

# (Robert) Cameron Rutherford

## HPC/ML/Q Research Software Engineer

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### Summary

Experienced HPC/ML/Q Research Software Engineer with 3+ years of expertise in deploying, optimizing, and teaching scientific software on diverse computing systems, including the world's largest supercomputers and quantum computers. Proven track record in end-to-end solution delivery, project leadership, and effective team coordination, while adept at managing social engineering challenges in software development processes.

### Skills

#### C / C++17

CUDA, HIP, MPI, OpenMP  
CMake, Spack, pybind11  
google [test/benchmark]  
Performance Optimization

#### IDEs

JupyterLab, VSCode, vim  
tmux, google collab  
dev-containers, jetbrains  
IDE extensions, GUI tools

#### Python

torch, Tensorflow, pyg  
JAX, mpi4py, lightning  
conda/mamba, poetry  
qiskit, pytest, black

#### Documentation

Tutorial Driven Dev.  
.qmd, obsidian, LaTeX  
RevealJS, docx, binder  
Git[Hub/Lab] pages

#### DevOps

GitHub/GitLab CI/CD, git flow  
k8s, ansible, SLURM/LSF  
Containerization, MLOps  
Quality Assurance, Agile

#### Other

Fully Homomorphic Encryption  
Secure Multi-Party Computation  
FL, DP, SSS, Cryptography  
Rust, Go, Fortran

### Experience

#### Software Engineer II HPC/ML/Q, PNNL (Virtual)

2022 - Present

- Led Software Stack for ExaSGD project to Frontliner deployment (AMD based - current world #1)
- Facilitated deployment of ExaGO application to the cloud with ChatGPT integration
- Led software development of CUDA targetted Sparse GPU solver tailored for use case with HiOp
- MLOps internal offering leader developing containerisation and best practices community
- Assisted in Fortan (CPU) -> C++ (GPU) conversion for E3SM project through CI/CD

#### Software Engineer I HPC/ML/Q, PNNL (Virtual)

2021 - 2022

- Led Privacy Preserving ML project to explore FHE, FL, DP and SMC applications in PNNL mission space
- Transitioned and successfully led ExaSGD software stack through development of AMD/HIP support
- Delivered internal tutorials on distributed machine learning with JAX and other internal MLOps offerings
- Led tutorials on using Qiskit, and trained other staff in Quantum through internal boot camp

#### Post-Bachelors Research Associate HPC/ML/Q, PNNL (Virtual)

2020 - 2021

- Worked on open-source MLFlow offering to save lab \$200k per project on WandB subscription
- Deployed ExaSGD software to Summit supercomputer (NVIDIA based - former world #1)
- Learned Quantum Computing basics to enable C2QA project research on IBM Quantum platform
- Worked in HPC support centre to deploy, debug and test various ML software stacks

#### Tech Student 4 Optimization and Control Group, PNNL (Virtual)

2020

- Worked on RAJA linear algebra kernel development within HiOp for interface with ExaGO
- Learned CMake with Spack and implemented testing and packaging for ExaSGD software
- Profiled codebase on different GPU architectures and analyzed performance data
- Taught other developers about RAJA and CMake and delivered key kernels for project success

<b>Sports Events Coordinator, Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)</b>	<b>2019 - 2020</b>
<b>IT Intern, Mac Management, Keysight Technologies (Colorado Springs, CO)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Calculus III Grader / Mathematics Tutor, Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)</b>	<b>2017, 2019</b>
<b>Basketball Coach, S.G.S. &amp; M.L.C (Sydney, AUS)</b>	<b>2015</b>

## **Publications**

- S. Abhyankar, S. Peles, **R. Rutherford**, A. Mancinelli, **Evaluation of AC optimal power flow on graphical processing units.** (IEEE PESGM 2021)
- S. Peles, M. Alam, A. J. Mancinelli, K. Perumalla, **R. C. Rutherford**, J. Ryan, C. G. Petra, **Porting the Nonlinear Optimization Library HiOp to Accelerator-Based Hardware Architectures** (arxiv 2021)

## **Conferences**

<b>Practice and Experience in Advanced Research Computing (PEARC)</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) Tech Fest</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>
<b>Energy Exascale Earth System Model (E3SM) Annual Meeting</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Sustainable Tools Ecosystem Project (STEP) East Coast Town Hall</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Exascale Computing Project (ECP) Annual Meeting</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>
<b>Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) Innovation Summit</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Co-Design Centre for Quantum Advantage (C2QA) Annual Meeting</b>	<b>2022</b>

## **Education**

<b>Scientist &amp; Engineer Rising Leader Learning Journey</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Cyber Security &amp; National Security Seminar Series, PNNL</b>	<b>2021 - 2022</b>
<b>Whitworth University, B.S. Mathematics and Computer Science</b>	<b>G.P.A 3.9/4.0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Mathematics Major 2020</li> <li>• ICPC Pacific Northwest Eastern Washington Site Winner 2018</li> <li>• Howard R. Gage Memorial Scholarship 2017, 2018, 2019</li> </ul>	

## **Other Activities**

<b>Sustainable Horizons Institute HPC Mentor</b>	<b>2022, 2023</b>
<b>Quantum Information Science / HPC STEM Mentor</b>	<b>2022 - Present</b>
<b>Whitworth Chess Club President</b>	<b>2019 - 2020</b>
<b>Pine Codes Hackathon Winner</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>SpokAnimal Shelter Volunteer</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Whitworth Men's Basketball Team</b>	<b>2016 - 2019</b>