

# June Huh

Korean - American  
mathematician



## Early Life

June Huh was born on June 9, 1983. He was a self-described struggling student and high school dropout, and wanted to focus on poetry instead. Although, he later found his talent and passion for algebraic geometry and combinatorics as he was being mentored under Heisuke Hironaka.

## Education

June Huh studied and earned a master's degree at Seoul National University, where he then applied for many other American universities. He was accepted into the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign before transferring to the University of Michigan where he graduated in 2014.

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## Contributions

June Huh has resolved and proved the Read-Hogger conjecture, which had previously been unsolved for more than 40 years, and the Heron-Rota-Welsh conjecture. He is one of five 2019 New Horizons in Mathematics Prize, winner of 2017 Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists ( U.S. Regional ), was awarded the the Samsung Ho-Am Prize in Science in 2021, was an invited speaker at the International Congress of Mathematicians in Rio de Janeiro, and was awarded the 2022 Fields Medal

## Overcoming Adversity

June Huh overcame his poor past academic records, including dropping out of high school, late start to mathematical training, failed courses and pursuit of poetry, widespread rejection from universities, and self-doubt. He overcame these struggles and used his unique background, including literature and unconventional approach to become a Fields Medal winner.