converts text lab manuals into interactive timelines, enhancing experiment planning in real lab conditions.
- Bachelor's Thesis in Chemical and Biological Engineering (Advisor: Prof. Moo Sun Hong)
- Selected for presentation at the Student Research Contest at CHI 2025. [1]

[Prj2] PlayEye: Toy for Preventing Child Myopia

Jul 2023 - Nov 2023

- Developed child-friendly physical toy and software UI to gamify eye exercises for myopia prevention and cognitive development.
- Implemented gaze-tracking algorithm and software to detect eye movement and manage audio, visual, and haptic I/Os.

[Prj3] Yaksok: Medication Pouch Design for Improving Elderly Medication Compliance

Mar 2021 – Jun 2022

· Designed medication pouch to improve compliance and conducted user study with senior centers; served as design lead.

[Prj4] Real-Time Emergency Communication System for Overturned Tractors

May 2020 - May 2021

• Developed hardware prototype with IMUs, GPS, and discarded phones for real-time tractor emergency reporting; served as tech lead.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SRT Chair, SNU Engineering Honor Society (STEM)

Mar 2022 - Present

- Represented top-performing engineering student society, with 300 selected members over a 15-year legacy
- Chaired the **Northeast Asia Student Round Table (SRT) 2023**, an international academic conference with students from five countries, discussing goals on international relations and technological development for a sustainable future.
- Organized mentoring programs and public seminars, and delivered multiple talks at academic events.

Volunteering Engineers & Scientists of SNU (VESS)

Apr 2020 – Jun 2022

• Executed multiple team-based projects on human-centered design and engineering, including [Prj3] and [Prj4].

Group Leader, SNU Buddy | SNU Office of International Affairs

Jan 2021 - Dec 2021

• Supported exchange students at SNU and organized cultural activities as leader of 27 international and Korean students.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Lecturer, STEM Vision Exhibition

Teaching Assistant, Engineering Mathematics 2 (033.015)

Fall 2024 Winter 2023

Learning Assistant, Calculus 1 (L0442.000100)

Feb 2023

Mentor, SNU Mentoring | SNU Social Responsibility

Mar 2022 – Nov 2023

· Provided mentorship and emotional support to middle school students from underserved communities.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, Java, SQL

Software Development and Tools: Linux, Pytorch, CUDA, Docker, Unity, Git

Others: Human Study Design and Analysis, Hardware and Prototyping (Verilog, Raspberry Pi)

Languages: Korean (native), English (full professional proficiency, TOEFL Score 117)