Omar Allam

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Electrical Engineering student passionate about spacecraft systems, control, and autonomy, with growing interest in attitude dynamics and state estimation.

Education

Queen's University, Kingston, ON

Expected May 2027

Bachelor of Applied Science, Electrical Engineering — Dean's Scholar Standing

Relevant Coursework: Control Systems, Embedded Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Signal Processing, Power Electronics

Experience

Aptera Motors

San Diego, CA

Engineering Intern - Embedded Controls

Jun 2025 - Sep 2025

- Programmed STM32 MCUs in C and Python to control EV telemetry, power regulation, and feedback loops.
- Designed and tested closed-loop controllers using MATLAB/Simulink to validate dynamic response and timing stability.
- Built modular Python tools for hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulation and automated fault detection, reducing validation time by 40%.
- Collaborated across controls and firmware teams to tune multi-sensor feedback and ensure deterministic actuation timing.

Engineering & Research Projects

aQuatonomous Design Team

Kingston, ON

Co-Captain & Systems Lead

May 2025 – Present

- Lead a 50+ member robotics team developing an **Autonomous Surface Vessel (ASV)** with a focus on real-time navigation, control, and perception.
- Built Gazebo simulation environments linking sensor fusion, control, and motion planning modules for field validation.
- Developed and tuned **PID controllers** to maintain course stability in dynamic water, achieving <2° steady-state error.
- Implemented **EKF-based state estimation** combining LiDAR, and IMU data for drift reduction and path correction.

 Electrical & Perception Systems Engineer

 Jul 2024 May 2025
- Designed and deployed **sensor-fusion models** integrating LiDAR, IMU, and camera data with ROS 2 topics for real-time localization.
- Implemented a YOLO OpenCV object detection pipeline for buoy detection with 70%+ accuracy under variable lighting.
- Built a MAVLink telemetry network streaming 20 Hz control data for feedback and mission monitoring.

Queen's Formula SAE Electric

Kingston, ON

Electrical Division Member

Sep 2024 – May 2025

- Tested and verified high-voltage control circuitry and embedded logic for shutdown and safety systems.
- Debugged CAN bus communication between the BMS, display, and power modules, improving frame reliability by 15%.
- Contributed to firmware validation for real-time telemetry and fault detection.

Personal Projects

Autonomous Rover Platform

Jun 2025 - Present

- Built a Jetson-based rover running ROS 2 for real-time navigation, perception, and control testing.
- Implemented PID control and path planning algorithms with trajectory visualization and adaptive tuning.
- Integrated OpenCV and PyTorch models for object recognition and tested in dynamic environments.

AC-DC Battery Charger

 $Jan\ 2025 - Mar\ 2025$

- Designed and manufactured an AC-DC converter using transformers and MOSFET switching achieving 93% efficiency.
- Conducted transient and thermal tests with oscilloscope validation for closed-loop stability under variable loads.

Technical Skills

- **Programming:** Python, C++, C, MATLAB/Simulink
- Robotics: ROS 2, Gazebo, SLAM, Trajectory Planning, Sensor Fusion, State Estimation, Reactive Control
- Machine Learning: PyTorch, OpenCV, NumPy, Pandas, Simulation-to-Real Transfer
- Embedded Systems: STM32, Jetson, Linux, RTOS, CAN, SPI, UART, PID control
- Hardware & Tools: PCB Design, Oscilloscope, Logic Analyzer, Altium Designer, Power Electronics, Rapid Prototyping
- Collaboration: Git, VS Code, Simulation Pipelines, Technical Documentation