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EDUCATION

- **MSc. Machine Intelligence: *African Institute for Mathematical Science***, Accra-Ghana, Oct, 2019- August 2020
Specialization: Machine Learning, Explainable AI, Financial Inclusion
- **Mphil. Applied Mathematics, *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology***, Kumasi-Ghana, Oct, 2019- Nov, 2020
Specialization: Machine Learning, Finance
- **MSc. Mathematical Science: *African Institute for Mathematical Science***, Senegal, 2017-2019.
Specialization: Financial Mathematics, Big data
- **BSc. Financial Mathematics: *University for Development Studies***, Ghana, 2012-2016
Specialization: Financial Mathematics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Master's thesis; *African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS-Ghana)*, July, 2020 – Present

Research Title: Drivers of Financial Inclusion in Africa using Machine Learning Techniques

Lead Researcher: *Mastercard Foundation Scholar's Research*, Ghana & Uganda, July, 2019-March, 2020

Research Title: Increasing Women in STEM Transition into Tertiary Education

Master's thesis; *African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)*, Senegal, July 2018-January, 2019

Research title: Pricing Options Using Finite Difference Methods and Monte Carlo Simulations

Mphil thesis: *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana*, Oct, 2019- Sep, 2020

Research title: Machine Learning in Pricing European Call Options

Bachelor thesis: *University for Development Studies (UDS)*, Ghana, January – June, 2016

Research title: Challenges Customers face in acquiring loans from Financial Service

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Teaching Assistant:** [Neuromatch Academy Summer School](#), June, 2020 -July, 2020
Job description: Facilitating students from over 10 countries pod discussions, Aiding students to solve challenging problems and guiding them in group projects.
- **Data Scientist:** [Manobi Africa](#), Dakar-Senegal, May, 2018 – Dec, 2018
Job description: Developing Credit Risk Scoring Algorithms for Farmers in the Smallholder Setting.
- **Research Scholar:** *MasterCard Foundation Scholars Research Grant*, July, 2019 – Dec, 2019
Job description: Managing the entire project life, Training field agents for data collection, data analysis for project.
- **Teaching Assistant:** University for Development Studies, 2016-2017
Job Descriptions: Handling courses on financial derivatives, Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management .
- **Customer Service Intern:** **Ecobank**, May, 2015- Aug, 2015
Job Descriptions:Inventory of daily cheques in the database of the bank's system, assist clients complete account opening forms.

PRESENTATIONS/ TALKS

- [Machine Learning in pricing options](#), Machine Learning Summer School, Germany, June, 2020.
- [Building Career in AI/ML](#), Accra June, 2019.
- Poster Presentation International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Valencia, Spain, July, 2019.
- Closing Remark: [Heidelberg Laureate Forum](#), Germany, Sep, 2018.
- [Deep Learning Indaba Spotlight Talk](#) Talk. Kenyatta University, Kenya, August, 2018.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- [Workshop Grant, Alumnode](#) , Germany, 2019.
- [Mastercard Foundation](#) Scholars Research Grant, April, 2019.
- [Google and Facebook Scholarship](#), Masters degree, 2019-2020.

AWARDS

- Best Poster Presentation, Ghana Data Science Summit, Accra, April, 2019.
- International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics Travel award, Valencia-Spain, March, 2019
- Romberg Grant, 6th Heidelberg Laureate Forum, Germany
- Google and Facebook Scholarship, [AMMI-Ghana](#) , October 2019

LEADERSHIP/ VOLUTEERISM

- **Organizer:** [Women in Machine Learning](#), Ghana, Aug, 2020 – Present
Responsibility: Creating a framework for the group to connect with women in machine learning, organizing meetups
- **Student Delegate:** [AIMS-Senegal](#) , Sep, 2017 -Feb, 2019
Responsibility: Liaising between students and administration, assisting in the organization of events on campus.
- **Co-Founder:** [WPSYG](#) , Accra, Ghana, Dec, 2018 – Present
Responsibility: Creating a framework for the group to connect with women alumni of AIMS network, providing strategic corporate directions, social media strategist.
- **Rapporteur :** [Next Einstein Forum](#) , Kigali, Rwanda, March , 2018
Responsibility: Writing report for workshop on FINTECH
- **President:** National Service Association (NASPA), Upper East Region, Ghana
Responsibility: Presiding meeting, representing association in all board meeting of the secretariat, mediating and resolving problems of members

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Programming ability in Python , Pytorch, Numpy, Sklearn
- Expertise in the use of Microsoft Suite and Latex
- Fluent in English, Intermediate in French, Dagaare, Twi, Gonja

REFERENCES

Dr. Moustapha Cisse, Head of Google AI, Ghana, mcisse@aimsammi.org

Dr.Kwara Nantomah, HOD of Mathematics Department, UDS, knantomah@uds.edu.gh