Akbir Khan

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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, MPhil Advanced Computer Science

Oct'17 - May'18

- Thesis: "An Affective Representation of Poetry" Developing An Affective Representation of Poetry
- Relevant Classes: Probabilistic Machine Learning, Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing, Affective Computing
- · Awarded Pass with Distinction

University College London, MSci Mathematics and Physics

Sept'13 - Jun'17

- Thesis: "Analytic Modelling of Spin Ice" solutions for magnetism in spin ice with theoretical comparison to dipolar liquids
- Grade: 1st Class Honours GPA: 3.96/4.00
- Exchange Student: University of Toronto (Sept'15 Apr'16)

 Awards: Provost Excellence Scholarship

Leeds Grammar School Sept'07 – Jun'13

- A Levels: 4A*s (Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy & Ethics), Merit in AEA Mathematics
- Awards: Berkely Exhibition Scholar (Highest achieving student of class), British Physics Olympiad 2nd Round

WORK EXPERIENCE

Spherical Defence Labs – Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security Start Up (3 total employees incl)

May'17 - Present

Chief Research Engineer

- Designed novel (patent pending) unsupervised deep learning models to identify anomalous web API requests
- Negotiated investments of £2 million through pitching and networking to a combination of angel investors and VC funds
- Sought out and secured pilot programmes with financial clients such as Barclays, London Stock Exchange and Santander

Deutsche Bank, London Jun'16 – Aug'16

Summer Analyst, Group Technology & Operations

- Programme Manager Implemented MIFIDii regulation (€100 Million budget) at a cross-divisional and global scale. Designed standardised project milestones and tracking metrics, to be used by all (>300) projects
- Software Engineer Implemented user interface for internal search engine of golden-source market data and metadata

Imperial College London

May'15 – Sept' 15

Research Intern, Quantum Optics and Laser Group

• Worked with Prof David Jennings, using information theory to validate restrictions within Quantum Communication

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

UCLe Moonshot Launchpad – UCL's First Pre-Accelerator Programme

Sept'16 - May 17

Co-founder, Fintech Director

- Hosted fintech panel of Amazon, blockchain start-up Everledger, PWC and UCL Advances' Director to (>100) participants
- Shortlisted and mentored 8 finalists to pitch to a funding panel of experts such as from Cisco, BCG and Amazon

UCLU Debating Society

Jan'14 – Sept'15

Vice President, School's Chair

- Elected Chief Convenor, hosting the UCL schools debating competition, negotiating partnerships between other debating unions and increasing capacity to 300 attendees resulting in the UK's largest (single day) schools debating competition
- Expanded community outreach by implementing new funding, to fully subsidise entry for (+100) state schools

Ministry of Defence Sept'09 – Jun'13

Flight Sergeant, Combined Cadet Force

- Commanded the largest CCF Contingent (100+ members) in Yorkshire, organising and participating in military training exercise
- Promoted to Course Commander whilst completing the two-week Air Cadet Leadership Course at RAF station Cramwell

PROJECTS

Modelling Racial Bias in Stop-Searches through Bayesian Inference – Probabilistic graphical model utilising UK Police Data API Walktrap Algorithm, Computing Communities in Large Networks – Implementation of Pons and Latapy paper of the same name Bad Flamingo – Gamified data collection of Adversarial Training examples, won 1st Prize at the Cambridge Ternary Hackathon Bag of Poses – Group body language analysis tool, based on convolution neural networks, for supervised learning problems

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

British Parliamentary Debating

- European Debating Championships: Vienna (2015) placed 39th out of 400 teams, highest achieved by a UCL team
- Finalist at international competitions including Warwick, Zagreb and 5th best speaker at the London Debating Intervarsity

Music – Seasonal volunteer coordinator at summer music festivals, including Leeds and Outlook Festival in Croatia

Film - Visited the British and Toronto Film Festival and lifetime member of the Prince Charles Cinema

Rowing – Member of the Sidney Sussex men's rowing crew

Technical Languages - Python (Multi-threading, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, NumPy, PyTorch, Keras), Lua (Torch)