# **Javier Gallardo Sáenz**

Maths & Physics Engineering Student

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#### **Personal Profile**

Highly-motivated student with excellent problem solving skills, a proven, outstanding capacity for teamwork and a rich academic and extracurricular record.

Ability to blend people and ideas, multi-task and thrive under-pressure; along with remarkable organization and analysis skills.

# **Education**

2019 - present Mathematics & Physics Engineering Bachelor's Joint Programme (CFIS, UPC) (CFIS is a higher education centre that selects 40 students per year and allows them to complete two bachelor degrees in four and a half years via a highly demanding academic programme, partially financing their studies)

2017-2019 High School Diploma (IES Marco Fabio Quintiliano)

2013-2019 Técnico Enseñanzas Profesionales de Música (guitar speciality, Conservatorio Calahorra)

# **Academic Career**

September 2023 - present:

Research Intern - Jorge Cortes' Lab (UCSD)

Role Outline:

Proving stability & safety guarantees for the 'Safe Gradient Flow' and 'Safe Monotone Flow' algorithms. Research on an extended framework to study stability under disturbances of dynamical systems.

June 2023 - July 2023:

Research Intern - Nostrum Biodiscovery (NBD)

Role Outline:

Developing a guided diffusion model to predict ligand docking poses in proteins. The result significantly improves previous models' performances and our paper has been admitted to ICLR '24.

July 2022 - September 2022:

Research Intern - Institute for Energy Research of Catalonia (IREC)

Role Outline:

Designing a market structure for the P2P energy market through an approach based on energy communities and game-theoretic fairness; as part of the RECOMMIT project. A scientific article on the research I carried on is currently being written.

August 2018:

Research Intern - Seville University

Role Outline:

Participated in an **introductory research programme** on **complex systems and robotics** financed by the "Beca Campus Científicos de Verano"

- 2024: Paper GeoDirDock: Guiding Docking Along Geodesic Paths accepted for GEM Bio Conference at ICLR 2024
- 2019-2023: Obtained "Honorable Mentions" in Quantum Physics (2020/2021), Biophysics II (2022/2023) and Solid State Physics (2022/2023)
- 2019: Received a "Beca Ortega y Gasset", awarded exclusively to the Top 100 Students with the Best Academic Records in Spain
  - -2019: Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 10/10 overall mark, as the Top Student in class (HS)
- -2018: Awarded a "Beca Campus Científicos de Verano" to the top Science & Technology students in Spain
- -2018, 2016, 2015: First Lego League (FLL) La Rioja Award to the Best Scientific Project ('16,'18) and to the Best Robot ('15); as captain of the IES Marco Fabio Quintiliano robotics team
- -2017: FLL Spain Award to the Nation's Best Scientific Project, classifying for FLL International Championship held in Bath (UK) the same year; as captain of the IES Marco Fabio Quintiliano robotics team
- -2017: Winner of La Rioja's Philosophy Olympiad in the Dilemma's Modality. Participant in Spain's Philosophy Olympiad
  - -2017: Received a Secondary Award to La Rioja's Middle School Best Academic Records
  - -2012: Received a Secondary Award in the "Fermin Gurbindo" Music Contest

#### Sport Accomplishments:

- -2021-2022: Winner of Barcelona's University Basketball League with the CMU Penyafort-Montserrat's Basketball Team.
  - -2018-2019: Team Captain of "Asociación Baloncesto Quintiliano",
- Winner of La Rioja's Basketball League. Top30 team in Spain (Spain's Basketball Clubs Tournament).
  - -2017-2018 and 2016-2017: Team Captain of "Asociación Baloncesto Quintiliano",
- Winner of La Rioja's Basketball League. Top25 team in Spain (Spain's Basketball Clubs Tournament).
- -2016-2017, 2014-2015 and 2012-2013: Elected to play for La Rioja's Basketball Team in Spain's Regional Basketball Tournament

### **Career Summary**

2021 – 2023 President of the CMU Penyafort Montserrat Laboratory (non-remunerated) CMU Penyafort Montserrat

Role outline

Developing and coordinating various STEM projects related to 3D printing, electronics, programming, ...

2020 – 2023 President of the CMU Penyafort Montserrat Debate Society (non-remunerated) CMU Penyafort Montserrat

Role outline

Organizing a Weekly Debate, as well as choosing and researching about a new topic each week for the mentioned activity. Organizing talks (given by different experts in the discussed matter) and other activities directed to the public. Participating in national-level debate tournaments.

2017-2020 Summer Science & English Teacher (non-remunerated)

Role outline

Gave kids aged 6-16 applied classes with the objective to **popularize science** and **introduce them to more** advanced science & technology concepts; as well as fully conversational English classes to encourage & boost their English speaking and understanding abilities in close-to-real-life situations.

# Volunteering

- -2014-present: Volunteer for Asociación Baloncesto Quintiliano helping with the organization and development of the "Olimpiada Miguel Jiménez", a national first-class basketball tournament in the U13 category
- -2015-2019: Volunteer for IES Marco Fabio Quintiliano in a programme aiming to **popularize technology and robotics among kids**
- -2016-2017: Volunteer for Asociación Baloncesto Quintiliano cleaning the natural surroundings of Calahorra and collecting food for those in need in collaboration with ADRA
  - -2014-2016: Volunteer for El Cubo de la Solana organizing leisure activities for kids & sporting events
  - -2016: Volunteer for Caritas during the summer

# Languages

- -English: Cambridge Advanced (C1 with level C2). Spent several summers in USA and Ireland, participated in a student interchange in London. Currently living in the US
  - -Spanish: Native -Catalan: Fluent, has lived in Catalonia for 4 years now
  - -French: 4 years of study, participated in a student interchange with Aiguillon (France)