

Ndapa Nakashole

Employment History

- July 2023–Now **Associate Professor**, *University of California, San Diego, CA*
- May 2025–Now **Founder & Chief Scientist**, *Okalai AI, San Diego, CA*
- Jan 2017– 2023 **Assistant Professor**, *University of California, San Diego, CA*
- 2013– 2016 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA*
- Summer 2011 **Intern**, *Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA*
- Summer 2008 **Intern**, *IBM Zurich Research, Switzerland*

Education

- 2009–2012 **Ph.D. in Computer Science (Summa cum laude)**, *Max Planck Institute for Informatics & Saarland University, Germany*
Advisor: Gerhard Weikum
- 2002–2009 **B.Sc (2005), B.Sc Honors (2006, First Class) M.Sc (2009, with Distinction)**, *University of Cape Town, South Africa*
Advisor: Hussein Suleman
- 1997–2001 **Cambridge HIGCSE**, *Oshigambo High School, Namibia*

Selected Awards

- 2022 NSF CAREER Award
- 2019 Hellman Fellow
- 2017 Peggy and Peter Preuss Faculty Scholar
- 2014 Otto Hahn Medal (awarded for PhD dissertation by the Max Planck Society)
- 2012 Best Paper Award Runner Up at the EMNLP 2012 Conference
- 2012 Best Paper Award at the AKBC Workshop
- 2006 DAAD-TUCSIN Undergraduate Scholarship
- 2003 Class Medals for Computer Science Courses (awarded to top grade in the class)
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Academic Service

- regular Area Chair, ACL, EMNLP, NAACL
- regular Area Chair, ICLR
- regular Area Chair, NeurIPS
- regular Area Chair, ICML