

# Khandaker “Arafin” Islam

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## Objective

Aspiring to leverage my skills in data analytics and science within the transportation system domain, where I can apply my knowledge in transportation safety, data science, and big data to contribute effectively, while gaining valuable hands-on experience and enhancing my skills in a dynamic work environment.

## Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python

Database Technologies: SQL

Data Analysis Libraries: Pandas,

Numpy, Matplotlib

Data Visualization tools: Tableau

Other Tools: ArcGis, Synchro

## Leadership

ITE UNLV Student Chapter

**President** Sep'23 – Present

**Vice President** Sep'22 – August'23

## Awards

Southern Nevada Chapter,

International Code Council

Scholarship 2024-2025

Summer Doctoral Fellowship

UNLV 2023, 2024

Patricia Sastaunik Scholarship

UNLV 2023, 2024

Tao Scholarship for Unity UNLV 2022

## Conferences

- Advanced Data Visualization for Identifying Bottleneck Intersections and Speed Profiles in City of Henderson's Road Network
  - 2024 Fall Transportation Conference, Las Vegas
- Beyond Numbers: Navigating Road Safety Analyses with Integrated Datasets
  - 2024 ATSIP Traffic Records Forum

## Education

**Ph.D. Candidate, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction** Jan'22 – Present

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering** July'14 – Oct'18

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

## Work Experience

**Transportation Technology Intern**

Ludian LLC

May'24 – Aug'24

- Developed an interactive dashboard to visualize traffic congestion patterns, providing top management with data-driven insights to support strategic decision-making.

**Graduate Assistant**

Civil Engineering Department, UNLV

Jan'22 – Present

- Conduct literature reviews, data analysis, and provide TA support by overseeing labs, grading, and guiding students, ensuring effective project coordination and research quality.

**Junior Engineer**

Institute of Water Modelling

Feb'20 – Nov'21

- Climate data analysis, Field data collection, Data processing, Mapping and GIS data processing

## Relevant Coursework

- Big Data Analytics for Infrastructure Applications
- Managing Big Data and Web Databases
- Advanced Machine Learning
- Applied Statistics for Engineer
- Transportation Safety

## Projects

- Towards Zero Deaths: A Machine Learning Analysis of Crash Severity Factors in Nevada
  - Examined the primary factors influencing crash severity in rural and urban regions of Nevada
- Are Safety Outcomes Equitable across Urban and Rural roads: A Case Study from Nevada
  - Identified a significant safety disparity between urban and rural roads in Nevada, revealing rural roads to be four times more prone to fatal incidents compared to their urban counterparts