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EDUCATION

McMaster University

Hamilton, ON

Bachelor of Applied Science in Honors Computer Science, Minor in Statistics

May 2027

- McMaster Award of Excellence: Final admission average in the top 10% of the Engineering faculty.
- Related Coursework: DSA, SQL, Computer Architecture, OS, Concurrent Systems, Compilers, Cryptography, Statistics, Data Mining, Intro to Entrepreneurship, Micro-Economics.

EXPERIENCE

Incoming Data & AI Intern - Technology Consulting Services

May 2025

Ernst & Young (EY)

Lagos, NG

Hamilton, ON

Podcast Co-Host

April 2025 – Present

TheOversteerPodcast
• Co-host on TheOversteerPodcast, a bilingual F1 podcast closing in on 150 monthly listeners.

Machine Learning Research Assistant

January 2025 – Present

McMaster University - ChemAI Lab

Hamilton, ON

- Collaborated with a team on the development of a multi-modal molecule prediction model (Spectro) using IR and NMR data to explore applications of AI in chemistry at McMaster University, achieving an accuracy of 93%.
- Worked closely with domain experts to integrate chemistry-specific insights in model development and validation.
- Effectively communicated complex technical concepts to interdisciplinary team members. Made **powerpoint** presentations to present findings at the 2024 NeurIPS conference, and also **published** our work.

Web Development Intern

June 2023 – August 2023

Seven-Up Bottling Company

Lagos, NG

- Developed a low-fidelity prototype using **ReactJS** to create a secure login system for customers to report spoiled, damaged, or incorrectly delivered products in a **CI/CD pipeline**.
- Leveraged the Swagger API platform for seamless API development and integration while demonstrating technical proficiency and problem-solving skills in web development, increasing customer satisfaction ratings by 15%.
- Conducted **user research** to pinpoint pain points in the user interface experience, leading to a **30**% increase in user satisfaction by implementing targeted improvements.

Founder and President

July 2020 - June 2022

Interact club of Eko Atlantic

Lagos, NG

- Founded a non-profit organization and led a team of 16 people. Secured sponsorships from 4+ organizations and organized multiple fundraisers to raise **N250,000** to support local orphanages and various Rotary agendas.
- Led a green initiative campaign, **coordinating** with volunteers to plant **300**+ trees across local parks, schools etc.

Projects

Spectro | Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Hugging Face Transformers, Linux | (<u>Published Article.</u>)

- Fine-tuned a CNN-based vision model for functional group prediction from images, achieving an f1 score of 91%.
- Designed and tuned an RNN with an LSTM decoder, achieving 93% accuracy in molecule prediction.
- ullet Utilized **LLaMA 3** and **GPT-2** to generate embeddings from NMR text data, enabling multimodal integration.
- Implemented a complete ML pipeline in **TensorFlow**, incorporating data augmentation, oversampling, cross-validation, custom learning rate scheduling, and distributed training.

Lung Cancer Detector | Python, Pandas, NumPy, Sciki-Learn, Joblib | (GitHub)

- Implemented a Random Forest Classifier using Scikit-learn to predict lung cancer, achieving 98.5% accuracy.
- Leveraged MS Excel for data visualization. Preprocessed a dataset of 309 entries using Pandas, and NumPy by converting categorical variables and effectively managing feature-target separation, which enhanced model training efficiency by reducing processing time by 40%.
- Deployed a predictive pipeline by saving the trained model using **Joblib** for real-time diagnosis and future use.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, SQL, JavaScript, R, Haskell, Bash, ELM

Frameworks & Dev Tools: ReactJS, JUnit, TensorFlow, MS Office, Git, PowerBI, DBeaver(IBM DB2)

Libraries: PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Hugging Face Transformers, Joblib, Tailwind CSS