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# WORK EXPERIENCE

**DATA ANALYST, FEB 2017 – PRESENT**

INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH METRICS AND EVALUATION, SEATTLE, WA

* Built a machine learning library to improve epidemiological predictions in data-sparse areas for multiple risk factors. Increased model performance 50%-100% on average from old statistical methods and gained approval from the IHME scientific council.
* Received the Rising Star award, 2018. Nominated also for Innovator of the Year and Outstanding Growth.
* Improved the ETL pipeline code. Updated it to process data more quickly and altered the extraction process reducing extraction time by 20% and saving 600 hours of Data Analyst time.
* Pioneered the use of dynamic dashboards for story prototyping and data validation, replacing static graphs and saving 300 hours of Data Analyst time.
* Produced publication-quality statistical data analyses and data visualizations for scientific publications, press releases, and external data requests.
* Built an HTTP-based RESTful API for programmatic querying of a central database.
* Actively took on leadership roles including launching a staff feedback group, organizing a monthly game night, leading a weekly team code review, and supervising a student assistant

**DATA TECHNICIAN, JAN 2015 – SEP 2016**

NC STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NC

* Publicized an unprecedented, geospatial dataset using Tableau’s website for public visualization dashboards.
* Increased data coverage by 15% by recruiting collaborators’ help at inaccessible museums.

EDUCATION

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MAR 2018 – PRESENT**

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

3.9 GPA. Coursework in Computer Programming

**B.S. BIOLOGY, CONCENTRATION IN ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND CONSERVATION, MAY 2015**

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

4.0 GPA. Awarded the Caldwell Fellowship, 2012-2015. Calculus and chemistry tutor

SKILLS

* Languages: Python, R, Java, MySQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS
* Libraries: Scikit-Learn, Pandas, NumPy, Tidyverse, Seaborn, Matplotlib, Flask
* Technologies: Tableau, Superset, Git, Docker, Rancher, Unix, Azure, ArcGIS, Distributed computing systems