William Purvis

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EDUCATION

MPhil Data Intensive Science | University of Cambridge

Modules in scientific computing, C++, advanced statistics, & applied Data Science

Cambridge, UK Sep 2023 – Current

St. Andrews, UK Sep 2018 – Jun 2023

BSc (Hons) Chemistry | University of St. Andrews

Achieved 1st Class degree

• Prize for best dissertation in Physical Chemistry: Computational evaluation of k_{RISC} in OLEDs

• Dean's List for academic excellence (2018-2019, 2020-2021, & 2022-2023)

Chemistry with Data Science | University of Hong Kong (HKU)

• Completed team project analysing COVID-19 mutation rates from genome database

Hong Kong, HK Sep 2021 – Dec 2021

Sep 2016 - Jun 2018

Crowthorne, UK

Geneva, CH

A-Levels | Wellington College

AAAA in Chemistry, Biology, Physics, & Mathematics

• Represented UK at the International Chemistry Tournament (ICHTO) in Moscow

• Gold in Chemistry Olympiad (2018) & Chemistry subject prize in year 13

Oxford Medical Essay Prize (2017)

IGCSEs | International School of Geneva, La Châtaigneraie

• 11 IGCSEs (8A* & 3As) including computer science & web-design

• Honour roll with excellence (years 10 & 11) & highest achievement award in year 11

Represented Ukraine at the Student League of Nations at the UNOG

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Researcher | University of Toronto (Aspuru-Guzik group)

Toronto, CA *Jun 2023 – Aug 2023*

• Completed MIT 6.036: Introduction to machine learning

• Developed ML models to predict optical properties and quantum energies of TADF molecules

Business Analyst | R-SAMi (Start-up)

Palma, ES Feb 2022 – Sep 2022

 Analysed business requirements of last-mile companies to identify operational challenges & propose solutions

Lead communication in English & Spanish between product manager & development team

Represented R-SAMi at the BBVA Open Innovation Summit (Madrid)

Pension Fund Analyst (Private Equity) | CERN

Geneva, CH Jun 2021 – Jul 2021

Analysed PE investment portfolio of CERN Pension Fund (4.8 bn CHF AUM)

Authored report on fund performance for investment committee

• Optimised portfolio management system

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vice President | The Carnegie Club of St Andrews

St. Andrews, UK
Mar 2020 – Jun 2023

Responsible for club logistics, coordinating debates, & speaker events

Supervised & executed website deployment project

Director | TEDx St Andrews

St. Andrews, UK Oct 2019 – Jun 2021

Led team of 15 students to organise the 2021 TEDx St Andrews conference

 Coordinated the logistics, finances, & speakers with the support of the TEDx team for a 2000+ attendee conference

TEFL English Language Teacher | Winnerway School

Dongguan, CH Jun 2019 – Jul 2019

Taught English to class of 47 primary school students for a month

Gained TEFL certification

Additional skills & Interests

IT skills: Python (numpy, pytorch, scikit-learn, pandas), C++, linux, JIRA, Agile (Scrum & Kanban), MS suite (proficient)

Languages: English (mother tongue), French (fluent), Spanish (business proficiency)

Hobbies: Snowboard coach, Cambridge University Polo Club, Kitesurfing, Swiss scout for 7 years