

# Younggun Kim

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Central Florida, Florida, U.S.

Aug. 2024 - Dec. 2025

- ✓ Master of Science in Civil Engineering, Smart City Track
- ✓ Advisor: [Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Aty](#)
- ✓ Cumulative GPA: **4.0/4.0**
- ✓ Selected Coursework: *Advanced Computer Vision; Machine Learning; Computer Vision; Connected Autonomous Vehicles; Algorithms and Models for Smart Cities; Data Mining*

### Ajou University, Suwon, South Korea

Mar. 2018 - Feb. 2024

- ✓ Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- ✓ Cumulative GPA: **4.28/4.5 (3.9/4.0) (top 2%)**
- ✓ Selected Coursework: *Data Structure; Fundamental of Machine Learning; Numerical Analysis and Machine Learning; Industrial Robotics; Automotive Engineering; System Dynamics*

## PUBLICATIONS (\* and † indicate corresponding authors and equal contributions, respectively.)

### Accepted Publications (incl. minor revision)

- [1] [Safe-LLaVA: A Privacy-Preserving Vision-Language Dataset and Benchmark for Biometric Safety](#)
  - ✓ [Younggun Kim](#)<sup>†</sup>, Swetha Sirnam<sup>†</sup>, Fazil Kagdi, and Mubarak Shah
  - ✓ *IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Findings (CVPR Findings)*, 2026.
- [2] [Multi-view Structural Convolution Network for Domain-Invariant Point Cloud Recognition of Autonomous Vehicles](#)
  - ✓ [Younggun Kim](#), Mohamed Abdel-Aty, Beomsik Cho, Seonghoon Rhoo, and Soomok Lee\*
  - ✓ **Minor Revision** at *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles*, 2026. [Impact Factor: 14.3, JCR Quartiles: Q1]
- [3] [Region-Level Vision-Language Model for Detecting Distraction Behaviors and Mobility Attributes of Vulnerable Road Users](#)
  - ✓ Dai Quoc Tran\*, Mohamed Abdel-Aty, [Younggun Kim](#), Ahmed Abdelrahman, and Zybayer Islam
  - ✓ *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 2026. [Impact Factor: 8.4, JCR Quartiles: Q1]
- [4] [VRU-Accident: A Vision-Language Benchmark for Video Question Answering and Dense Captioning for Accident Scene Understanding](#)
  - ✓ [Younggun Kim](#), Ahmed Abdelrahman\*, and Mohamed Abdel-Aty
  - ✓ *International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW)*, 2025. [**Oral, Best Student Paper Award**]
- [5] [Pedestrian Crossing Direction Prediction at Intersections for Pedestrian Safety](#)
  - ✓ [Younggun Kim](#)<sup>\*</sup>, Mohamed Abdel-Aty, Keechoo Choi, Zubayer Islam, Dongdong Wang, and Shaoyan Zhai
  - ✓ *IEEE Open Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 2025. [Impact Factor: 5.3, JCR Quartiles: Q1]
- [6] [3D Adaptive Structural Convolution Network for Domain-Invariant Point Cloud Recognition](#)
  - ✓ [Younggun Kim](#) and Soomok Lee\*
  - ✓ *Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV)*, 2024.

### Under Review & arXiv Preprint

- [1] [MMCAformer: Macro-Micro Cross-Attention Transformer for Traffic Speed Prediction with Microscopic Connected Vehicle Driving Behaviors](#)
  - ✓ Lei Han\*, Mohamed Abdel-Aty, [Younggun Kim](#), Yang-Jun Joo, and Zybayer Islam
  - ✓ Under review at *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. [Impact Factor: 8.4, JCR Quartiles: Q1]
- [2] [Gated Kinematic-Visual Fusion for Right-Turn Pedestrian Conflict Risk Assessment](#)
  - ✓ Dai Quoc Tran\*, Mohamed Abdel-Aty, Qianqian Jin, [Younggun Kim](#), Zubayer Islam, Seunghee Park
  - ✓ Under review at *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. [Impact Factor: 8.4, JCR Quartiles: Q1]

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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- [1] **Reviewer**, *Science of Remote Sensing*, 2025.
- [2] **Reviewer**, *Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting*, 2025. (**5 times**)
- [3] **Reviewer**, *IEEE Open Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 2025.
- [4] **Reviewer**, *International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW)*, 2025.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- [1] **Five papers** (including two as first authors and three as co-authors) were accepted at *105<sup>th</sup> Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting*. **Jan. 2026**
- [2] **Younggun Kim**, Ahmed Abdelrahman\*, and Mohamed Abdel-Aty, “VRU-Accident: A Vision-Language Benchmark for Video Question Answering and Dense Captioning for Accident Scene Understanding”, *International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW)*. **Oct. 2025**  
**[Oral, Best Student Paper Award]**
- [3] **Younggun Kim** and Soomok Lee\* “3D Adaptive Structural Convolution Network for Domain-Invariant Point Cloud Recognition”, *the Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV)*, 2024. **[BK21(Brain Korea) Distinguished Conference Paper List]** **Dec. 2024**
- [4] **Younggun Kim**, Yooseong Lee, Uikyum Kim\*, “Design of capable of Grasping and Manipulating Various objects”, Oral session presented at the *17<sup>th</sup> Korean Robotics Society Annual Conference (KROS)*. **[Best Paper Award]** **May. 2022**

## PATENTS

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- Younggun Kim**, Minjoung Sim, Hojun Lee, Wonjun Choi, and Hanbin Choi, Intelligent cradle for a device (Patent No. 10-2506732, KR) **Mar. 2023**

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- UCF Research Assistantship** **Aug. 2024 - Dec. 2025**  
*Fully funded by the University of Central Florida, covering tuition, insurance, and stipend.*
- Best Student Paper Award** **Oct. 2025**  
*Oral presentation, 2COOOL Workshop, International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV).*
- Dean’s List: 4 times** **Jul. 2021 - Aug. 2023**  
*Ajou University, South Korea*  
Awarded to students ranked in the top 5% of the department based on semester GPA.
- University Scholarship: 7 times** **Sep. 2021 - Sep. 2023**  
*Ajou University, South Korea*
- Encouragement prize in Academic Club Competition: 2 times** **Jun. 2022, May. 2023**  
*Ajou University, South Korea*
- City Scholarship** **Jun. 2023**  
*Asan-si Future Scholarship Foundation, Asan-si, South Korea*  
Awarded to students who are expected to lead the 4th Industrial Revolution in the future
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Patent Competition** **Jun. 2023**  
*Ajou University, South Korea*
- University Scholarship (1 out of 637)** **Apr. 2023**  
*Daewoo Scholarship Foundation, Ajou University, South Korea*  
Awarded to a student ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the College of Engineering based on semester GPA.
- Best Paper Award** **May. 2022**  
*Oral session, 17<sup>th</sup> Korean Robotics Society Annual Conference (KROS), South Korea*
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in College of Engineering Academic Club Competition** **Sep. 2018**  
*Ajou University, South Korea*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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[1] **Specialties:** Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Large Language Models, Dataset and Benchmark Curation  
[2] **Programming:** Python, C/C++, Matlab [2] **Framework:** Pytorch, OpenCV, HF Transformers [3] **OS:** Linux, Windows  
[4] **Analysis:** Ansys Workbench [5] **Manufacturing:** 3D printing, Laser cutting [6] **CAD:** SolidWorks

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES (EMPLOYMENT)

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### Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2024 - Dec. 2025

*Smart & Safe Transportation Laboratory, University of Central Florida, USA*

(Advisor: Prof. Mohamed Abdel-Aty, Board of Trustees Chair Professor, Pegasus Professor,  
Email: m.aty@ucf.edu)

- VRU-Accident: A Vision-Language Benchmark for Video Question Answering and Dense Captioning for Accident Scene Understanding
- Proposal of a large-scale benchmark comprising 1K VRU-related crash videos, 6K VQA questions with 24K candidate options, and 1K dense scene-level captions.
- Proposal of a semi-automatic benchmark curation pipeline to effectively generate VQA and Caption.
- ✓ **Accepted at *International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW)*.**
- Pedestrian Crossing Direction Prediction at Intersections for Pedestrian Safety
- A novel transformer-based framework to predict future human crossing direction from CCTV.
- Proposal for Geometric-Invariant Space Embedding System to ensure pedestrian size-invariance, intersection geometric-invariance, and CCTV location-invariance.
- ✓ **Accepted at *IEEE Open Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems*.**

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

Nov. 2023 - Jul. 2024

*Machine Learning & Mobility Laboratory, Ajou University, South Korea*

(Advisor: Prof. Soomok Lee, Email: soomoklee@ajou.ac.kr)

- 3D Adaptive Structural Convolution Network for Domain-Invariant Point Cloud Recognition
- A novel deep learning network proposal for domain-invariant point cloud recognition
- Adaptive neighborhood sampling method proposal based on principal component analysis
- Experiments about intra-domain and cross-domain environments
- ✓ **Accepted at *Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV)*.**
- Multi-view Structural Convolution Network for Domain-Invariant Point Cloud Recognition of Autonomous Vehicles
- A new deep learning model, which is developed from ASCN, for domain-invariant PCD recognition
- 2D image-based domain generalization framework modification to adapt it to point clouds
- Proposal for a synthetic point cloud dataset from MORIA simulator
- ✓ **Minor revision at *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles*.**

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sep. 2021 - Jul. 2022

*Interactive & Intelligent Robotics Laboratory, Ajou University, South Korea*

(Advisor: Prof. Uikyum Kim)

- Design of a soft gripper capable of Grasping and Manipulating Various Objects
- Structure Analysis of the soft gripper through Finite Element Method
- Manipulating force optimization using Ansys
- ✓ **Accomplished Best Paper Award at *Korean Robotics Society (KROS)*.**
- Force Feedback-based Robot Arm Control
- Calibration and integration of a 6-DOF force/torque (F/T) sensor with a Franka Emika robot arm
- Force-torque-driven end-effector position adjustment enabling adaptive pick-and-place manipulation

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

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### Coursework Project (Advanced Computer Vision, Advisor: Prof. Mubarak Shah)

Jan. 2025 - Aug. 2025

- Safe-LLaVA: Privacy-Preserving Vision-Language Dataset and Benchmark for Biometric Safety
- Originally developed as a coursework project (Jan. 2025 to May. 2025).
- Proposal for captioning and instruction fine-tuning dataset to protect biometric leakage from VLM.
- Proposal for a benchmark to thoroughly evaluate leakages of biometric information from VLMs.
- ✓ **Accepted at IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Findings (CVPR Findings).**

### Project Experience

Mar. 2021 – Feb. 2024

Academic Club in Ajou University

- President of the academic club from Mar.2021 to Feb.2022
- Intelligent cradle for a device
- User heading angle and position recognition system design based on key point recognition
- System control from information about user heading angle and position
- ✓ **Registered South Korea patent as the first inventor**
- Design of a robotic gripper based on an under-actuated mechanism to grasp various objects
- Kinematic model Analysis of a robotic gripper to grasp various objects
- Gripper motion simulation using Matlab and SolidWorks
- Gripper's real-time state visualization via OpenGL
- ✓ **Accomplished 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Patent Competition**

### Republic of Korea Army

Apr. 2019 - Nov. 2020

- Mandatory military service

### Project Experience

Mar. 2018 - Mar. 2019

Academic Club at Ajou University

- Design of Turtle Ship Using Conventional Power Sources
- A turtle ship design using SolidWorks
- ✓ **Accomplished 1st place in College of Engineering academic club competition**

## REFERENCES

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### Academic Advisors

Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Aty (Email: [m.aty@ucf.edu](mailto:m.aty@ucf.edu))

- Trustees Chair Professor and Pegasus Professor, University of Central Florida, FL, U.S.
- Citations: 41,500+, H-index: 107
- Fellow of ASCE and ITE
- Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, *Accident Analysis & Prevention*

Dr. Mubarak Shah (Email: [shah@crcv.ucf.edu](mailto:shah@crcv.ucf.edu))

- Trustee Chair Professor and Founding Director of the Center for Research in Computer Vision at UCF, FL, U.S.
- Citations: 111,700+, H-index: 147
- Fellow of IEEE, AAAS, IAPR, and SPIE
- Editor-in-Chief, *Machine Vision and Applications*

Dr. Soomok Lee (Email: [slee337@kennesaw.edu](mailto:slee337@kennesaw.edu))

- Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, U. S.

### Career & Life Mentor

Dr. Keechoo Choi (Email: [keechoo@ajou.ac.kr](mailto:keechoo@ajou.ac.kr))

- President, Ajou University, Suwon, South Korea
- Founding Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Sustainable Transportation*