

# Claire Wang

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## EDUCATION

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) ----- May 2027

Candidate for Bachelors in Computer Science + Neuroscience (6-9) and minor in planning/public policy (11). Involved with Hack MIT, Code for Good (pro-bono tech consulting & development), and Harvard Policy Debate.

### Phillips Academy Andover ----- 2020-2023

Co-president of CS, Quiz Bowl, Biology, and SciOly Clubs. Also, Makerspace Guide, Peer Listener, and Digital Editor of *The Phillippian*. Relevant coursework: Linear Algebra, Formal Language Theory, Algorithms, Data Visualization, Ethics of Technology, The Workshop.

### Stanford Online High School / Ad Astra School ----- 2018-2020

Relevant coursework: AP Physics C, AP Stats, AP CS A, Leadership Course Series. Ran Hack & Neuro Club; was Freshman Class VP. Ad Astra: secondary school held at SpaceX HQ founded by Elon Musk & Josh Dahn. Coursework: AP Calc BC, Haskell, Robotics.

**Technical Skills:** Web Development (React, Next, etc.), Graphic Design (Figma, Adobe Illustrator), C++ (backend & algorithms), Python, Haskell, Java, Fusion360, 3D Fabrication, Machine Learning, data visualization (d3js, three.js, data journalism), data analysis.

## RESEARCH

### Desimone Lab @ MIT McGovern Institute ----- 2023-Present

(Tentative) title: *Behavior Analysis of Freely Moving Marmosets*, under the direction of Beizhen Zhang, Haoran Xu, & Prof. Desimone (UROP). Python/MATLAB and statistical model analysis of neural and motion data.

### Jasanoff Lab @ MIT McGovern Institute / MIT CSAIL ----- 2023-Present

Designing MRI probe heads / complex RF device phase-array circuits for in-vivo imaging with rats and marmosets, under Kevin Chung.

### Research Science Institute @ Visual Attention Lab ----- Summer 2022, 2023

Paper title: *Correlation Between Spatial and Temporal Massive Memory* at Harvard Medical School under Prof. Jeremy Wolfe for the RSI program. Developed a novel web app for human experimentation & data collection; studied the automaticity of massive memory. Was also a counselor at RSI in 2023 & worked on Reinforcement Learning research under R. Dangovski & M. Tomov (hiatus).

### UCLA Lab of Neuromodulation and Neuroimaging ----- 2018-2022

Intern @ UCLA LONN Lab in the Semel Institute for Neuroscience, researched human fear and memory using BCI & VR technology. Designed VR environments, extensive computer vision data analysis, and software for human experimentation/brain segmentation.

### MIT PRIMES & CSAIL ----- 2020-2022

Paper title: *Parallel Computing for Bi-core Decomposition of Bipartite Graphs* under Prof. Julian Shun & Jessica Shi. Paper won 2nd at MSEF, 1st Global at S.T. Yau, presented at the AMS-PME JMM22 Conference & [published](#) at the ACM-SIAM SODA23 Conference. 2nd year: Broad Institute computational biology work on single-cell RNA sequencing analysis (ended early due to RSI).

## WORK & PROJECTS

### Contrary Capital VC: Venture Partner ----- 2023-Present

Contrary identified and invests in the world's top talent. The firm has helped create more than \$10 billion in value through investments in companies.

### CareYaya Special Projects Intern ----- 2023-Present

Running various special projects, such as eye tracking for web pages for early-stage dementia tracking, dream EEG exploration, and mobile client interfaces. (startup)

### Hack Club: Intern & Community Team ----- 2018-Present

Ran & started the AMA program, helped run a >~10k student community, organized Hacker Zephyr, taught technical workshops & fundraised. [Hackclub.com](http://Hackclub.com)

### >> SineRider ----- 2022-2023

Lead producer of a web-based game exploring function composition through love & skiing, created by Hack Club students. Public beta launched May 2023 and reached 2nd on HackerNews. [sinerider.com](http://sinerider.com)

### AngelHacks: Director ----- 2019-Present

Founded & Directed AngelHacks for all 3 iterations: 1st in LA @ Snapchat HQ, 2nd online w/ >1k attendees, and 3rd as a game jam in Boston. Raised ~\$30k in financial donations & worked with >60 judges and mentors. [angelhacks.org](http://angelhacks.org)

### DeepAI Intern ----- 2019-2021

Worked on AI/ML content & CNN meta-learning testing for Zendo. [deepai.org](http://deepai.org)

### Nujjet (prev. Tardis) ----- 2020-2022

A non-invasive BCI (EEG + tDCS) based startup to build better habits. Won 1st at the Conrad Challenge in 2021 & was offered funding by GATSVI Startups. (hiatus)

## AWARDS

- Research Science Institute (2022, 2023)
- Davidson Institute Fellow \$25k Scholarship (2023)
- S. T. Yau Global Science 1st & CS Gold (Dec 2021)
- Global Pete Conrad Scholar, Cyber Track (May 2021)
- MSO World Speed Reading Champion (Aug 2020)
- SPARC & WARP Camper (2021, 2023)
- Vex Robotics Worlds VexAI THINK Award (May 2021)
- ACM-SIAM SODA APOCS23 Conf. (Jan 2023)
- Quiz Bowl: MIT QB 1st, Top 20 Nats (2021, 2022)
- USA Biology Olympiad Semifinalist (2021, 2022)
- USA Memory Championship, 3rd place; assisted in organizing 2019 (Jul 2018, 2019)
- NSPA Digital Journalism Award for *The Phillippian* SOTA (2022)
- STS Top 300 Scholar (Jan 2023)
- JMM AMS-PME Conference (Jan/Mar 2022)
- Disney+ Shop Class Show Contestant (2019) & Lifetime Child Genius TV Series (2016)
- Elliptic Curves Math Research under Nahid Walji, published on DeepAI (2018-19)

**Other skills:** Teaching, Debate, Acting (theater/professional film), Writing (scientific, business, creative).

**Languages:** English (native) & Mandarin (fluent).