

AI Scientist Specializing in Protein Engineering

Professional Summary

Experienced AI Scientist with extensive expertise in protein engineering, deep learning, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Demonstrated track record of leading innovative AI-driven solutions, particularly in representation learning of proteins. Founding member of AI department that is now the primary growth driver of Bio-Product.

Experience

Senior Data Scientist | Bio-Product | 2016-Present

- Scientifically directed the design, development, and deployment of large-scale deep learning systems for protein engineering, including language model-based pathogenicity prediction and protein engineering.
- Developed novel transformer-based architectures and innovative training paradigms, significantly improving prediction accuracy and interpretability for protein variant effects.
- Led interdisciplinary teams consisting of data scientists and bioinformaticians to innovate and validate novel AI methodologies.
- Extensive experience with LLMs for proteins and literature NLP, Graph Neural Nets for proteins and ligands (small molecules), 3D CNNs for structure representation.
- Actively presented research at scientific conferences, contributing to peer-reviewed publications, maintaining visibility and collaboration within the ML and bioinformatics community.
- Managed and mentored a team of 3-5 data scientists and supervised 10+ MSc and BSc students, focusing on collaborative research and development.

Commissioned Expert | HAN University of Applied Sciences | 2018-Present

- Evaluated students' graduation projects for conformity with industry standards, providing critical insights and guidance in bioinformatics applications. Professional collaboration with academic personnel.

Founder | Yuras | 2017

- Developed innovative machine learning tools focused on extracting and leveraging data-driven insights for legal professionals.
- Gained valuable experience in stakeholder communication, entrepreneurship, and innovation in traditional industries.

Education

- MSc Applied Data Science, graduated cum laude, HAN University of Applied Sciences (2025)
- BSc Bioinformatics, HAN University of Applied Sciences (2016)

Certifications

- Engineering Project Management (edX, 2021)
- Leadership Essentials for Engineers (edX, 2019)

Technical Skills

- Deep Learning: PyTorch, Transformers, Graph Neural Networks (GNN), CNNs, NLP
- Bioinformatics & Computational Biology: Protein engineering, protein mutation analysis, molecular structure modeling, bioinformatics pipelines
- Programming: Python (expert), Rust, HTML/CSS/JS, PHP
- DevOps & Cloud Computing: Kubernetes, Docker, CI/CD, Google Cloud Platform, SLURM
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Redis

Soft Skills

- Team Leadership, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Scientific Communication, Project Management
- Languages: Dutch (native), English (near-native), German (basic)

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