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## Education

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### **University of the Basque Country (EHU)**, Language Analysis and Processing

- Working on Improving Language Models for Low-resource Languages
- Research at HiTZ Basque Center for Language Technology

Donostia, Spain

2023 – present

### **University of the Basque Country (EHU)**, Language Analysis and Processing

- Thesis on Grounding Language Models for Compositional and Spatial Reasoning

Donostia, Spain

2021 – 2022

### **University of the Basque Country (EHU)**, Computer Engineering

- Speciality in Software Engineering
- Final project on ProMeta system

Donostia, Spain

2017 – 2021

## Experience

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### **HiTZ Center IXA Group (EHU)**, PhD Student

Research on improving language models for low-resource languages

- Large Language Models for Basque
- Multilingual evaluation and benchmarks
- Natural Language Processing

Donostia, Spain

2023 – present

3 years

## Awards

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### **Best Resource Paper Award**

Aug 2024

Award for the paper "Latxa - An Open Language Model and Evaluation Suite for Basque"  
at ACL 2024

Association for Computational Linguistics  
[2024.aclweb.org/program/best\\_papers](https://2024.aclweb.org/program/best_papers)

Feb 2017

### **Certificate in Advanced English**

C1 level English certification

Cambridge Assessment English

[www.cambridgeenglish.org/cmp/verifiers](https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/cmp/verifiers)

June 2016

### **Euskararen Gaitasun Agiria**

Basque language proficiency certificate

Eusko Jaurlaritza

[www.euskadi.eus/euskara-tituluen-eta-ziurtagirien-erregistro-bateratua/web01-a2-etzeb/eu](https://www.euskadi.eus/euskara-tituluen-eta-ziurtagirien-erregistro-bateratua/web01-a2-etzeb/eu)

## Skills

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### **Research**

### **Programming**

### **Web Development**

## Languages

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### **Basque**

Native

### **Spanish**

Native

**English**  
Fluent (C1)

## Interests

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**Natural Language Processing**

**Machine Learning**

## Certificates

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<b>Curso de Machine Learning Aplicado con Python</b>	Oct 2020
<b>Curso de Redes Neuronales en Keras y Scikit-Learn</b>	Oct 2020
<b>Curso Práctico de Regresión Lineal con Python</b>	Oct 2020
<b>Curso de Desarrollo de Apps Móviles</b>	Jan 2020