# Davide Baldelli

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## **Education**

### MILA and Polytechnique Montréal

PhD in Computer Engineering (GPA: 4.0)

Supervisors: Sarath Chandar, Amal Zouag.

• Courses: Representation Learning, Reinforcement Learning.

### University of Bologna

Bologna, Italy

Montréal, Canada Jan 2025 - Current

MSc in Artificial Intelligence (Grade: 110/110 cum laude.)

Sept 2021 - Oct 2023

 Courses: Programming for Data Science, Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, Statistical Theory and Methods, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing.

### University of Florence

Florence, Italy

BSc in Mathematics (Grade: 110/110)

Sept 2017 - Mar 2021

Courses: Analysis, Linear Algebra, Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Logic and Computability.

### **Publications**

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

Baldelli, Davide, Junfeng Jiang, Akiko Aizawa, and Paolo Torroni (2024). "TWOLAR: A TWO-Step LLM-Augmented Distillation Method for Passage Reranking". Advances in Information Retrieval. Vol. 14608. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, pp. 465–481. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-56027-9\_29. URL: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56027-9\_29.

#### Pre-prints and Working Papers

Govindarajan, Prashant, Baldelli, Davide, Jay Pathak, Quentin Fournier, and Sarath Chandar (2025). CADmium: Fine-Tuning Code Language Models for Text-Driven Sequential CAD Design. Submitted to Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR). arXiv: 2507.09792 [cs.LG]. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.09792.

# Research Experience

#### National Institute of Informatics

Tokyo, Japan

MSc Thesis - International Internship Program

Mar 2023 - Aug 2023

- Supervisors: Akiko Aizawa (National Institute of Informatics), Paolo Torroni (University of Bologna)
- Title: A TWO-step LLM Augmented distillation method for passage Reranking

# University of Florence

Florence, Italy

**BSc Thesis** 

Sept 2020 - Mar 2021

- Supervisor: Francesca Romana Nardi (University of Florence)
- Title (translated): Big Deviations for Markov Chains

# **Professional Experience**

MILA Montréal, Canada

Teaching Assistant - Summer High School Internships

Summer 2025

Designed and delivered educational workshops on Machine Learning and Probability for high school students.

# Independent Consultant (Upwork Platform)

Remote

Freelance Machine Learning Engineer

June 2024 - Jan 2025

 Delivered a variety of machine learning projects for international clients, consistently earning 5-star ratings for quality and speed.

Loop AI Labs Inc. Remote

Machine Learning Engineer

Sept 2022 - Dec 2024

- Co-supervised a master's thesis titled "Self Assessment Tool for Medical Exam Candidates" in collaboration with the University of Padova.
- Conducted project on Musical Deepfake Detection achieving 94% of F1 score on a proprietary dataset.
- Implemented BERT-based email classifier for an italian University's administration, achieving 98% accuracy.

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# **Leadership and Community Involvement**

Belle Parole Arci APS

Florence, Italy

Leadership in Non-Profit Organization

Nov 2023 - Current

- Involved in founding and leading Belle Parole Arci APS, a non-profit organization.
- Responsible for organizing community events and handling communications, including building the organization's website: belleparoleaps.it
- Secured a €10,000 grant from Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze to fund organizational activities.

### **Other Achievements**

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Jun 2025 Selected Participant, Y Combinator Al Startup School San Francisco, CA

Jun 2022 4th place, Loop Q Prize Competition Italy

CERTIFICATIONS

Apr 2025 Agents Course, Hugging Face Remote

# **Projects**

### Full-Stack AI Agent Platform with LangGraph Integration

Montreal, Canada

Personal Project Jul 2025

Built a comprehensive full-stack platform for creating and deploying custom AI agents (like DeepResearch) using modern web technologies. Frontend developed with Next.js, React, and TypeScript. Backend implemented with FastAPI and LangGraph framework, supporting multiple AI models.

### Choosr - Career Orientation Platform

Remote

Creator and Lead Developer

Sept 2024 - Present

- Designed and implemented the entire technical stack for a career guidance platform helping Italian high school students navigate university choices.
- Built and integrated comprehensive databases of career paths and Italian university programs.
- Implemented the RIASEC psychometric test to provide personalized career recommendations.

#### Deepdreaming with newest vision architectures

Tokyo, Japan

University of Bologna

Aug 2023

• Updated a github repository to support the newest vision models and pretrained checkpoints. With our implementation, images can be deepdreamed either by maximizing the activation of a specific layer or by maximizing the similarity score with a text embedding, allowing the user to inject a visual concept in the form of a phrase while deepdreaming (only with CLIP models).

#### Skills

ML & LLM Tooling PyTorch, Hugging Face (Transformers, TRL), Hydra, vLLM, LangChain/LangGraph

Programming Python (fluent), TypeScript, Bash, HTML, CSS

Tools & Frameworks Docker, Linux, LATEX, Weights & Biases, Blender, Figma

### Languages

**English** Professional proficiency **Italian** Native proficiency

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