

Hi!! My name is Amy Zhao, and I am an electrical engineering major originally from a small town — Ames, Iowa. From there, my family moved to College Station, Texas for a few years before finally settling down in San Diego, California. I went to Torrey Pines High School, where I was the software lead for my FRC team and a choreographer for the dance team. My interests outside of school include International Latin Ballroom, contemplative but leisurely strolls along the beach, as well as coffee and pastry shops.

Coming from a robotics background has allowed me to dabble in anything and everything engineering-related: machining, wiring, programming... the list goes on. While I was heavily software inclined, the four-year commitment speaks to my well-roundedness in each of the disciplines. After doing a bit of research at UCSD that involved embedded software, I realized that the electrical side of projects had sparked a new curiosity for me. I decided on UCLA due to its proximity to home and the tempting allure of good food, especially access to authentic Chinese cuisine.

Thus far, I've been advancing my technical skills at IEEE Micromouse and the electronics-hardware subteam in ASME Bruin Underwater Robotics. Beyond that, I'm also on the competitive dancesport team. I'm excited to see what I'll get to learn here at the UCLA ECE Department and where it ultimately takes me!

