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OBJECTIVE

Full-stack developer with hands-on experience in AI research, robotics, and personal finance applications. Proven ability to lead multidisciplinary teams, delivering complex projects to successful outcomes.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto

2029 (expected)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Toronto, Canada

Crestwood Preparatory College

Secondary Education

Toronto, Canada

AWARDS

AP Scholar with Honours Award · Ontario Scholar Certificate · Diplôme d'Études en Langue Français (B2) · Academic Achievement Award

EXPERIENCE

Royal Bank of Canada [)

2025

Innovation Developer Intern (return offer from previous term)

Toronto, Canada

- Built a full-stack platform for Apollo SREs that cut proxy deployment from 9h to 90m (83% faster), saving 2,200+ engineer hours annually.
- Delivered React.js front-end (RIG), Go/PostgreSQL backend for 6,000+ Apigee proxies; ensured scalability with Jest test suites.
- Awarded 'most innovative solution'

Royal Bank of Canada []

2024

Innovation Developer Intern (1 of 40 selected from 1,100+ applicants)

Toronto, Canada

- Built an onboarding platform reducing setup by 40+ hours per hire; modernized developer portal UI with RBC's design framework.
- Partnered with DevOps and designers to refine portal functionality; presented results to CTO and senior execs.
- Vexo Labs []

Co-Founder & Lead Developer

- Toronto, Canada
- Shipped full-stack React Native personal-finance app with Firebase auth, Plaid bank integration, and AI-driven financial insights.
- Built modular TypeScript/RN-SVG components; led product direction across UI/UX, investor pitches, and roadmap; utilized agile practices.
- Ensured reliability via Jest + React Testing Library test suite.

PROJECTS

A Minimal Approach to Fake News Detection [#]

2024

Research Paper

- Published preprint proposing lightweight ML model (XGBoost), achieving 71% classification accuracy on engineered text features.
- Built and processed dataset with pandas; tuned models via gradient boosting and evaluated with ROC/confusion matrices.
- Presented findings at Polygence Symposium, demonstrating strong research communication and academic writing skills.

Advanced Robotics Club []

2022-2025

Founder and Captain of Team Canada

- $[\mathbf{O}]$ Founded and scaled club; secured \$5,000 worth of sponsorships and recruited 12 active members through outreach and mentorship.
- Led Canada's team twice at RoboCup Junior Lightweight Division in 2023 (France) & 2025 (Brazil); designed autonomous soccer robots.
- Directed hardware/software/media subteams; built navigation and computer vision systems; interfaced with low-level components; documented codebase on GitHub for continuity.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, JavaScript/TypeScript (React.js & React Native), Java, Go Frameworks & Tools: Jest, GitHub, Pandas, XGBoost, RBC RIG, Google Apigee, Backstage, Firebase Misc: Machine Learning (gradient boosting, feature engineering), Full-stack development, DevOps collaboration, Academic publishing, Agile framework

COMMUNITY

Model United Nations Club: Captain · North York Lions Basketball Team: Captain · Various Musical Groups: Drummer & Bassist · Crestwood Preparatory College Camping Trip: Counsellor