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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge

BA in Natural Sciences

Cambridge, UK

Oct 2024 - June 2027

- **Specialization:** Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Computational Biology

- **Coursework:** Cell and molecular biology, protein biochemistry, drug design and pharmacodynamics, quantitative biology

- **Accomplishments:** **1 of 10 worldwide** selected for research placement at TU Munich (fully funded by Max Planck Institute); Vivenza Foundation Ignition Fund Fellow (**£5,000 seed** grant for aging research); G.R.N. Minchin Award (substantial travel grant for undergraduates); Bio-Spark Exploring Fellow

SKILLS

Laboratory: droplet microfluidics (making devices, droplet generation); plasmid design and assembly; lentiviral transduction; DNA and protein purification; fluorescence microscopy; well-plate assays; gel electrophoresis

EXPERIENCE

Knowles Lab, University of Cambridge

Undergraduate Researcher

Cambridge, UK

May, Oct 2025 - Present

- Investigating TDP-43 phase boundary in ALS/FTD using droplet microfluidics

Lu Lab, Harvard Medical School

Undergraduate Research Fellow, Systems Biology

Boston, MA

Jun 2025 – Sep 2025

- Engineered tunable model system to study pathological protein aggregation
- Executed genetic construct design, viral transduction, fluorescent imaging and analysis independently
- Managed experimental design and timelines
- Presented findings to collaborators

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cambridge Society of Ageing and Longevity Research

[Head of undergraduate engagement]

Jan 2026 - present

Darwin Society (Christ's College Scientific Society)

[Committee Member]

June 2025 - present

- Organized high-profile speaker events and formal dinners

British Powerlifting

[National Competitor, 2022]

- Ranked top 25 nationally