# **COLEMAN COCHRAN**

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### **EDUCATION**

### **University of Southern California**

## **Applied and Computational Mathematics**

Los Angeles, California August 2022-Present

- Coursework focus on Computer Science, Data Science, and Economics
- Expected Graduation May 2026

#### The London School of Economics

#### Math and Data Science

London, United Kingdom September 2024-June 2025

Admitted to General Course for Junior Year 2024-2025

### **EXPERIENCE**

SpaceX Incoming Financial Analyst

Los Angeles, California June 2025-Present

Starlink finance and growth team

BuildGroup
Summer Venture Associate

Austin, Texas June 2024-September 2024

- BuildGroup focuses on investments in early stage growth Business-to-Business SaaS companies
- Conducted investment due diligence on 10 SaaS companies; delivered financial models, KPI's, and business strategy presentations for weekly investment committee meetings
- Identified 16 AI services that enhanced private equity/VC workflows by meeting with founders of 3rd party AI tools; delivered recommendation which was executed by firm

IBM Austin, Texas
Accelerate Fellow June 2024-July 2025

- Selected for a virtual evening program focused on business and technical skills (5% acceptance rate)
- Collaborated with clients to co-create and deliver Data & AI Proof of Concept pilots to foster strong relationships and communicated value of IBM software and solutions
- Leveraged Tableau, SQL to perform analysis and demonstrate project performance for deliverable

### **PROJECTS**

# **TPI Centre Data Analysis and Automation Project**

April 2025-May 2025

- The TPI Centre at LSE assesses corporate and sovereign progress toward a low-carbon economy
- Optimized existing API by merging new features and bug fixes, and created comprehensive, interactive documentation

# **Data Pipeline and Performance Analysis: Top Chess Players**

December 2024

- Developed a data pipeline using APIs and web scraping to analyze chess performance, integrating Chess.com statistics, Google
   Trends data, and FIDE ratings into SQLite
- Conducted Python-based analysis and visualizations to explore correlations between performance, ratings, and public interest

### LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

### **Student Government, Senator**

- Governed for 21,000 undergraduate students and utilized a \$2,000,000 budget
- · Led review of government spending, identifying cost-saving opportunities to optimize budget

# **LSE Venture Capital Society**

• Responsible for fundraising \$2,000 budget among VC and alumni network and organized fireside chats and technical workshops with London based Venture Capitalists

# **USC Surf Club & Climbing Club**

Engaged in morning surf sessions and climbing sessions at nearby beaches and climbing gyms

### **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- Microsoft Office, Excel, Python, C++, SQL, R, HTML, Tableau, Bash, Github, Google Workplace
- IBM Accelerate Client Engineering and Technical Sales (07/2024), IBM Getting Started with Data (08/2024), IBM Data Fundamentals (08/2024)