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**OBJECTIVE** 

Looking for an Internship in the field of Data Analysis/statistical learning to gain expertise and develop professional connections.

**EDUCATION** 

#### **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)**

Expected May 2016

Masters of Science in Statistics (Analytics Concentration)

GPA: 3.58/4.00

Relevant Coursework: Applied Regression Modeling and Analysis, Data Management, Advanced Data Analysis, Foundation of Big data Analysis

#### SRM University - Chennai, India

Jun 2010 - May 2014

Bachelors of Technology in Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 3.96/4.00

Relevant Coursework: Statistics and Probability, Operations Research, Numerical Methods

**SKILLS** 

Skillset: Data Management and Analysis, Regression Modeling.

Programming languages: R, Python, SAS, SQL, C, C++

Big Data tools: Hadoop, Pig and Hive

## **PROJECTS** Walmart Sales Prediction (A Kaggle Project):

Oct 2014 - Dec 2014

Developed sales forecast models for individual stores based on historical sales data and store features; Constructed 3 models; Simple median based, Regression and Ensemble (Random Forests) models, and compared their performance on a global ranking system, where the best model stood in the top 20%.

#### Discriminant Analysis on videogame data:

Oct 2014 - Dec 2014

Developed model to classify players into pre-existing rank pools based on multiple features of player gameplay. Also involved information extraction and feature modeling.

#### **Effect of Cooling on Photovoltaic Cells (Awarded Best Project)**

Jan 2014 - Apr 2014

- Analyzed large sets of temperature data for Solar panels, from which developed a cooling system to increase efficiency; also engineered a custom modeled data logger, enabling the collections of large amounts of accurate data in an economical way.
- Assisted faculty in integrating similar data loggers to their research projects, by custom engineering the initial model according to their needs

#### EXPERIENCE U

### University of Illinois Urbana Champaign:

Jan 2015-Present

Teaching Assistant

• Graduate Teaching Assistant for CS 173: Discrete Structures: Responsibilities include leading discussions, guiding students and evaluating work and giving feedback.

## Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), Rotary wing division Bangalore India

**June 2012** 

Summer Internship

- Investigated various Quality assurance measures in place at the plant, emphasizing mostly on statistical process methods and it applications in the same
- Analyzed the manufacturing setup and the involvement of various internal and external suppliers in manufacturing.

#### **ACTIVITIES STATCOMM** (Statistical Consulting):

Aug 2014 - Present

Member of StatComm, a non-profit statistical consulting organization at the Department of Statistics at UIUC, providing statistical consultation to local Non Profits and UIUC students.

Misc. Hobbies: Major sports enthusiast (and an amateur sports analyst) with a high school soccer career, amateur musician with the ukulele