Finlay McAndrew – BEng Biomedical Engineering

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Overview

Currently in my third year of biomedical engineering at the University of Glasgow, I am passionate about my course and fascinated by all the up and coming research and the constant innovation in the field. During the recent lockdown, I used the time to teach myself mobile app design achieving certificates in Kotlin and soon to be web design/JavaScript, and with so many new technologies in imaging and medical diagnostics, as well as implants and other rehabilitative devices, I'm really keen to get involved practically. With that in mind, I am looking to gain professional experience as an intern over the summer of 2021.

Traits and Skills

- Innovative
- Hardworking
- Energetic
- Focussed
- Good communicator
- Team player
- Strong problem solver

- MATLAB and Simulink
- Kotlin
- Android App Design
- Web Design (HTML &CSS)
- JavaScript (Currently learning)
- Solidworks CAD

Academic Achievements

Year 1 - Subject	Grade
Materials 1	A2
Engineering Skills 1	B1
Engineering Mathematics 1	B2
Biomolecular Processes 1	B2
Statics 1	В3
Analogue Electronics 1	C2
Intro to Biomedical Engineering 1	С3
Dynamics 1	D1
Thermodynamics 1	E2
GPA => 14.85 => 2:2	

Year 2 - Subject	Grade
Fluid Mechanics 2	A4
Mechanics of Structures 2	С3
Engineering Mathematics 2	D3
Analogue Electronics 2	CA
Biomaterials 2	CA
Design and Manufacture 2	CA
Biomedical Engineering Skills 2	A1
Dynamics 2	CA
Engineering in Biology 2	CA
Mechanical Design 2	A3
GPA => 15.15 => 2:1	

CA = Credit achieved; cancellations due to COVID-19

Education

High School – The Edinburgh Academy

Subject	GCSE	Higher	Advanced Higher
Maths	А	A	А
Biology	A*	A	В
Chemistry	A*	A	В
Physics	В	В	
Mandarin	A*	A	
English	A (Nat 5)		
Art	С		
Business	С		

Experience

NHS Scotland – Western General & Royal Infirmary Hospitals – Edinburgh February 2017 ~ 1 week

I shadowed a Cardiologist in the Western General and Royal Infirmary during surgical implantations of pacemakers and implantable cardioverter defibrillators. This let me see first-hand the importance of biomedical engineering in the medical world from ECGs to the implants themselves.

NHS Scotland – Astley Ainslie Hospital – Edinburgh July 2018 ~ 1 week

I worked with different healthcare specialists, in prosthetics, orthotics, spinal braces, and rehabilitation devices. I also shadowed work in a gait lab, analysing the walking patterns of patients with prosthetic limbs. Seeing at first-hand what rehabilitation engineering did for people's lives was truly inspiring. For example, creating wheelchairs with special controls for people who had lost more than just their leg function.

Employment History

Hummingbird – Bartender – Glasgow September 2019 ~ March 2020

This job was hard, busy work with hours till the early morning and required extensive communication and teamwork skills as well as people skills.

The Granary – Bartender/Waiter – Edinburgh June 2019 ~ August 2019

Organisation skills were key for this job as well as communication and teamwork as it not only included restaurant waiting and bartending but managing and tending to events.

Buffalo Grill – Kitchen Porter – Edinburgh May 2017 ~ September 2018

As well as my other jobs this also required teamwork and communication however it also required reliability as the kitchen relies on everyone pulling their weight.

Hobbies and Activities

Cardiovascular Society

- Biomedical Engineering representative and outreach officer
- Organising events
- Getting more engineering students involved

App Development

- Designing apps in my free time
- Familiar with Kotlin and UI design
- Completed 45-hour online course "The Complete Android 10 & Kotlin Development Masterclass" over summer ~ 2020

Web Development

- Currently working through the Zero to Mastery online course "The Complete Web Developer in 2021: Zero to Mastery" on full stack development
- Learning JavaScript, HTML, CSS, React.js
- Familiar with Bootstrap

Fencing

- Full Blue award (sports colours) for achievements in university fencing
- Glasgow University men's first team
- Scottish student 5 nations team member ~ 2019
- BUCS north 1A championship winners ~2019
- Cadet and Junior Commonwealths team ~ 2018
- International British fencing team ~ 2017