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## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

2024 - 2025

*MSc. Astrophysics*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

2019 - 2023

*BSc. (Hons) Physics and Astronomy (Graduated with High Distinction)*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Asteroseismology, Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics, Planetary Dynamics**

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Suar, S. K.** & Millholland, S. C. “Planetary Obliquity Excitation Through Pre-Main-Sequence Stellar Evolution”, 2024, *in prep.*

**Suar, S. K.** & Owen, J. E. “Dynamics of the atmospheres of ultra-hot Jupiters”, 2024, *in prep.*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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***Excitation of Planetary Obliquities through Planet-Star Interactions***

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

November 2023 - Present

*Supervisor:* Prof. Sarah C. Millholland

Using N-body simulations and the secular evolution of a perturbative Hamiltonian to study how a pre-main sequence star affects the obliquity of a planet orbiting around the star.

***Dynamics of the atmospheres of ultra-hot Jupiters***

Imperial College London

August 2023 - Present

*Supervisor:* Prof. James E Owen

Initialized a hydrostatic, isentropic hot Jupiter atmosphere using a well-balancing method and studied its dynamics due to cooling and rotation using Athena++.

***Listening to gas giant planets***

University of Toronto

May 2023 - August 2023

*Supervisor:* Dr. Janosz Dewberry

Used time-dependent perturbative methods along with REBOUNDx to study the effects on the satellite Juno due to normal mode oscillations within Jupiter. We included the effects of the rotation of Jupiter on the oscillation modes and the satellite.

***Probing the formation and evolution of white dwarf debris disks***

University of Toronto

July 2022 - April 2023

*Supervisor:* Prof. Yanqin Wu

This project focused on studying the formation and evolution of white dwarf debris disks. The main objective was to predict the source of the incoming heavy metals that make up the circumstellar disk, and thus, understand white dwarf pollution. I used a magnetohy-

drodynamics(MHD) simulation package Athena++ to probe the evolution of these disks based on certain theoretical models.

***Electronic states coupled to complex magnetic orders***

University of Toronto

July 2022 - April 2023

*Supervisor:* Prof. Arun Paramekanti

This project focused on studying the possibility of Majorana Bound States (MBSs) in p-type and  $p_x + ip_y$  type superconductors coupled to antiferromagnetic skyrmion textures. I used the Bogoliubov-de Gennes (BDG) transformation, spiral skyrmion configurations and numerical simulations to look for quasiparticle excitations; especially the zero energy modes.

***Characterization and performance testing of RFoF units for the CHORD telescope array***

University of Toronto

May 2022 - July 2022

*Supervisor:* Prof. Keith Vanderlinde

This project was based on testing and debugging the radio frequency (RF) transmitters and receivers that were connected using photodiodes and were designed in the form of printed circuit boards (PCBs). We measured various quantities to show that optical fibers were more efficient at signal transmission when compared to their counterparts; the coaxial cables.

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

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**CITA Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship**

University of Toronto

APRIL 2023

For conducting summer research under CITA.

**Walter John Helm Scholarship in Astronomy and Astrophysics**

University of Toronto

DECEMBER 2022

For the highest annual GPA during my junior year.

**Innis College Alumni Association Scholarship**

University of Toronto

OCTOBER 2022

For high academic achievement during my undergraduate studies.

**Natalia Krasnopskaia Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship**

University of Toronto

MAY 2022

For conducting summer research under the Department of Physics.

**Dean's List Scholar**

University of Toronto

JUNE 2021 - JUNE 2023

For high academic achievement during my undergraduate studies.

**University of Toronto Scholar**

University of Toronto

OCTOBER 2019

For high academic achievement in high school.

**International Award for Young People (Bronze)**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association

MARCH 2019

For community leadership during my high school.

## CONFERENCE POSTERS

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**Sidhant Kumar Suar**, Dr. Janosz Dewberry, (August 2023). *Listening to gas giant planets.*

CITA Poster Presentations, University of Toronto

**Sidhant Kumar Suar**, Dr. Keith Vanderlinde, (October 2022). *Characterization and performance testing of RFoF units for the CHORD telescope array*.  
Undergraduate Research Fair, University of Toronto

## SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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### Canadian Astroparticle Physics Summer School

Queen's University

May 2022

I was selected to attend a summer school on astroparticle physics. I learned about the detection and phenomenology of possible dark matter candidates.

## OUTREACH

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### Voluntary Worker

People for Animals

2022-Present

I work towards preventing animal cruelty with the help of this organization.

### AstroTours

University of Toronto

2022-2023

I volunteered in this program to show demos and talk about gravitational lensing to high school and university students. I also gave them a tour of the radio astronomy lab where I had worked as a summer research student.

### Volunteer Mentor

Center of Integrated and Sustainable Development

2019-Present

I work towards women's empowerment, skill development, health, and hygiene. It has led to their economic growth and quality of life to ensure a sustainable ecosystem for rural entrepreneurship.

### Volunteer Mentor

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

2017-Present

I contribute to the underprivileged indigenous students' academic learning and mental health.

### Voluntary Worker

Bakul Foundation

2014-Present

I donate books to underprivileged children with the help of this NGO.

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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**Languages & Packages:** Python, C++, Athena++, MESA/GYRE, REBOUND/REBOUNDx, Wolfram Mathematica, HTML, CSS, LaTeX

**Operating Systems:** Windows, Linux (HPC), macOS