# Dylan Tran

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## **EDUCATION**

## Columbia University

New York, NY

B.A. in Computer Science, Concentration in Linguistics

• **GPA**: 3.92/4.00

- Relevant Coursework: Databases, Adv. Prog., Data Structures, Linear Algebra, Discrete Math, Calc III, Arabic III
- Honors/Awards: John Jay Scholar, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Dean's List (All Semesters)

## SKILLS

Languages: Advanced: Vietnamese, Arabic. Intermediate: Python, Java, HTML, CSS, Cantonese. Beginner: JS, SQL Frameworks/Libraries: BeautifulSoup, scikit-learn, spaCy, pandas, PyTorch

Technologies/Tools: Git/Github, Selenium, Lucidchart, Basecamp, Kali Linux, Wireshark, Splunk, Excel, Powerpoint Certificates: Intermediate Cybersecurity, Intro to SWE (CodePath), Financial Modeling in Excel (Project Destined)

#### EXPERIENCE

Vochai

Casablanca, Morocco (Remote)

Expected Graduation: May 2026

Software Engineering Intern, Artificial Intelligence

Sep 2024 - Present

- Optimized speech recognition LLM data augmentation on dataset using PyTorch, pandas, and scikit-learn
- Developed Python web scraper API with Selenium and BeautifulSoup, automating YouTube metadata extraction to build low-resource Swahili corpus and enhancing LLM robustness for multilingual NLP applications
- Executed pitch deck and product demos, targeting client partnerships and seed funding for Annarabic product

**CUCyber** 

New York, NY

Cybersecurity Competitions Chair

Aug 2023 - May 2024

- Led 20+ members in 9 national CTF competitions, facilitating team collaboration and achieving top placements
- Hardened Windows system and monitored traffic with Wireshark to counter malware and fulfill injects in CCDC
- Delivered technical workshops on malware creation with msfvenom and on applications of cryptographic algorithms

## City University of New York

New York, NY

Neurolinguistics Research Assistant

May 2023 - Aug 2023

- Investigated the neurocognitive impacts of social isolation on lexical retrieval abilities among elderly adults
- Refined experimental protocols by developing measures to study social networks, aggregating 100+ scholarly articles on Excel, and assisting in subject recruitment with Drs. Loraine Obler and Amy Vogel-Eyny

#### PROJECTS

#### Personal Portfolio Website

Oct 2024 - Present

- Designed responsive portfolio website from scratch using HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript ES6
- Integrated dynamic navigation, adaptive layouts, and interactive JS UI/UX components to enhance accessibility

## Sentiment Analysis of AI in Africa

Sep 2024 - Present

• Developing Python NLP pipeline using spaCy and TextBlob to conduct sentiment analysis on scholarly articles, applying tokenization, parsing, and sentiment scoring to assess AI development trends in Africa's tech sector

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Columbia Emerging Markets Society

New York, NY

MENA Markets Analyst

Feb 2024 - Present

• Conducted macroeconomic research on Morocco's tech sector to draft an investment market analysis report

### Arabic Language Institute in Fez

Fez, Morocco

FLAS Fellow

May 2024 - Jul 2024

Awarded competitive \$8,500 language fellowship to study advanced Modern Standard Arabic and Moroccan dialect

## Woodenfish Foundation

New York, NY

Mar 2024 - May 2024

Sanaha Education Study Tour Coordinator

- Organized 7-hour workshop for 20+ international monastics to explore Columbia Buddhist Studies program
- Worked with Columbia administration to secure conference room venue, coordinate lunch, and arrange campus tour