

# Raul Steinmetz

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## About

I'm Raul, a Brazilian Computer Science student passionate about the synergy between computing and intelligence. I focus mainly on researching Deep Reinforcement Learning.

## General Information

**Nationality:** Brazilian

**Date of Birth:** August 08, 2003 (22 years old)

**Current Occupation:** First-Year Computer Science Master's Student at the University of Tsukuba

## Education

<b>University of Tsukuba, Japan</b> , MS in Computer Science	Apr. 2025 – Mar. 2027
Current GPA: 3.0/3.0	
Focus: Machine Learning, Robotics	
<b>Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil</b> , BS in Computer Science	May. 2021 – Dec. 2024
Grade Average: 9.26/10.00	
Focus: Machine Learning, Robotics	
<b>Colégio Murialdo de Ana Rech (Brazil)</b> , High School Diploma	Feb. 2018 – Dec. 2020
Grade Average: 9.22/10.00	

## Experience

<b>Robotics Intern</b> , Qiron Robotics	Sep. 2022 – Feb. 2023
Developed a conversational interface and a facial recognition algorithm for a humanoid robot	

## Service

<b>Paper reviewer for journal</b> , IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters	Oct 2025
<b>Paper reviewer for journal</b> , Results in Engineering	Aug 2025
<b>Paper reviewer for journal</b> , Knowledge-Based Systems	Jul 2025
<b>Paper reviewer for conference</b> , IEEE ICRA 2025	Nov 2024
<b>Paper reviewer for conference</b> , IEEE CIS-RAM 2024	May 2024
<b>Lecturer for Machine Learning Workshop</b> , Federal University of Santa Maria	Jul. 2022
<b>Lecturer for Git and GitHub Workshop</b> , Federal University of Santa Maria	Jun. 2022
<b>Lecturer for Java Workshop</b> , Federal University of Santa Maria	May 2022
<b>Lecturer for LaTeX Overleaf Workshop</b> , Online Course for Public School Teachers, Santa Maria (RS, Brazil)	Feb. 2022

## Awards

<b>Monbukagakusho Scholarship</b> , University of Tsukuba	Apr 2025 - March 2027
For pursuing my Master's Degree	
<b>CNPq Scholarship</b> , Federal University of Santa Maria	Sep. 2023 – Aug 2024
For Researching deep reinforcement learning for terrestrial robot navigation as an undergraduate	

**CNPq Scholarship**, Federal University of Santa Maria

Mar. 2023 – Jul. 2023

For researching image instance segmentation methods for weed and soy detection in crops as an undergraduate

**PET Scholarship**, Federal University of Santa Maria

Dec. 2021 – Aug. 2022

For supporting peer learning, teaching workshops for new students and conducting research as an undergraduate

## Robot Competitions

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**Tsukuba Challenge Mayor's Award**, Tsukuba, Japan

Dec 2025

Tsukuba Challenge is an annual large-scale autonomous navigation experiment testing autonomous mobile robots in real-world urban environments. The Mayor's Award is the highest distinction awarded for successfully achieving full autonomy, safety, and task completion. I participated in a University of Tsukuba robotics team named Kerberos, and worked in computer vision.

## Skills

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**Languages:** Brazilian Portuguese (native), English (C1), French (elementary)

**Programming Languages:** Python 3, C++, C

**Frameworks and Libraries:** PyTorch, Numpy, Gym

**Technologies:** ROS2, Linux, GitHub, Roboflow, AWS (to some extent)

## Academic References

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## Publications

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- [6] Victor A. Kich, Jair A. Bottega, Raul Steinmetz, Ricardo B. Grando, Ayano Yorozu, and Akihisa Ohya. Curling the dream: Contrastive representations for world modeling in reinforcement learning. In *2024 24th International Conference on Control, Automation and Systems (ICCAS)*, pages 952–957, 2024.
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