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Summary

Robotics engineer with research interests in robot manipulation, perception, and human-centered robotics. Currently pursuing an MS in Robotics at the University of Minnesota.

Education

University of Minnesota (UMN), Twin Cities

MS in Robotics (Bolashak Scholarship, GPA: 3.89/4.00)

- Coursework: Machine Learning Fundamentals, Robotics, Robot Vision, Introduction to Intelligent Robotics Systems, 3D Bioprinting

Sep 2025 – Present

Twin Cities, MN

Nazarbayev University (NU, Leading University in Kazakhstan)

BS in Robotics and Mechatronics (Full Scholarship)

- Graduation Project: Shoulder Rehabilitation Robotic Exoskeleton
- Coursework: Electromechanical Systems, Mechanical Design with CAD, Image Processing, Linear Control Theory, Microcontrollers, Robotics: Kinematics and Dynamics

Aug 2018 – Jun 2023

Astana, Kazakhstan

Skills

Programming Languages & Libraries: Python, C/C++, MATLAB, OpenCV

Robotics Frameworks & Tools: ROS/ROS2, UR5, URScript, RoboDK, Gazebo, Linux, Git, Docker

Modeling & Simulation: SolidWorks, MATLAB/Simulink, QUARC, 3D Printing

Control Systems: PID Control Optimization, Real-Time Systems, Motion Planning

Work Experience

Research Assistant

Tactile Robotics Laboratory, NU

- Develop automated UR5 tactile exploration software and protocols for the lab's experiments

May 2026 – Present

Astana, Kazakhstan

Senior Research Assistant

Center of Excellence in Medical Robotics & Research, NU

- Led shoulder-exoskeleton development from concept to working, validated hardware

Nov 2023 – Apr 2025

Astana, Kazakhstan

Robotics Laboratory Assistant

School of Engineering and Digital Sciences, NU

- Developed and co-led experimental setups to demonstrate robotic control concepts

Nov 2023 – Jul 2025

Astana, Kazakhstan

Undergraduate Research Assistant

School of Engineering and Digital Sciences, NU

- Designed and built a 3D-printed prototype of a robotic shoulder exoskeleton

Apr 2022 – Nov 2023

Astana, Kazakhstan

Research & Project Experience

UR5 Tactile Surface Mapping (URScript, Python, ICP)

Tactile Robotics Laboratory, NU

- Aligned 3,000 CAD points to the robot base frame via translation-only ICP (~2.2 mm RMS)
- Solved UR5 IK in software for transits and presses across 20 strips, logging force (ATI Nano17) and pose

May 2026 – Present

Astana, Kazakhstan

TurtleBot3 Navigation & Obstacle Avoidance (ROS 2, OpenCV, Python)

College of Science & Engineering, UMN

- Integrated and calibrated Raspberry Pi camera for ArUco marker-based tracking
- Built a ROS2 pipeline to detect hazards and execute reactive maneuvers within 20 cm

Oct 2025 – Dec 2025

Twin Cities, MN

Real-Scale Robotic Shoulder Exoskeleton (SolidWorks, MATLAB/Simulink, QUARC)

Center of Excellence in Medical Robotics & Research, NU

- Built a full-scale 5-DOF shoulder rehabilitation exoskeleton
- Conducted P/PI controller tuning for linear and rotational drives

Nov 2023 – Apr 2025

Astana, Kazakhstan

Publications & Conferences

A. Niyetkaliyev, A. Turganbayev, M. Karasheva, R. Zhylkaidarov and Y. Turlybek, "Exploring the Potential of Four-Bar Linkages in Robotic Exoskeletons: A Comprehensive Review," in *Journal of Mechanical Design*, vol. 147, no. 10, April 2025, doi: [10.1115/1.4068107](https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4068107).

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S. Omirbayev, I. Issa, Z. Kuangaliyev, A. Turganbayev and A. Niyetkaliyev, "The Use of Four-Bar Mechanisms in Robotic Exoskeletons," *2022 International Conference on Advanced Mechatronic Systems (ICAMEchS)*, Toyama, Japan, 2022, pp. 149-156, doi: [10.1109/ICAMEchS57222.2022.10003280](https://doi.org/10.1109/ICAMEchS57222.2022.10003280).