

BRANDON FORYS

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Summary: I am a determined, hard-working, and highly organized student who is driven by a desire to understand the world holistically, and by the conviction that putting knowledge into practice is one of the most valuable ways to learn new skills and develop new ideas. I am excited by the potential of AI to change how humans access information and make decisions.

EDUCATION

- **University of British Columbia, Vancouver**, second year Psychology student in the Faculty of Arts, planning on BA degree in Honours Psychology. Received the Sopron Memorial Scholarship, Stephen Straker Arts One Prize, and Trek Excellence Scholarship, recognizing top academic performance. Current GPA: 4.0 (out of 4.33).
- Tempo School, Edmonton. Graduated in 2016, having received scholarships or scholarships with distinction in every year in which they were available.
- College Board, Advanced Placement exams in Psychology (5), Human Geography (5), Biology (4), European History (4), and English Literature and Composition (4).
- **Delegate**, Model United Nations Student Association, UBC Vancouver, 2016 – present.
 - o Won a position paper award at NorthWest Model United Nations 2016 in Seattle.
 - o Promoted the club and accepted membership payments to UBC students at the Imagine Day student orientation and at Clubs Days.

EXPERIENCE

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

- **Director of Fundraising**, Model United Nations Student Association, UBC Vancouver, April 2017 - present.
 - o Recruits for and chairs the Fundraising Committee, facilitating the development of fundraising operations for the association.
 - o Liaises with a variety of organizations, conference organizers, and university authorities in order to secure funding for Model UN delegates attending international conferences.
 - o Applies for a variety of grants for the club, and helps club members find and apply for individual conference grants.
 - o Explains AI concepts to students in structured tutorials.
 - o Recruited founding executive team for the club.

THE UBYSSY

- **Volunteer Web Developer**, 2017 – present. Develops new features and fixes issues for the website of UBC's newspaper, one of the largest student run papers in Canada.
 - o Develops on a Django server with MySQL and REST Framework.
 - o Codes frontend and backend of the Ubyssy website and Dispatch publishing platform with CSS, HTML, JavaScript, and Python, and pushes fixes via GitHub.
 - o Writes CI tests.
 - o Currently collaborates on full-stack overhaul of the Ubyssy's mobile site.

AMS TURING CLUB OF UBC

- **Cofounder and Vice President, Marketing**, 2017 - present. Seeing that there needs to be a way for people to learn how to use AI and machine learning without committing themselves to extensive math and compsci training, I cofounded the Turing Club. We run AI training sessions for UBC students with no prior coding or specialized math experience required.
 - o Markets the club through social media and MailChimp newsletters, and develops promotional materials.
 - o Assists club members in setting up AI development environments.

FORYS ADVISORY CORPORATION

- **EVP, Information Technology**, 2016 – present. Manages the corporation's website, email, and IT operations. This entails designing webpages, maintaining frontend HTML and CSS, allocating email addresses, researching IT solutions, and running analytics.

DEBATE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

- **Director, Junior High School Tournament Fall 2017**. Over the course of two months, I coordinated the organizing committee, put together materials for, and oversaw the junior high division of the largest debate tournament in Western Canada.
- **Debate Moderator**, UBC Alma Mater Society Elections, UBC Vancouver, 2017. Developed questions for, and moderated, a debate for candidates running in UBC's undergraduate student government.
- **Debate Moderator**, UBC Graduate Student Society Elections, UBC Vancouver, 2017. Developed questions for, and moderated, a debate for candidates running in UBC's graduate student society.
- **Director of Registration**, High School Debate Tournament, UBC Debate Society, UBC Vancouver, 2017. Oversaw a team of five volunteers to register, and accept payments from all of the hundreds of debaters and judges attending one of the Lower Mainland's largest high school debate tournaments.
- **Member**, UBC Debate Society, UBC Vancouver, 2016 – present.
 - o Participates in varsity debate tournaments.
 - o Judges university, high school, junior high, and elementary school debates at UBC and across the Lower Mainland.
 - o Promoted the club to UBC students at Clubs Days.
- **Member**, Tempo School Debate and Public Speaking Team, Edmonton, 2011-2016. Participated in numerous debate and public speaking tournaments, organized and judged at two intramural debates.

NEUROSCIENCE

- Third Place Standing, University of Alberta Brain Bee Competition, Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute at the University of Alberta, 2016.

SKILLS

- Designing and carrying out psychological and biological studies
- Promoting and marketing student clubs, in person and through social media
- Website Design and management
- Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Django, REST Framework, C++, Swift, Arduino
- Back-end and front-end web development
- Organizing events with 200+ participants
- Computer-aided design (AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit)
- MATLAB
- Public speaking
- Judging debates
- Campaigning for university student electoral candidates
- Photoshop
- Photography
- Microsoft Office
- Final Cut Pro

References available upon request.