



# PAULA BANKS


Junior Programmer

## CURIOUS. ENTHUSIASTIC. POSITIVE.

Over the past decade I studied and worked in the Biosciences. It was a great opportunity that allowed me to work with inspiring people on a variety of scientific challenges. Now I am working hard to reach a new goal – to become a full stack developer. **Why? Because I am motivated by my curiosity, I am enthusiastic about solving problems and I learn new skills with a positive attitude, plus it's fun!**

## PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE

### Self-taught full stack Web Developer 2018 - Present

**Project:**  [www.ridiculous-thoughts.com](http://www.ridiculous-thoughts.com) – a multi-user dynamic website in Django

At the beginning of 2018, I embarked on a journey to learn web development. I began by learning and understanding Python and working on small projects and programs. One such project introduced me to the Django framework, which I chose to use as the backend for my personal project

**What I've learned:**

- Django Models, Templating, Forms, and Form Validation
- HTML5 and CSS with Bootstrap 4 (Responsive Web Design)
- JavaScript to enhance website interaction
- Debugging python (breakpoints, watchpoints, etc)
- Source control management with Git
- Docker for automated site deployment

## GENERAL WORK EXPERIENCE

**Apr 2013 - Present** **Freelance Scientific Consultant,**  
University of Agriculture,  
Krakow, Poland

**Mar 2017 - Sep 2017** **Senior Assistant Scientist II**  
Charles River Laboratories,  
Tranent, UK

**Nov 2016 - Feb 2017** **Scientist**  
Evotec, Abingdon, UK

**Mar 2016 - Nov 2017** **Analytical Scientist**  
Oxford BioMedica, Oxford,  
UK

**Apr 2015 - Apr 2016** **Casual Research Scientist**  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada

**Oct 2013 - Aug 2014** **Research Scientist**  
Somru BioScience,  
Charlottetown, PEI, Canada

**INTERESTS:** Yoga, Cooking, Dancing, Hiking, RPG games

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## EDUCATION

**2011 – 2012** **MSc in Biomedical Sciences (Distinction)**  
Edinburgh Napier  
University, Edinburgh,  
UK

**2007 - 2011** **BSc (Inżynier) in Biotechnology**  
University of Agriculture,  
Krakow, Poland

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Python 3	Django 2	Git
HTML5	Bootstrap 4	CSS
JavaScript	Postgres	Docker

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Problem solving	Effective communication
Critical thinking	Time management
Team work	Adaptability