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EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY, The Fuqua School of Business <i>Master of Management Studies, MSTeM Track</i>	Durham, NC May 2021
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Tiruchirappalli <i>Bachelor of Technology in Production Engineering</i>	Tiruchirappalli, IN July 2019

EXPERIENCE

NEW STACK VENTURES <i>Venture Capital Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Diligence and sourcing for pre-seed Deep Tech (Space, VR/AR, Robotics, Cybersecurity) startups	Chicago, IL 2021
TOWerview VENTURES, ALUMNI VENTURES GROUP <i>Venture Capital Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital community development for Duke alumni and due diligence for Seed and Series A startups	Durham, NC 2021
DIGITALDX VENTURES <i>Venture Capital Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Screened pre-seed digital health startups and wrote whitepaper on emerging trends in the VC industry	San Francisco, CA 2020-2021
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DIGITAL CURRENCY INITIATIVE <i>Research Engineer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Raised \$210k seed by reaching out to impact investors and community innovation fundsDeveloped openx, an investment platform model for cryptocurrencies to enable crowdfunding of clean energy infrastructure and deployed two \$12000 pilots in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, using InverSOL Lumen	Cambridge, MA 2019-2020
Blockchain Research Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed sandbox showcasing opensolar at the 2019 MIT Media Lab Members Week DemoDeveloped LIT, the first Bitcoin Lightning Network client implementation	2018-2019
YALE OPEN INNOVATION LAB <i>Special Projects Manager</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led cross-functional team comprising climate scientists, undergraduates and Ph.D. students at Yale, in order to track Paris Agreement compliance by UNFCCC member states	New Haven, CT 2019-2020
EDUCATIONAL DATA SOVEREIGNTY <i>Co-Founder</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Co-author of three papers on educational data privacy published at IEEE BigData 2019, Oxford Connected Life 2019 and IJIIIEDeveloped pilot program on K-12 student data privacy in collaboration with the Cambridge Public Schools Department (CPSD) and Access 4 Learning, serving schools in Cambridge, MA	Cambridge, MA 2019-2020
BITHYVE <i>Research and Development Lead</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Co-author of paper on Shamir Secret Sharing schemes for bitcoin wallets, presented at Defcon 2019Developed modular backend server architecture using Kubernetes and Docker to improve redundancy across process streams	Pune, IN 2019-2020
MUSICOIN <i>Founding Team Member and CTO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led nine-member technical team, and managed the 1000+ Musicoin artist community and the 5000+ Musicoin listeners communityManaged 2000ETH as part of the Musicoin Developer Bounty Program	Hong Kong, HK 2017-2019