



We are recruiting 2 Postdoctoral Researchers and 2 Research Engineers to join our robotics research team at the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI) in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Our research focuses on **dexterous manipulation, humanoid robotics, World Action Models (WAMs), and robot learning from humans**. The successful candidates will be jointly supervised by Prof. Xingxing Zuo and Prof. Ian Reid.

 **Our Research Vision:** We are particularly interested in hand–object interaction and human–robot collaboration, spanning data acquisition and ingestion, multimodal perception and reasoning, world action model, robot policy learning, and embodied decision-making. Our long-term goal is to develop robots that can perceive, understand, reason about, and intelligently interact with the open world, enabling seamless and natural collaboration between humans and robots.

 **Who We Are Looking For:** We are seeking highly motivated researchers and engineers with strong interests in robot manipulation, humanoid robotics, embodied AI, robot learning, and related areas. Ideal candidates should have: A strong foundation in mathematics, programming, and machine learning/robotics; Excellent research, problem-solving, and implementation skills; Strong self-motivation, creativity, and the ability to work independently. A collaborative mindset and commitment to academic and research integrity. **For Postdoctoral applicants:** A PhD in Robotics/AI/CS/ME/EE, or a closely related field is required. Applicants are expected to have a strong publication record; candidates with 5+ publications at leading venues, particularly as a primary/first author. **For Research Engineer applicants:** We welcome candidates with strong hands-on experience in robotics, machine learning, computer vision, simulation, robot systems, or related areas. Exceptional implementation skills and demonstrated research potential are highly valued. Motivated students in gap years are very encouraged to apply.

 **About MBZUAI:** MBZUAI, located in Abu Dhabi, UAE, is the world's first university dedicated exclusively to artificial intelligence, established by the UAE government in 2019. MBZUAI has quickly risen to 9th place globally in Robotics according to CSRankings, and 21st place globally according to RoboRanking.

 **How to Apply:** Please send the following documents to Email xingxingzuo@outlook.com and Ian.Reid@mbzuai.ac.ae, including: Cover letter, CV in English, Bachelor's and Graduate academic transcript(s), 3 Representative publications (for PostDoc), Names and email addresses of 3 referees (3 reference letters). Email subject format: `[Position] + [Your Name] + [Your Affiliation]`. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted!

 **Benefits & Compensation:** [Postdoc] Tax-free salary of USD 88K–100K/year, plus 4 weeks of paid annual leave, medical insurance, round-trip airfare, and other benefits. [Research Engineer] Tax-free salary of USD 45K–90K/year, depending on qualifications and experience, plus additional benefits.

Know More about PIs: <https://xingxingzuo.github.io/>; <https://mbzuai.ac.ae/study/faculty/ian-reid/>

 *Applications open on August 20, 2026. Positions will remain open until filled.*