

Mary Letey

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Education

Sept 2023 – June 2028	Harvard University	PhD Student – Applied Mathematics
Sept 2022 – June 2023	Perimeter Institute	MSc – Theoretical Physics
Sept 2018 – June 2022	University of Cambridge	BA Honours – Mathematics

Publications & Preprints

Pretrain–Test Task Alignment Governs Generalization in In-Context Learning

Under Submission at ICLR2026 – [arxiv preprint](#)

‘What Can(t) Transformers Do’ [Workshop, Neurips 2025](#)

ML, Zavatone-Veth, Lu, Pehlevan

Theory of Scaling Laws for In-Context Regression: Depth, Width, Context and Time

Under Submission at ICLR2026 – [arxiv preprint](#)

Bordelon, ML, Pehlevan

Asymptotic theory of in–context learning by linear attention

[Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences \(2025\)](#)

‘Mathematics of Modern Machine Learning’ [Workshop, Neurips 2024](#)

Lu, ML, Zavatone-Veth, Maiti, Pehlevan

Quantum initial conditions for curved inflating universes

[Physical Review D \(2024\)](#)

ML*, Shumaylov*, Agocs, Handley, Hobson, Lasenby

Research & Work Experience

Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms (MILA)

Research Internship – Summer 2023 – Equivariant architectures for neural PDE solvers

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics

[Master’s thesis](#) – 2022-2023 – Classification of discrete symmetries in non-Euclidean space

Perimeter Institute Quantum Intelligence Lab

Graduate Rotation – Fall 2022 – Machine learning for quantum wavefunction prediction

Cavendish Laboratory & Kavli Institute for Cosmology, Cambridge

Research Internship – Summer 2022 – Research on early-universe cosmology and curved spacetimes

Embryo Ventures

Internship – Summer 2020 – Due diligence and founder outreach

Iguana Investments

Research Internship – Fall 2019-Spring 2020 – Optimisation algorithms for market prediction models

Awards & Funding

2025	Graduate Fellowship	Kempner Institute – Full support for graduate studies
2024	Clare Marie Doris Innovation Fund	Harvard University
2023	Graduate Prize Fellowship	Harvard University
2022	International Scholar Award	Perimeter Institute – \$45,000

Skills

Programming languages	Python · C · C++
Software packages	JAX · PyTorch · TensorFlow · Matlab · Maple