

# Haowen Sun

Hi! My name is Haowen Sun as you can probably tell. I am studying Electrical Engineering at UCLA. I was born and raised in San Diego, California, about a two hour drive from Los Angeles. I went to high school at Canyon Crest Academy, and I have one younger brother back home. Outside of school, I enjoy playing piano, various kinds of board and card games, and video games.



Growing up, I have always been generally more inclined towards STEM subjects. I enjoyed solving problems and the gratification from accomplishing challenges. My parents were also both in STEM fields, which greatly influenced me when deciding what I wanted to pursue in the future. And after the research internship where I got to apply the theories that I learned in the classroom to actual research and discovery in plasma physics, ECE was a clear choice. Seeing the impact I could make sealed the deal for me.

UCLA's ECE program was an easy top choice for me. Its location was near where I live, and it was still near the beach which I appreciate. Being in Los Angeles also provides ample opportunity beyond college, which was another key factor that played a role in my final decision. The welcoming community at UCLA was another major reason. Life at UCLA is tons of fun. I was constantly surrounded by amazing people and lots of things to do.