

Andrew Cohen - Electrical Engineer

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EDUCATION

Tufts University, Electrical Engineering *summa cum laude* ***Class of 2025***
• 1590 SAT, 3.9 GPA
• National Merit Scholar, Tufts Summer Scholar, Minor in Music Engineering

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Tufts University **Medford MA, 9/23–12/24**
• Built coursework in circuit design, debugging practices, digital logic, and VHDL
• Directed lab sections, held office hours, and graded assignments for class of 50+ students

Intern, RTX BBN Technologies **Cambridge MA, 5/24–8/24**
• Developed sFPDP transceiver SoM with Altera FPGA processor in both C and VHDL
• Procured, installed, and automated instrumentation of tabletop optics
• Performed noise analysis of optical and RF systems in laser heterodyning experiment

Researcher, Mohanty Nanophotonics Lab **Medford MA, 3/22–8/23**
• Managed \$5000 grant for photonics research with biomedical applications
• Performed PyMeep waveguide simulations to characterize beam steering in neural probes
• Validated silicon chips on optical test bench with power, signal integrity measurements
• Showcased work as panelist at Summer Scholar's conference and in Optics Express paper

Barista, Caff  Nero **Concord MA, 4/21–8/21**
• Ran the coffee bar and learned valuable foam management skills

Analog Design Intern, Analog Circuit Works **Sudbury MA, 5/19–8/20**
• Wrote scripts to parse/automate Verilog and Verilog-A code generation
• Established foundational circuitry skills: soldering, PCB design, debugging

EXTRACURRICULAR

IEEE and IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu **Medford, MA, 2022-2025**
• Senior Class Representative and Music Engineering Chair
• Provided pre-professional workshops, speakers, and other resources to Tufts' student engineers

Drumming **10+ years**
• BEATs Street Drumming Group: performed original compositions on buckets, used plastics, etc.
• Independent rock/jazz drummer at campus and community events

PROJECTS

Machine Vision on Budget FPGA **May 2025**
• Low-power image classification with cheap chip and camera for educational purposes

Optical Waveguide Superposition Controller **April 2025**
• Published Optics Express paper on novel theory for nanoscale optical beam steering

Audiovisual MIDI Air Hockey **Dec 2024**
• Custom-built MIDI controller with sensors, LEDs, and Bluetooth for mixed media fun

Smack Buds: A VHDL Fighting Game **Dec 2022**
• Retro-style fighting game on Upduino FPGA written entirely in VHDL

SKILLS: Extensive coding experience (C, C++, Java, Python, MATLAB); FPGAs; PCBs; Optics and photonics; Semiconductor physics; Embedded systems; Communication protocols (SPI, I2C, UART); Signal processing; Music engineering; Machine learning; Technical writing and communication; Spanish