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Engineer specialized in the field of sustainability, authorized to work in the EU and USA.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Engineer II, Engineering Sciences

01/2023 – present

Technician I, Sustainability and Climate Change

03/2022 – 01/2023

Mott MacDonald, Los Angeles (CA) USA

- Responsible during both roles for technical tasks in Built Environment, Net 0 & Resilience, and Advisory projects. Co-author of the Regenerative Design Framework, winner of the 2023 People & Planet Award for Sustainability in the NASA region. Member of the electrical engineering sustainability committee.

SCPPA Engineering Intern, Electrical Engineering Department

09/2021 – 03/2022

Burbank Water and Power, Burbank (CA) USA

- Aided the T&D Team on multiple projects, such as the 20 years Integrated Resource Plan.

Research Assistant, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy

01/2021 – 09/2021

METRANS Transportation Consortium, Los Angeles (CA) USA

- Computed annual metrics with SQL using NAICS codes, proving the economic feasibility of the CSFAP.

Environmental Consulting Trainee, Environmental Monitoring Department

10/2019 – 11/2019

SEACOOOP, Torino (TO) Italy

- Decreased local pollution by sampling a river to create biodiversity indexes and collaborating on writing scholarly articles.

Energy Analyst, Sustainability Department

09/2018 – 06/2019

City of San Diego, San Diego (CA) USA

- Managed Energy Benchmarking 2017 and DOE Better Building Challenge 2018 to achieve the Climate Action Plan's goals.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering - Green Technologies

01/2021 – 05/2023

University of Southern California, Viterbi School

GPA: 3.925, MS Honors Program, The Honor Society of PKP

- Merit Scholarships: Frederick Angus Gross, P.E.O. SSC Nearly New and Ethel O. Gardner, WTS-LA Zephyr Rail, TRB DDETFP
- Relevant Engineering Coursework: Renewable Energy in Power Systems, Sustainable Design and Construction, Sustainable Infrastructure Systems, Industrial Ecology: Technology-Environment Interaction, Energy and Process Efficiency, Strategic Management of Technology

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Systems – Ecology, Behavior & Evolution

09/2015 – 06/2019

University of California, San Diego

GPA: 3.555, Provost Honors

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Certificate in Software Development & Programming

01/2020 – 12/2020

UC Berkeley, Extension

GPA 4.0, with Distinction

- Computer Skills: Python, SQL, Office 365, JavaScript & jQuery, AutoCAD, Design Builder, Revit, Adobe Creative Cloud
- Languages: Italian (mother language), English (proficiency)
- Sustainability Credentials: LEED AP BD+C; ENV SP

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Understanding Firm-Level Trends of the General Freight Trucking Sector in the United States

06/2021

- Directed Research at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy in collaboration with METRANS.

Complying with the Department of Energy Better Building Challenge in the City of San Diego

05/2019

- Environmental Systems Senior Project discussed at the 2019 UC San Diego Environmental Symposium & Alumni Reunion

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

Manager, Meetup, Mountain View (CA) USA

08/2020 – 02/2021

- Event coordinator for SF Bay Area Surfing, a group of 1800+ people.