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# **EDUCATION**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (UOFT)**

Sept 2022 -

# Masters of Applied Science (MASc) in Civil Engineering

St. George Campus, Toronto

• Advised by **Dr. David Meyer** and affiliated with **Center of Global Engineering** to research on the thesis topic titled 'Harnessing Data to Visualize and Mitigate Urban Water Inequities within the Cauvery River Basin. India.'

#### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU)**

Sept 2018 - May 2022

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Mechanical Engineering

NYU Abu Dhabi (Home Campus), NYU Tandon School of Engineering New York, NYU Tisch School of Arts New York

• Relevant Coursework: Finite Element Analysis, Environmental Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Urban Data Mapping, Design and Innovation, Information Management and Modeling for Construction, Project Management

#### SKILLS

• Programming Languages: C, C++, Python, SQL, HTML, CSS, LaTeX, R

• Other: TensorFlow, GIT, AutoDesk Fusion 360, COMSOL, ABAQUS, Blender, MATLAB, Solidworks, Ansys, GIS, Civil3D, Tableau. Office 365

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### L.A.N.D GROUP NYU ABU DHABI

Feb 2021 - Current

Research Assistant (Final Thesis)

- Working with **Prof. Mohammed Daqaq** to design functional mechanical springs inspired by origami using 3D printing.
- Designed an intermediate origami prototype with applications to remove atheromatous plaque from arteries.

# **URBAN MODELING GROUP** NYU TANDON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, NEW YORK

June 2020 - Dec 2021

Research Assistant

- Working with Prof. Debra Laefer to develop a framework for spatial epidemiology for COVID-19 funded by NSF grant.
- Developed protocols for risk-identification and sanitation using Thermal Imaging, Machine Learning and HoloLens
- Collected **Thermal Data** of over **100 objects** to **investigate patterns** of disease spread and possible preventive measures.

#### **NETBIO GROUP** NYU ABU DHABI

June 2020 - Aug 2020

#### Research Assistant

- Worked with **Prof. Andras Gyorgy** in design of a low-cost **3D printed IoT device** to **monitor cell growth** in Erlenmeyer flasks.
- Simulated simple light refraction models in flasks using COMSOL and using ray-tracing method in MATLAB.
- Collaborated with lab members to interpret the **light propagation** and **fluid dynamics model** of the fluid during cell-culture.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# TERRESTRIAL ENERGY SYSTEMS (CIV300H1F ENV346H1F) UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO Teaching Assistant

Sept 2022 -

• Teaching the tutorials component of the course for a class of **250 students** to learn various systems of energy storage and transformation within the Earth and the Sun.

#### PLASTIC FANTASTIC (CADT-UH - 1045J) NYU ABU DHABI

May 2021 - June 2021

#### Teaching Assistant

- Instructed the lab component of the course for a class of **15 students** to learn intrusion molding, extrusion molding and shredding machines.
- Developed assignments, guided in prototyping their designs and evaluated them with coordination of the course instructor.

# COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN (ENGR-UH - 3720) NYU ABU DHABI

Jan 2021 - May 2021

#### Teaching Assistant

- Mentored and taught a class of 14 students CAD modelling and design from basic to advanced levels.
- Graded and developed **assignments and lab presentations** and provided them with individual feedback to assist the course instructor.

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION NYU ABU DHABI

Jan 2022 - July 2022

- Worked with residents to create a living and learning environment that promotes academic growth, personal responsibility and community accountability through 8 activities such as floor meetings and community events supporting 45 students.
- Assisted residential students in academic, social, and personal matters through resource referral and collaboration with various department on campus.
- Provided support for University mediation procedures in roommate and community conflicts through facilitation of roommate/community meetings and referring students to other mediation services

# STARLAB OASIS, A PART OF NANORACKS ABU DHABI AND WASHINGTON DC Engineering Intern

Nov 2021 - May 2022

- Collaborated with research scientists from Abu Dhabi and DC to develop agricultural food technologies for CubeSats and International Space Station.
- Produced designs for agricultural and food growth chambers and research alternatives to growing mediums.
- Established business relations of various space agencies and companies by finding right value proposition between the entities.
- Drafted sections of research grants and competition briefs to attain seed funding of around \$10,000 for the company.

# **PROJECTS**

# **SPACEPORT AMERICA ROCKETRY CUP** EXPERIMENTAL SOUNDING ROCKET ASSOCIATION **Co-Lead and Design Engineer**

Jan 2020 - July 2022 (restarted)

- Collaborated with a interdisciplinary **team of 10** students to build a **rocket** from scratch.
- Developed a recovery system using 2-step process designed to recover the payload travelling at hit velocity of 11.9 fps.
- Conducted and built **simulations** using **Open Rocket** to design and investigate effective rocket designs and propellant fuels.

# **COOLPARK** ABU DHABI MUNICIPALITY'S COOL ABU DHABI CHALLENGE

Feb 2020 - May 2020

Sustainability and HVAC Engineer

- Designed a public space to combat Urban Island Heat Effect with a interdisciplinary team of 2 students.
- Conceptualized cooling of the space using Geo-thermal cooling found at the outer surface of Earth's crust and convection.

#### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** THAILAND

Jan 2019 - May 2019

Builder and Ethnographer

- Constructed a small house for an underprivileged family in Thailand with a team comprising of people from over 20 countries.
- Conducted field surveys with the family and in the village to understand and design efficient irrigation systems for the house and the agricultural lands.

# IMMUNE RESPONSE AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS DURING SPACE FLIGHT UAE SPACE AGENCY

Jan 2019 - March 2019

Design Engineer

- Designed with a team of 2 to build a payload investigating how gravity affects immune response of atherosclerosis.
- Presented before UAE Space Agency Director and placed second from over 70 teams participating from all over UAE.

# GRANTS AND AWARDS

#### POST GRADUATE PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM NYU ABU DHABI

May 2022 - July 2022

• Awarded \$4000 USD to design a rocket to lift a science payload to 10,000ft as well as help craft a sponsored UAE-wide program to prepare and support additional university teams in participating in international intercollegiate rocketry competitions.

#### NYU ABU DHABI AND ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP NYU ABU DHABI

Oct 2018 - May 2022

• Awarded a full-ride for all four years at New York University covering tuition, living and other expenses based on merit.

### TANDON MAKERSPACE RESEARCH GRANT TANDON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, NY

Sept 2021 - Dec 2021

• Awarded \$400 USD to buy high-quality thermal imaging camera and conduct research in thermal imaging.

# **TANDON UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH** TANDON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, NY June 2021 - August 2021

• Awarded \$5700 USD to conduct a NSF led research to collect and create a framework to detect COVID-19 patterns in New York City.

#### NYU ABU DHABI SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH NYU ABU DHABI

June 2020 - July 2020

• Awarded \$1000 USD to conduct research about light propagation in fluid during cell-culture.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### 1 PAPER IN PROGRESS ON NON LINEAR DYNAMICS

• Expected to be published by end of 2022.

### LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

#### CIVMIN ENGINEERING REP TO FASE AND CUPE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION. UOFT

• Working with faculty and graduate students regarding academic and institutional affairs.

#### **ENGINEERING STUDENT CHAIR** NYU ABU DHABI STUDENT GOVERNMENT

June 2021 - May 2022

- Chaired a committee with **5 representatives of different engineering disciplines** to represent engineering students at the NYU global and departmental levels.
- Worked with the the Provost, Associate Provost and the Engineering Dean to address student concerns.
- Approved new classes and syllabi based on recommendation from students and faculty needs.
- Organized events and conferences with other university departments such as the Career Development Center.
- Elected to the **Student Council** and voted on matters affecting student body and **voiced student needs to the administration** during **COVID-19**.

#### **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CHAIR NYU ABU DHABI STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Jan 2020 - May 2020

- Chaired a committee with 6 students to build a university-wide culture of inclusion, diversity, belonging, and equity.
- Led large programming events to **educate students about inclusion and cultural based learning** to foster a culture of belonging in the university.
- Spearheaded a movement in collaboration with the Dean of Students office to conduct monthly check-ins with **people of determination and other disadvantaged students**.

#### STUDENT REP AT VICE CHANCELLOR TRANSITION WORKING GROUPS NYU ABU DHABI

Sept 2019 - Dec 2019

• Communicated student perspectives on **Disciplinarity and Interdisciplinarity missions** of the university and **investigated the under performing areas** in the curriculum.

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

#### MEMBER OF TRIPOLI ROCKETRY ASSOCIATION

May 2022 - Current

#### MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO(ARRL)

May 2022 - Current

#### MEMBER OF ASME CHAPTER NYU ABU DHABI

June 2021 - Current

- Founded the first ASME chapter at NYU Abu Dhabi and elected as the first Secretary of the chapter.
- Coordinated tasks to advertise the chapter among undergraduates and graduates which led to a enrollment of **at least 60** members to the chapter.
- Organized events with faculty and other universities to teach **professional softwares such as Solidworks and ANSYS** for our members.

#### MEMBER OF IEEE CHAPTER NYU ABU DHABI

Dec 2019 - Current

Attended regular meetings and events hosted by IEEE.

#### MEMBER OF ASCE CHAPTER NYU ABU DHABI

Oct 2019 - Current

• Attended regular meetings and events hosted by ASCE.

# PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

#### HAM RADIO TECHNICIAN LICENSE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO(ARRL)

May 2022 - Current

#### **DIPLOMA IN MUSIC** TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

Sept 2009 - May 2017

#### ARTS AND THEATRE

#### THE GAUNTLET: FARAWAY TOGETHER NYU ABU DHABI CHORAL ENSEMBLE

Jan 2021 - May 2021

• Performed in the libretto composed by world-renowned artists **Sxip Shirey and Coco Karol** about Abu Dhabi which captures distance and connection during COVID, in memories, and in notions of home and belonging.

### NYU REALITY SHOW TISCH SCHOOL OF ARTS, BROADWAY, NY

June 2019 - Sept 2019

- Writing, producing and performing with 12 cast members in New York City and Abu Dhabi.
- Orchestrated various discussions about mental health and identity issues to constantly remind the student community about the resources provided by the university.

Sept 2022 -