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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

University of Florida Honors Program, Gainesville, FL

May 2026

GPA: 3.8/4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant

August 2023 – Present

Brain Mapping Clinical Lab, University of Florida, Gainesville

- Conducted neural data analysis from BCIs in Tourette syndrome patients during and post-surgery
- Developed a machine learning algorithm for automated detection of motor and vocal tics

Research Intern

June 2024 – August 2024

Murthy Lab, Princeton University, Princeton

- Computational analysis of FlyWire Connectome data to uncover visual system neural computation in Drosophila
- Mapped functional data to neural circuits, improving sensory processing insights

Research and Development Intern

January 2023 – December 2023

American Society of Pharmacognosy, University of Florida, Gainesville

- Screened and identified new terpene synthase functions, advancing biotech applications
- Conducted molecular docking and mutations of proteins to characterize enzymatic activity
- Co-authored two published research papers

INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE

Product Design

August 2023 – Present

Generational Relief in Prosthetics, University of Florida | Gainesville, FL

- Designed and optimized the “Unlimbited” prosthetic arm using SolidWorks
- 3D printed and conducted non-destructive testing on the prosthetic arm

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

August 2023 – December 2023

Secrets of Alchemy, University of Florida | Gainesville, FL

- Graded lab reports and provide helpful feedback
- Held office hours to a class of 60 students
- Assisted instructor in preparing the lab, supporting students during lab, and cleaning up after

Resident Assistant

August 2023 – Present

Housing and Residential Life, University of Florida | Gainesville, FL

- Devised events to encourage community belonging among my residents.
- Enforce community standards and policies to ensure a safe and supportive living environment
- Serve in an on-call rotation by responding to emergencies and crises

Director of International Students Affairs

August 2022 – May 2024

Student Government, University of Florida | Gainesville, FL

- Administered mentorship to international students to ensure VISA status management
- Planned events to facilitate international students’ involvement on campus

SKILLS

- Programming:** Python, MATLAB, SLEAP.ai, Label Studio
- Design & Analysis:** SolidWorks (proficient), Blender, AutoDock Vina, Pymol, ChemDraw
- Laboratory:** PCR, Genetic Mutation, NMR data analysis, Molecular Docking, GC-Mass data analysis
- Software:** Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects
- Hardware:** Circuitry, PCB Design
- Language:** Fluent: English, Twi | Conversational: French

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP

- University Scholars Program- \$1750 research stipend August 2024 – May 2025
- Certificate of Outstanding Merit from the College of Engineering Award November 2023
- UF Hamilton Center Society Fellow- \$2,500 stipend and a funded trip to Oxford and Cambridge University August 2023
- American Society of Pharmacognosy - \$5000 research stipend May 2023 – August 2023
- Wentworth Travel Scholarship – \$500 Research Travel Funding May 2023 – August 2023
- Emerging Scholar Award- \$1000 research stipend January 2023
- Davis United World Scholar- \$192,000 fully funded University of Florida undergraduate degree. August 2022 – May 2026