

# STEPHEN RICHER

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## OBJECTIVE

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Python programmer and data scientist currently working with the NHS to build best practise analytical workflows and machine learning models to address health inequality. Seeking a full-time position in software engineering.

## SKILLS

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<b>Programming Languages</b>	Python (NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn), SQL, Git, Bash, C++, Java
<b>Data Science</b>	Supervised Machine Learning (Decision Trees, Regression), Tableau
<b>Cloud Platforms</b>	Microsoft Azure
<b>Soft Skills</b>	Communication, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Adaptability

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>Data Scientist Intern</b> NHS England	Jun 2022 - Present <i>London, U.K</i>
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- Built and deployed an AutoML pipeline, implementing CatBoost and Logistic Regression, for predicting health-care appointment non-attendance at regional NHS trusts. Available at: [github.com/nhsx/dna-risk-predict](https://github.com/nhsx/dna-risk-predict)
- Developed ETL data engineering pipelines for processing and aggregating healthcare and demographic data from multiple public source.
- Collaborated with NHS stakeholders and analysts to design and implement reproducible analytical workflows for studying healthcare inequalities.
- Utilised a variety of statistical approaches and hypothesis tests, including permutation testing and partial correlation, to robustly analyse complex and biased real-world healthcare data with numerous confounding variables.

<b>Quantitative Research Scientist, Biology &amp; Mathematics</b> University of Bath	Oct 2018 - Jun 2022 <i>Bath, U.K</i>
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- Conducted independent research and developed novel computational tools to understand how the structure of DNA impacts cellular function.
- Developed HiCFlow, a user-friendly analytical workflow for conducting robust and reproducible bioinformatics analysis. Available at: [github.com/StephenRicher/HiCFlow](https://github.com/StephenRicher/HiCFlow)
- Supervised final-year undergraduate students completing projects in computational biology.
- Presented research at national and international conferences.
- Awarded best final-year PhD presentation at the Bath Departmental Research Day.

<b>Research Software Engineering Coach</b> University of Bath, Doctoral College	Apr 2019 - Jun 2022 <i>Bath, U.K</i>
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- Developed and delivered materials to train doctoral students in research software engineering best practises.
- Curriculum: Python programming and style (PEP8), version control, testing and continuous integration. Available at: [github.com/Research-Software-Skills-Bath](https://github.com/Research-Software-Skills-Bath)

<b>Technical Support (IT Services)</b> University of Manchester, Hornet	Oct 2017 - Sep 2018 <i>Manchester, U.K</i>
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- Provided IT support, education and security guidance for residential students.

<b>Study Coordinator</b> MAC Clinical Research	Oct 2016 - Jul 2017 <i>Leeds, U.K</i>
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- Oversaw a phase 3 clinical trial investigating a novel treatment for Alzheimers disease.

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD, Biology &amp; Mathematics</b> , University of Bath	2018 - 2022
Mathematical and bioinformatics-based tools to explore the impact of gene editing on the geometric principles governing the 3D structure of the genome.	
<b>MSc, Bioinformatics &amp; Systems Biology (Distinction)</b> , University of Manchester	2017 - 2018
<b>BSc, Biology (First)</b> , University of Bath	2011 - 2015

## PROJECTS

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**Real World Data Validation with *validatum*** Lightweight, user-friendly Python module to automatically detect and flag suspicious data inconsistencies and common data entry errors within real world data.

Available at: [pypi.org/project/validatum](https://pypi.org/project/validatum)

**Secure Data Encryption with *datasafe***. Python based command-line utility for encryption of text files and encryption of Pandas DataFrames while preserving datatype.

Available at: [pypi.org/project/datasafe](https://pypi.org/project/datasafe)

**Data Science Best Practises - The Titanic Dataset**. Wrote a popular Kaggle notebook, describing best practise approaches for performing supervised tabular classification using Scikit-learn.

Available at: [Kaggle - Titanic Data Science](https://www.kaggle.com/leedsclinicaltrials/titanic-data-science)