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EDUCATION

- **PhD** University of British Columbia
Physics (Quantum information and computation) September, 2020 – August, 2024
 - Supervisors: Dr. Robert Raussendorf and Dr. William G. Unruh
 - Thesis: [Classical descriptions of quantum computations](#)
- **MSc** University of British Columbia
Physics (Quantum information and computation) September, 2019 – October, 2020
 - Supervisor: Dr. Robert Raussendorf
 - Thesis: [Hidden variable models and classical simulation algorithms for quantum computation with magic states on qubits](#)
- **BSc** University of British Columbia
Combined honours in Physics and Mathematics September, 2014 – May, 2019
 - Honours thesis: Contextuality and Simulating Quantum Computation with Magic States

EXPERIENCE

- **NSERC Postdoctoral research fellow** Vancouver, Canada
Department of Mathematics, Simon Fraser University September, 2024 –
 - For list of publications see [Google Scholar](#)
- **Research assistant** Vancouver, Canada
Department of Physics, University of British Columbia September, 2018 – August, 2024
- **Teaching assistant** Vancouver, Canada
Department of Physics, University of British Columbia September, 2019 – Present
 - Classes include: Quantum mechanics, Electricity & magnetism, Computational physics
- **Research assistant** St. John's, Canada
Department of Geography, Memorial University May, 2017 – August, 2018
 - Data acquisition, database management, data analysis (primarily census and socio-economic data)
 - Creation of dynamic data visualizations

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming languages:** Python, Julia, R, SQL, Matlab
- **Technologies:** Linux, Latex, Git, AWS, MariaDB
- **Other skills:** Physics, mathematics, data analysis, computational modelling, simulation, optimization

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship (NSERC PDF) 2024–2026
- CGS - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (NSERC CGS-MSFSS) 2023
- Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (NSERC CGS-D) 2021–2024
- UBC Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF) 2021–2025

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Robert Raussendorf** robert.raussendorf@itp.uni-hannover.de
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