EDUCATION

University of Oxford - MSc Advanced Computer Science

[2021 - 2022]

Google Women in Computer Science Scholarship Awardee (Merit-based), Stanford MATS Scholar, GHC Scholar

Dissertation: "Protein Language Representation Learning to predict SARS-CoV-2 mutational landscape", under Dr. Peter Minary [Overview]

University of Delhi – BSc (Hons) Computer Science

[2017 - 2020]

8.42 CGPA, First Division Honours with Distinction

Overall Rank 3 and Student of the Year Award (2020); Published 6 research papers

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE [3 years part-time research exp.]

Research Scholar - Stanford Existential Risks Initiative, Stanford University

[Nov 2022 - Present]

Deciphering NNs misalignment, agentic & power-seeking behaviours in LLMs. Proposed grounded self-learning LM agents with 29% improved accuracy over MMLU physics dataset. Building level 1 AGI for automating AI Alignment research

Research Intern (EWADA) - Oxford Human Centred Al Group, University of Oxford

[Nov 2021 - Dec 2022]

Built decentralised apps using SOLID with privacy-preserving ML recommendations under Prof Jun Zhao, Nigel Shadbolt & Tim Berners Lee

Research Lead - Oxford Rhodes AI Lab

[May - Oct 2022]

Leveraged GNNs to predict climate closures equation using symbolic regression in collab with CalTech (CLiMA), MIT & NASA JPL Language Modelling Research - Computational Biology Group, University of Oxford

[April - Oct 2022]

Applied language modelling to predict COVID-19 mutations using transformer-based models & AlphaFold2 under Prof. Peter Minary

Chatbot Development Research - University of Oxford

[Feb - Aug 2022]

Developed a Question-Answering language model for the Philosophy Dept to help convey their research work over website/messenger

NLP Student Researcher - Department of Computer Science, University of Delhi

[March 2020 - July 2021]

Researched & developed multiple projects- GPT-3 use-case model extractor, Ensemble ML Fake News detection, GPT-2 Title Generation. COVID-19 News Summariser using transformers, Medical QA bot. Co-authored and published papers in IEEE & Springer Singapore

Computer Vision Student Researcher - AI Research Lab, University of Delhi

[June - Sept 2019]

Built a Computer Vision based Assistive System for Autonomous Vehicles. Compiled Darknet with OpenCV for real-time predictions

WORK EXPERIENCE [1 year full-time work exp.]

Mobile Robotics Engineer - Swift Robotics

[Aug 2020 - Sept 2021]

Developed Flask REST API to livestream video processed with Computer Vision techniques (OpenCV, image stitching- KNNs) Built a React Native application which interacts with ROS melodic nodes to control robot's navigation & visualised LiDAR odometry

Co-Founder – HushTech Solutions

[June 2019 - July 2021]

Self-taught NLP engineer; developed omni-channel messenger chatbots & RPA solutions for businesses such as a DIET classifier email bot

Machine Learning Engineer – Omdena (One of the 28 Global AI experts selected)

[March - June 2020]

Applied statistical models: LDA topic modelling, VAR, ARIMA & EDA over COVID-19 policies. Results showcased at UN AI Summit

Mobile Application Development Intern - Impute Inc.

[March - June 2019]

Developed & extensively trained a contextual conversation QA agent for Fluent8 iOS app. Deployed webhooks on Firebase Cloud Function

Chatbot Development Intern - Inverted Sense

[Dec 2018 - March 2019]

Built chatbots using Twilio & developed an in-built shopping cart with up-selling resulting in higher lead conversions & ROAS

PROJECTS | Github : github.com/hunarbatra

- MuFormer: Inverted AlphaFold2 for inverse-folding with pLM inductive bias to generate mutational sequences
- **COVBERT:** COVID-19 mutation prediction language model [Link]
- GraphSAGE LSTM & BiLSTM Aggregators: Merged in PyTorch Geometric Package [Link]
- **HunAI:** DialoGPT DSTC telegram buddy bot
- MUCE: GPT-3 based requirement specification use-case extractor
- TiGen: GPT-2 based SEO-optimised Research Article Title Generator
- **CoVShorts:** Transformer-based abstractive COVID-19 news summariser
- Real Time Voice Cloning: Transfer Learning based voice cloning on the recorded input to generate TTS

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Research Scholarship, Stanford University, Machine Learning Alignment Theory Scholar, 2022
- Google Women in Computer Science Generation Scholarship EMEA, 2022
- Grace Hopper Conference Scholarship, Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford, 2022
- Deep Learning Theory Summer School Scholarship, Simons Institute for Theory of Computing, UC Berkeley, 2022
- Rank 7, G-Research Algorithmic Trading Oxbridge Challenge, 2021
- Student of the Year & Rank 3, Department of Computer Science, University of Delhi, 2020
- The Mars Generation 24 under 24 Award for Leaders & Innovators in STEM, 2019
- National Finalist, Smart India Hackathon Software Edition, (out of 5,000 teams) in India's largest hackathon by MHRD Govt. of India, 2019
- Highest GPA in Data Structure, Machine Learning, Computer Graphics, Android, Software Eng, System Programming, PHP, Microprocessor
- National Winner, Summer with Google (out of 20,000 participants), 2018

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS | Google Scholar | 95+ Citations

- 1. Medbot: Conversational Artificial Intelligence powered Chatbot for delivering Telehealth after COVID-19, IEEE 5th International Conference on Communications and Electronic Systems (ICCES 2020); Urmil Bharti, Deepali Bajaj, Hunar Batra et al., IEEE Xplore [Link]
- 2. Serverless Deployment of a Voice-Bot for Visually Impaired, International Conference on Applied Soft Computing & Communication Networks (ACN 2020); Deepali Bajaj, Urmil Bharti, **Hunar Batra** et al., Book Chapter **Springer** Singapore [Link]
- 3. CoVShorts: News Summarization application based on Deep NLP transformers for SARS-CoV-2, **IEEE** 9th International Conference on Reliability, Infocom Technologies and Optimization (ICRITO 2021); **Hunar Batra**, Akansha J, et al. IEEE [Link]
- 4. MUCE A Multilingual Use Case Model Extractor using GPT-3; Deepali Bajaj, **Hunar Batra** et. al, International Journal of Information Technology (IJIT 2022), **Springer** [Link]
- 5. CovFakeBot: a machine learning based chatbot using ensemble learning technique for COVID-19 fake news detection; **Hunar Batra** et. al, International Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing 2022 [Link]
- 6. TiGen Title Generator based on Deep NLP Transformer Model for Scholarly Literature; **Hunar Batra**, Eshika G et. al, 3rd International Conference on Communication, Networks and Computing 2022, Springer;
- 7. Protein Language Models are self-supervised mutagenesis learners; Hunar Batra, Peter Minary; To be published (2022)
- 8. Solidflix: A decentralised movie social sharing app with privacy-preserving recommendations; **Hunar Batra**, Jun Zhao et. al; Work in progress (2022)

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

SolidWorld 2022 - Solidflix: A decentralised movie social sharing app with privacy-preserving recommendation [Video] [Slides]

GirlsWhoML 2022, University of Oxford - Introduction to Machine Learning (Linear Regression and Logistic Regression) [Slides]

ICML 2022, Oxford Women in Computer Science Virtual Social - Highlighting Women Researchers in Machine Learning

Oxford Computer Science Conference 2022 - Protein Language Modelling to generate de novo SARS-CoV-2 mutations [Slides]

Oxbridge Women in Computer Science Conference 2022 - Protein Language Modelling to generate de novo SARS-CoV-2 mutations [Slides]

ML Reading Group, University of Oxford (Feb and March 2022) - Presented state-of-the-art work on LLMs

ICRITO 2021, IEEE - Paper Presentation at 9th International Conference on Reliability, Infocom Technologies and Optimization, IEEE

ICCES'20, IEEE - Paper Presentation at 5th International Conference on Communication and Electronic Systems, IEEE

ACN'20, Springer - Paper Presentation at 5th International Conference on Applied Soft Computing and Communication Networks, Springer

Ryerson University (The DMZ, Think Outside the Valley 2020) – Process Automation with Chatbots [Video]

HackOn Hackathon 2020 – Ok Google! Let's build an action for Google Assistant [Video]

SRCC, University of Delhi 2019 - Chatbot Development for Marketing (youngest invited speaker)

Google DevFest New Delhi 2019 - Project showcase, Google Developer Students Club

WHRC 2018 - Ideation Paper Presentation on 'Ingestible Robots' at 15th WONCA World Rural Health Conference 2018

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Reviewer – ICML 2022, AI4ABM workshop	[May 2022]
Student Entrepreneur – Oxford University Innovation and Oxford Science Enterprises	[June - July 2022]
Summer Fellow – Global Leadership Initiative, Oxford Character Project	[June - July 2022]
IT Officer – Oxford Women in Business	[April - Oct 2022]
IT Officer – Oxford Women in Computer Science	[Oct 2021 - Oct 2022]
MSc Academic Representative – Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford	[Oct 2021 - Oct 2022]
Solutions Challenge Lead – Google Developer Student Club Oxford	[Oct 2021 - Jan 2022]
Exam Marker – Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford	[Oct 2021 - Nov 2021]
Lead – Google Developer Student Club (One of the few students selected globally by Google)	[Jan 2019 - Aug 2020]
Mentor – Google Code-in at TensorFlow	[Nov 2019 - Jan 2020]