Khanh Chi Le

PhD student in computer science (NLP) studying where AI agents belong in expert workflows, by collecting process-level data on how experts work and using it to evaluate and align LLMs.

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Education

Sep 2026 – Present **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** Minneapolis, MN
Ph.D. in Computer Science
Advisor: Dongyeop Kang

Sep 2022 – May 2026 **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** Minneapolis, MN
B.S. in Data Science, Minor in Mathematics
summa cum laude, High Distinction

Selected Publications

An asterisk (*) marks co-first authors.

2026 **ScholaWrite: A Dataset of End-to-End Scholarly Writing Process**
Khanh Chi Le*, Linghe Wang*, Minhwa Lee*, Ross Volkov, Luan Tuyen Chau, Dongyeop Kang.
ACL 2026.

2026 **Strong Memory, Weak Control: An Empirical Study of Executive Functioning in LLMs**
Karin de Langis, Jong Inn Park, Bin Hu, **Khanh Chi Le**, Andreas Schramm, Michael C. Mensink, Andrew Elfenbein, Dongyeop Kang.
EACL 2026.

2026 **Tracing How Annotators Think: Augmenting Preference Judgments with Reading Processes**
Karin de Langis, William Walker, **Khanh Chi Le**, Dongyeop Kang.
LREC 2026.

2025 **LawFlow: Collecting and Simulating Lawyers' Thought Processes on Business Formation Case Studies**
Debarati Das, **Khanh Chi Le***, Ritik Sachin Parkar*, Karin De Langis, Brendan Madson, Chad M. Berryman, Robin M. Willis, Daniel H. Moses, Brett McDonnell, Daniel Schwarcz, Dongyeop Kang.
COLM 2025.

2025 **How LLMs Comprehend Temporal Meaning in Narratives: A Case Study in Cognitive Evaluation of LLMs**
Karin De Langis, Jong Inn Park, Andreas Schramm, Bin Hu, **Khanh Chi Le**, Dongyeop Kang.
ACL 2025.

Research Experience

Sep 2026 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant – Minnesota NLP** Minneapolis, MN
Running a 6–12 month longitudinal study capturing researchers' full scholarly workflow (screen recordings, meetings, Google Docs edits, GitHub commits, keystroke logs) to build personalized research agents.

Jun 2024 – May 2026 **Undergraduate Research Assistant – Minnesota NLP** Minneapolis, MN
Studied how experts work and where LLMs differ by analyzing human process data from legal workflows and scholarly writing trajectories.
Evaluated whether LLMs understand human patterns.

Honors, Awards, and Accomplishments

2026 **3M Science and Technology Graduate Fellowship** (University of Minnesota), for exceptional incoming PhD students

2026 **CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award** Honorable Mention (national; department-nominated)

2024 **University of Minnesota Data Viz Championship** Winner

2022 – 2026 **Global Excellence Scholarships** (University of Minnesota)

Teaching Experience

Spring 2026 **TA** – Elementary Computational Linear Algebra (CSCI 2033), University of Minnesota
Fall 2023 – Fall 2025 **TA** – Introduction to Software Development (CSCI 2081), University of Minnesota

Technical Skills

Languages Python, R, Java, C/C++, JavaScript
ML & NLP PyTorch, HuggingFace Transformers
Research Methods human process-data collection, LLM evaluation
Data & Tools SQL, Tableau, React, Flask, AWS, Docker, Git