JEFFREY MA

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EDUCATION

Yale University

New Haven, CT

B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics (Expected 2022)

GPA: 3.95

Edgemont High School

Scarsdale, NY

GPA: 5.54 Cum Laude

National Merit Finalist

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

dcyphr.org October 2019 – Present

Founder

- Founded startup that aims to decode scientific literature and make it more accessible for the general public.
- Built an open-source platform in Flask/PostgreSQL that allows users to browse and contribute summaries of articles.
- Received a grant from 1517 fund for \$1,000.
- Managed three separate teams working on software engineering, scientific journalism, business operations.

Cognitive & Neural Computation Laboratory

October 2019 - Present

Research Assistant

- Used computational modeling to understand how people perceive objects in their environment.
- Assisted with testing computational models of perception.
- Generated artificial worlds using a sophisticated physics engine in Python.

Yale Undergraduate Real Estate Group

September 2019 - Present

Treasurer

- Organized financial workshops to onboard new members.
- Applied for and managed a budget of \$1,000 acquired through university funding.

Yale Undergraduate Diversified Investments

September 2019 - Present

Member

- Participated in weekly classes that taught financial concepts.
- Learned how to read financial statements.
- Built basic financial models.

Yale Net Impact October 2019 - March 2020

Team Member

- Researched non-profit market in order to advise an Educate2Envision on potential scaling strategies.
- Created and presented strategies to client for engaging in corporate sponsorship.

Yale New Haven Hospital Vascular Surgery, New Haven, CT

October 2018 - May 2019

Research Assistant

- Design and conduct clinical experiments for vascular surgery patients.
- Gained patient experience through consenting patients for participation in clinical studies.
- Shadow surgeons in the vascular surgery department to gain a strong understanding of multiple surgical procedures.
- Participate in department and laboratory meetings.
- Collect and analyze data in the form of thermal photographs.

Roosevelt Institute, Yale University, CT

October 2018 - May 2019

Research Associate

- Conduct policy research regarding property tax policy in New Haven to be published.
- Collect and analyze property tax data using R.
- Present research during center meetings and help coordinate decisions of future steps.

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Tarrytown, NY

June 2016 – August 2018

Research Intern

- Design scientific projects that model rare diseases in vitro based on genetic associations identified by literature and internal studies.
- Perform laboratory experiments including cell culture, RT-PCR, Western blot, immunoprecipitation, etc.
- Interpret data in a rigorous manner to draw conclusions about potential therapeutic applications and future steps.
- Present results to colleagues that clearly outlines the motivation, rationale, and conclusions of the study.
- Attended training seminars on drug discovery and business strategy in the pharmaceutical industry.

SKILLS/CERTIFICATIONS

- Highly skilled in C, Python, SQL, JavaScript, and R.
- Laboratory skills including RT-PCR, Western blot, etc.
- Trained in three statement modeling and DCF.
- Working proficiency in Spanish and Mandarin.