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Experience

Undergraduate Research Assistant,

09/2025 – Present

University of Waterloo – Supervisors: Prof. Trevor Brown & Prof. Hong Zhang

Waterloo, Canada

- Initiate exploratory projects on **concurrency** and **distributed ML systems**, contributing to early-stage research directions.
- Benchmark concurrent data structures under varying workloads, focusing on **scalability** and **throughput**.
- Conduct literature reviews on application-oriented system design and serverless
 ML, identifying potential future directions.

Research Engineer (WSRP '24 '25, WELP '24 '25), Wolfram Research

06/2024 – Present Boston, USA (hybrid)

- Built **parallel computing systems** through **multicore CPU** for cellular automata, including selective cell evaluation, workload scheduling, etc.
- Designed constructive algorithms in lambda calculus and combinatory logic, released well-documented open-source functions in the Wolfram Function Repository, and published formal research submissions.
- Collaborated with Wolfram researchers to develop symbolic computation tools, such as polygonal tiling generation and experiments with **discrete neural networks**.
- Published results on Wolfram Community with 10k+ views, and scheduled to present at the Wolfram Technology Conference 2025.
- Invited by Stephen Wolfram to implement functions for his post and recognized as a "21st Century λ -Combinator-ist."

Contest Director & Problem Setter, DMOJ: Modern Online Judge

06/2022 - Present

Remote

- Directed **3 national-level coding contests** on Canada's leading programming platform with **1000+ participants**.
- Designed **20+ algorithmic problems** (**data structures**, **DP**, **Ad hoc**, **graph theory**, etc.) with full test generation and evaluation infrastructure (USACO Gold to IOI level).
- Led a 7-member remote team from top universities to deliver contests.

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Happy Hackers Foundation

08/2023 - 01/2025

• Co-founded a nonprofit promoting inclusive STEM education; organized 5 hackathons (600+ participants, 28 countries) and raised \$60K sponsorships

Vancouver, Canada

Projects

Recap ☑

07/2025

- Won **1st place** (Multimodal Track, 800 participants) at **Adventure X**, China's largest backathon
- Built a backend with FastAPI, WebSockets, SQL, deployed on CentOS VPS with Nginx.
- Designed a graph-based knowledge model with memory-decay algorithms, extended into an educational system using Google Street View, TEN Framework, and multimodal voice interaction.

Zebra Giraffe Swap 🛮 06/2025 Built a concept-swapping solution (giraffe
 ⇒ zebra) via selective UNet training. • Implemented with **PyTorch** and **Hugging Face Diffusers/Transformers**. • Designed a **scalable preprocessing pipeline** on the COCO 2017 dataset. ArtifAl 🗷 03/2024 • Developed a system to distinguish Al-generated and human-made artworks, addressing ethical and copyright challenges in generative AI. Built and deployed the backend with FastAPI on a personal VPS (CentOS + Nginx + **SSL)**, integrating **GPT API** as an assistant for copyright queries and creator support. • Optimized training to handle **memory-intensive models**. Scaled the system to 4,900+ uses by 200+ users, ensuring backend reliability\transparency in digital art. **Honours and Awards** International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) Team Canada Selection 06/2025 Finalist, IOAI-Canada Canadian Computing Olympiad 2024 & 2025 Silver Medalist, 05/2024 University of Waterloo ☐ Placed top 5 and 6 nationally among the top 20 finalists selected for Canada's national computing olympiad for the IOI selection. Mathematics National Scholarship Recipient (\$25,000), University of Waterloo 04/2025 Awarded to ~10 students for outstanding academic performance in mathematics and computer science. ACSL Senior 2024 Global Finals Gold Medalist, American Computer Science League 04/2024 9th place worldwide **USACO Platinum Division,** USA Computing Olympiad 01/2024 **Education Bachelor of Computer Science,** *University of Waterloo* 09/2025 - 04/2030 Advanced Courses Stream (CS 145, MATH 145, MATH 147) Waterloo, ON, Canada **International Baccalaureate Diploma,** West Vancouver Secondary School 09/2020 - 06/2025 Vancouver, BC, Canada