Sebastián Block Munguía

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EDUCATION

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Apr. 2022

• GRE: 165/170 Verbal (96th percentile), 165/170 Quantitative (88th percentile)

University of Kiel Kiel, Germany

M.Sc. in Applied Ecology, GPA 4.0

Aug. 2015

• Erasmus Mundus Category A Scholarship (worth \$54,000 USD, awarded to ca. top 3% of applicants)

National Autonomous University of Mexico

Mexico City, Mexico

B.Sc. in Biology, graduated with honors, GPA 4.0, top 10th percentile

Feb. 2013

• Academic Merit Achievement Recognition in 2011 (awarded to students with perfect grades)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Block Ecology Consulting

Mexico City, Mexico

Sustainability Consultant

Sep. 2022 – Present

- Research and develop indicators of diverse sustainability issues, from deforestation to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants, to improve Yale University's Environmental Performance Index in its 2024 release
- Recommend policy priorities to environmental ministries around the world, and guide sustainability investments

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

Graduate Researcher

Sep. 2019 – Apr. 2022

- Collaborated with other researchers in international projects and published four papers in top ecological journals
- Presented research findings at international scientific meetings and received two prizes for the best student talk

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich

Zürich, Switzerland

Graduate Researcher

Apr. 2016 – Aug. 2019

- Co-wrote a research proposal funded with ca. \$1 million USD
- field seasons in the Swiss Alps, working on a tight schedule under extreme weather conditions

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Designed and implemented new experimental system; hired and led a team of five scientists for three consecutive

University of Adelaide Adelaide, Australia
Research Associate Sep. 2015 – Mar. 2016

- Published research that earned 1st Prize Modelling Complex Ecological Dynamics Award
- Developed code to automatize research workflow, leading to enhanced transparency and reproducibility

National Autonomous University of Mexico

Mexico City, Mexico

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2007 – Nov. 2011

• Led research resulting in three academic publications and four presentations at scientific meetings

LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK EXPERIENCE

Princeton University Graduate Student Consulting Club

Princeton, NJ

Strategy Consultant

Nov. 2021 – Apr. 2022

- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team and won 1st place in 2021 Fall/Winter Case Competition
- Analyzed market for metabolic disorder treatments, forecasted expected revenue, and identified break-even time
- Designed sustainability strategy for a laundry manufacturer in the Yale-Princeton-Columbia 2022 Case Competition

México Sostenible

Mexico City, Mexico

Nov. 2016 – Apr. 2019

• Co-founded a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education in Mexico and Latin America

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Co-founder and Instructor

- Computer: Data management, visualization, and modeling in R and Python, spatial analysis in QGIS and ArcGIS
- Languages: Spanish (native speaker), German, French, Portuguese, and Italian (intermediate)
- Interests: Scientific communication (blogging, data journalism), exploring nature (backpacking, diving, climbing)