

# Ronak Prabhu

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## SUMMARY

My name is Ronak Prabhu, and I'm currently a senior at Monta Vista High School, focusing on CS, Finance, and Statistics. I have a deep-rooted passion for advancing machine learning applications and building technical projects. I'm passionate about scaling frontier tech, building founder-first products, and rethinking finance through AI.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Venture Scout

LvlUp Ventures

Jun '25 — Present

- I have sourced 100+ deals for LvlUp Ventures VC Funding/Investment.

### Growth (Clipping & Content)

Cluely

Apr '25 — Present

- I create and post clips for Cluely (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KfvAjeZs8eOCE1Ufe8I7cWa8nMB0N5pl>)

### Figma Student Creator

Figma

Jul '25 — Present

- Attending Figma sponsored events, being a part of the Figma creator community, and creating & posting content.

### Growth & Management

Ultra

May '25 — Aug '25

- Internship to help Ultra to meet growth targets & to help build the Ultra Community + managing the Ultra Club Initiative

### Climate Leaders Fellow, Stanford Deliberative Democracy Lab

Stanford Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Feb '25 — Aug '25

- Selected from 3,000+ applicants across 28+ countries to build climate waste mitigation software solutions.
- Authored research paper addressing climate destructive laws + Presented about the destructive nature of Textile Waste.

### SWE Resident

Headstarter

Mar '25 — Jul '25

- Built multiple full-stack apps focusing on AI & Finance; mentors from Google, Two Sigma, Stanford, Citadel, Tesla, etc.

### AI Research Fellow & Stanford DDL Project Lead

Perrin Research Institution

Dec '24 — Jul '25

- Project Lead for the Stanford DDL Paper in conjunction with the Stanford Climate Fellowship, worked on research regarding climate initiatives & textile pollution.
- Researched AI Technology & Its impacts for the Harvard Ventures Paper in conjunction with the Harvard Fellowship.

### Director of Sales & Marketing

VenturEd

Dec '24 — Jun '25

- Conducted Marketing Research & Analyzed Trends within the student ecosystem developed at VentureEd.

### Grey Swan AI Arena Global Champion

Gray Swan AI

Mar '25 — May '25

- Global Champion in the Agent Red-Teaming Cybersecurity Challenge. Broke numerous AI models modeled after Chatgpt, Gemini, and Claude; found bugs in them, and pen-tested for potential vulnerabilities.
- One of the winners from the prize pool of \$171,800 (Sponsored by UK AISI, OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google DeepMind)

### Discover Curator

Perplexity

Oct '24 — Apr '25

- Combined 20k+ total views, wrote about some topics I find interesting + a couple of niche things I found out about

### Student Climate Ambassador & Intern

Acterra

Jul '24 — Apr '25

- Worked with Acterra to lobby for Congressional Change and promote Acterra's Sustainability Initiatives.

### State and Local Champion (1st Place FTDM) & Finance Lead

DECA Inc.

Aug '22 — Apr '25

- 1st Place SVCDC & 1st Place SCDC for Financial Team Decision Making (FTDM) & Finance Lead

### Multimodal AI Research @Safe AI Lab

Carnegie Mellon University

Feb '24 — Mar '25

<https://safeai-lab.github.io/>

- Completed Multimodal AI Research @Safe AI Lab under a wing of CMU, MIT, & UPenn Grad Students

### Research Intern

NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration

May '24 — Aug '24

- Selected for the STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) internship, a collaboration between UT Austin's Center for Space Research and NASA.

- Collaborated with NASA subject-matter experts and peers to detect and characterize exoplanet transits using photometry software and python based computing.

**Autonomous Systems @xLab**

Mar '24 — Aug '24

Penn Engineering AI
 

- Built an autonomous race car. The race car was part of UPenn's F1 Tenth Program

**AI Governance Student Representative @UN IGF PNAI**

Mar '24 — Jun '24

United Nations
 

- Published a paper and opinion piece as a student AI Governance Representative at the UN

**AI Policy Fellow**

Jan '24 — May '24

Berkeley AI Safety Student Initiative
 

- Worked under Berkeley Grad and Undergrad students to learn about AI, AI Policy, and AI Safety.

## EDUCATION

Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
 

Dec '24 — Present

- Harvard Winter Tech Fellow
- 1 of 26 selected from 5,000+ applicants (0.5%) as a Fellow at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Built climate technology startup. Pitched to Pear VC. Tuition free program with mentorship from Harvard University faculty, venture capitalists, and successful entrepreneurs.

Monta Vista High School
 

Aug '22 — Present

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Data Analytics**, IBM

**Financial Markets**, Yale University

**Fundamentals of AI Agents**, Hugging Face

**Python Data Structures**, University of Michigan

## AWARDS

**Global Champion in the Agent Red-Teaming Cybersecurity Challenge (Gray Swan AI)**

**Launchpad 1st Place Winner (Stanford ASES)**

**World Series of Innovation Finalist - Zuora Climate Challenge (NFTE)**

**Global 2nd Place out of 5000+ Teams (Wharton Stock Competition)**

**2nd Internationally out of 4000+ Teams (SIFMA Foundation Stock Market Game)**

**2x AIME Qualifier (Mathematical Association of America)**

**SIFMA Invest Quest - 1st Globally**

## PROJECTS

**AgentHacks 2025 - Finlo**

- Built an AI CFO & finance OS that auto-logs expenses, balances books, flags anomalies, and forecasts cash flow, freeing SMBs from spreadsheets and pricey consultants. (<https://devpost.com/software/finlo-finance-flow>)

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML/CSS, C++, SQL (Postgres), MATLAB, JSON

**Frameworks:** React, Node.js, Flask, TailwindCSS, Fast API, Bootstrap, Dialogflow

**Developer Tools** Git, Docker, Google Cloud Platform, REST APIs, Firebase, Command Line

**Libraries:** Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, PyTorch, TensorFlow, NLTK, scikit-learn, OpenAI, JWT

## VOLUNTEERING

**Founder & Former Executive Director**, Renewable Roots

- Bloomberg Philanthropies & Youth Climate Action Fund \$5k Grantee
- Raised \$10,000+ to install 25 solar powered fans & lights for rural villagers

**Founder & CSO**, Resole Project

Raised 100k+ in donations to go to the homeless. Worked with numerous local homeless shelters to donate used shoes.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Google Scholar**

[https://scholar.google.com/citations?view\\_op=list\\_works&hl=en&hl=en&user=fAkNL6kAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=list_works&hl=en&hl=en&user=fAkNL6kAAAAJ)