

DEAR COMPLEXLY

My name is Elan, and I would like to help Complexly better connect with its viewers and provide them with the high-quality content they deserve. I have served as a reviewer for multiple world-class research journals, ranking in the top 5% of reviewers at times. In addition, I have co-authored 12 machine learning research publications. Finally, I have four years of teaching experience. Thus, I can accurately represent research to diverse viewers in a form they can engage with and inspire learning and curiosity.

My tertiary studies have given me a strong enough science background to publish academic works and serve as a volunteer reviewer for journals such as the International Conference on Machine learning. In addition, I received multiple awards for my fact-checking and mentoring skills.

I have volunteer experience teaching students with significantly varying backgrounds and technical skills. For example, I remember a class I gave on optimising neural networks where high school students sat next to machine learning engineers from Google. I received excellent feedback on my ability to meet each class participant where they were. In 2018 I helped organise an event where 300+ high school and university students came to learn from some of our country's best machine learning experts, free of charge.

I believe I am the right person for this job because I care about learning, creating curiosity in others and giving back to my community. I can communicate and work effectively in a team and meet deadlines while working on many projects simultaneously.

I have engaged with so much of Complexly's content. Dear Hank and John and the Anthropocene Reviewed remind me to be thoughtful and think of the world and the people in it more **complexly**. SciShow (Tangents) and Bizarre Beasts feed my curiosity and remind me that the world is weirder, sillier, and more wonderful than I can imagine. Crash Course and Ours Poetica have helped me understand the world around me and relate to others. The Art Assignment reminds me that I would rather learn than be perfect. Finally, I know that the Project For Awesome isn't a part of Complexly, but it helps me feel connected to others and like I'm a part of something bigger: a collective superhero that decreases world-suck one step at a time. Complexly provides me with all of these experiences, and I would love to be a part of bringing people together and facilitating that for others.

Thank you very much for looking at my application. I hope I can contribute to Complexly very soon. I would love to discuss further how I can help and what makes me qualified to do so. Please get in touch with me at elanvanbiljon@gmail.com if you want to know more.

“ *Here's to celebrating light where we find it. And making light where we don't. [...] The light-soaked days are coming.*

— John Green

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Kind Regards and Don't Forget To Be Awesome,
Elan van Biljon