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Date and Place of Birth: August 1, 1960; Tehran, Iran  
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## Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
B.S. in Physics and B.S. in Mathematics, 1981

Princeton University  
Ph.D. in Physics, 1985 (Advisor: Edward Witten)

## Honors and Awards

Harvard Society of Fellows, Junior Fellow, 1985-1988  
NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award, 1989  
Alfred P. Sloan Award, 1989  
Packard Foundation Award, 1989  
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2005–  
AMS Leonard Eisenbud Prize for Math and Physics, 2008  
Dirac Medal of the ICTP, 2008  
Member, National Academy of Sciences, 2009–  
Frontiers in Physics Prize, Milner Foundation, 2013  
Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics, 2016

## Positions Held

Harvard University  
Donner Professor of Science, 2003–present

Harvard University  
Professor of Physics, 1990–present

Harvard University  
Associate Professor of Physics, 1988–1990

## Advisory Boards

Board of Trustees, Simons Center for Geometry and Physics 2005–2010