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#### EDUCATION

# University of Cambridge

MPhil in Scientific Computing

Cambridge, United Kingdom

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Oct 2025 - Sep 2026

Awarded a merit-based scholarship covering full tuition by the Department of Physics.

 $Specialising \ in \ high-performance \ computing, \ machine \ learning, \ GPU \ programming, \ and \ advanced \ C++ \ for \ computational \ modelling.$ 

### University College London (UCL)

London, United Kingdom Sep 2022 - Jun 2025

BSc Chemistry with Mathematics; Grade: First-Class Honours

Courses: Algorithms and Data Structures, Scientific Programming, Computational Chemistry, Mathematics for Physics and Astronomy Activities and Societies: Quant Society, Asset Management Society, Scuba Diving Society, Surfing Society, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Society

#### Experience

Microsoft

London/ Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Software Engineer Intern, Azure for Operators Jul 2024 - Sep 2024 • Used Ceph, an open-source package to manage syncing data between voicemail servers scaling to millions of users.

- Wrote robust, error-handled code to allow for an outage-less upgrade of servers for customers with five nines uptime.
- Ensured code could easily be debugged with well-written documentation and logs for support teams to aid customers.
- Deployed Linux VMs, automated processes with bash scripts, monitored and managed network services/APIs.
- o Gained skills in working with open source communities, debugging poorly documented functions in large codebases.
- Replaced Ansible with Python scripts, boosting command speed by up to 1000x, enhancing support team efficiency.
- o Developed unit-tested Java code in a large codebase, managing endpoint selection for requests in a multithreaded server.
- o Developed a Microsoft 365 Copilot extension for researchers to accurately discover papers via the Semantic Scholar API.

## Sainsbury Wellcome Centre and Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit Research Software Engineer, Neuroinformatics Unit

London, United Kingdom Sep 2023 - Mar 2024

• Helped develop Movement, an open-source Python package for the kinematic analysis of animal body movements.

- Wrote high-quality, object-oriented, unit-tested code for the I/O of various data formats and underwent code reviews.
- Utilized strong CI/CD practices to facilitate open-source collaboration and published the code for open-source use.
- Published as a coauthor in the proceedings of Measuring Behavior 2024: https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.25897855.

#### S-Cube

Software Developer Intern

Imperial College London

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

- Applied autodifferentiation to accurately compute gradients of various cost functions for gradient descent.
- o Utilized Fourier transforms with NumPy library to perform signal processing on seismic data.
- Vectorised data while calculating the zero-lag cross-correlation of seismic data to improve compute time.
- o Automated data extraction from documents using Python with libraries Pandas, Itables and AWS CLI.
- Leveraged fine-tuned GPT models and prompt engineering techniques to enable natural language data extraction.
- o Developed chatbots with LLMs, Flask and PostgreSQL, integrated intent detection for API data retrieval.
- o Deployed live web applications with AWS EC2, AWS ELB, Docker, Kubernetes, Nginx, and Git for version control.

## Projects

## Accessible Flappy Bird - Pose Detection & Voice Recognition

Morgan Stanley Code to Give Hackathon

October 2023

o Worked in a team to use on-the-edge ML algorithms for keyword detection for voice controls, and pose detection to track head movement to create an accessible flappy bird for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS).

#### Spatiotemporal Analysis and Prediction of Crime in Philadelphia

Citadel Europe Regional Datathon

April 2023

o Conducted a spatiotemporal analysis of traffic stops and crime in Philadelphia to determine police efficiency in locating crime hotspots using R. Trained a neural network from TensorFlow to predict the type and time of crimes in hotspots.

## Deep Learning Model to Measure User Attention

Hackathon Submission

March 2023

• Worked in a team to develop an application which detects users' attention during video calls using a deep learning model trained with TensorFlow and plots a graph displaying how attention varied over the call.

#### Additional Information

• Coding Languages: Proficient in Python, experienced in Bash, SQL, R, C, Java and LATEX.

Scuba Diving (PADI Certified Advanced Open Water Diver), Surfing, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Cycling • Interests:

• Spring Weeks: G-Research Coding Challenge (Winning Team), Susquehanna International Group, WTW, Schroders.