## **FURAHA KABEYA**

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MSC CANDIDATE IN MACHINE LEARNING & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## **EDUCATION**

MSC IN MACHINE LEARNING & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (GOOGLE DEEPMIND SCHOLAR) • 2025

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

BSC HONOURS IN BIOINFORMATICS & COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY • 2024

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

**BSC IN COMPUTER SCIENCE • 2022** 

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, JavaScript, C++, Java, C#
- Machine Learning & AI: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, NLP, Reinforcement Learning, Probabilistic Modeling
- Cloud & DevOps: AWS (Lambda, S3, EC2), Docker
- Web Development: React.js, Redux, Node.js, Express.js, jQuery
- Automation & APIs: RESTful APIs, Zapier, Workflow Automation
- Database Management: PostgreSQL, MySQL
- UI/UX & Design: Figma, Bootstrap
- Version Control & Collaboration: Git, GitHub

## SOFT SKILLS

- Problem-solving & critical thinking
- Time management & fast learning
- Adaptability & self-motivation
- Analytical thinking & attention to detail
- Collaboration & teamwork
- Leadership & project management

## **PROFILE**

A creative and detail-oriented professional passionate about leveraging AI to solve real-world challenges and driving impactful innovation. With expertise in machine learning, AI automation, and software development, I thrive in fast-paced environments while ensuring efficiency, scalability, and user-centric design in all solutions. My strengths include problem-solving, project management, and AI-driven optimization, with a focus on computer vision, deep learning, and sustainable AI solutions.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

AI AUTOMATION ENGINEER • JUL 2024 – JAN 2025

Timbuk2.AI | Cape Town, South Africa

- Designed and implemented Al-driven automation solutions to optimize workflows and enhance operational efficiency.
- Developed Al-powered business solutions for scalability and data-driven decision-making.
- Integrated AI models into business workflows to improve operational efficiency.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER • APR 2023 – JUN 2024

Timbuk2.Al | Cape Town, South Africa

- Designed and implemented front & back-end components of timbuk2's Al-powered platform, ensuring scalability and performance.
- Developed and integrated RESTful APIs, ensuring efficient data flow and system interoperability.
- Leveraged AWS services, including Lambda, S3 and EC2, to deploy scalable solutions and automate infrastructure management.
- Implemented Security Protocols and Conducted Usability Testing.

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

## Naive Bayes Spam Classifier (Python)

Implemented Naive Bayes from scratch to classify SMS/email messages.

## Diabetes Predictive Healthcare Model (Python)

Built and trained a neural network to predict diabetes from patient medical data.

## Sorting Algorithm Analyzer (Python)

Built a program to analyze and visualize sorting algorithm performance, including:

- Merge Sort
- Quicksort
- Bubble Sort
- Selection Sort
- Insertion Sort

## Maze Solver with BFS/DFS (Python)

Designed a maze generator and implemented BFS/DFS to auto-solve paths.

#### REFERENCES

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE INTERN • DEC 2021 – FEB 2022

#### Quantify Your Future | Remote (South Africa)

- Collected, analyzed, and interpreted large datasets for major banks (ABSA, FNB, Nedbank) to improve products.
- Used Python for data analysis and visualization, contributing to faster insights.

# RESEARCH & ACADEMIC PROJECTS

HONOURS RESEARCH PROJECT - AI FOR FORESTRY ENGINEER • JUN 2024 - NOV 2024

#### Stellenbosch University | Stellenbosch, South Africa

- Title: The Signal and the Noise: Using Al Techniques to Find Patterns in Variation in Daily Stem Growth Data and Environmental Data in Eucalypts.
- Developed machine learning models (LSTM, Random Forest, XGBoost) to predict tree stem growth using environmental data (temperature, soil moisture, VPD).
- Applied time-series analysis, feature engineering, and imputation techniques to handle missing dendrometer data.
- Evaluated models using MAE, RMSE, R<sup>2</sup>, MAPE, and MBE, achieving high accuracy in predicting growth trends.
- Compared Al models with traditional linear regression, demonstrating ML superiority in timeseries forecasting.

STUDENT PROJECT – MOBILE APP FOR BARTER SYSTEM • FEB 2022 – NOV 2022

University of the Witwatersrand | Johannesburg, South Africa

- Developed a React Native application that enables users to swap items instead of purchasing.
- Integrated a real-time chat system to facilitate secure communication between users.
- Designed an intuitive UI/UX for accessibility, making item exchange seamless.