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#### Profile

MSc student in Advanced Artificial Intelligence with a BSc in Mathematical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence. International experience (research and industry) in Machine Learning, Computer Vision, and Robotics. Strong team collaborator, energetic, committed, and eager to learn.

### EDUCATION

## Comillas Pontifical University, ETSI ICAI

Madrid, Spain

MSc in Advanced Artificial Intelligence

Sep 2025 - 2026

Class Representative. Winner of the X Hackathon of Smart Industry.

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY, USA

Exchange Student - Electrical & Computer Engineering

Jan - May 2025

Writer for Cornell Healthcare Review (AI applications in the healthcare industry).

Madrid, Spain

Comillas Pontifical University, ETSI ICAI

BSc in Mathematical Engineering and AI: GPA: 8.75/10

2021 - 2025

- Winner of UNIJES Social Tech Challenge (AI-powered autonomous wheelchair).

## Experience

## Comillas Pontifical University

Madrid, Spain

LLM Research Assistant

Sep 2025 - Apr 2026

Explored the capabilities and applications of the latest open-source Large Language Models (LLMs).

#### Azzulei Technologies

Madrid, Spain

Computer Vision Intern

Jun - Aug 2025

Automated camera control in sports events by developing a real-time Multi-Object Tracking system using YOLO.

# Imperial College London

Remote (London, UK) Jun - Aug 2024

Research Assistant Robustly reproduced complex dynamic systems using Neural ODEs and Physics-informed Neural Networks.

Endesa

Madrid, Spain

Jun - Aug 2023 Energy Data Analyst Intern

- Estimated daily Iberian ancillary services costs with >90\% accuracy using regression and MLP techniques.

# Selected Project

### Bachelor Thesis: Visual Topological SLAM using Deep Learning Techniques

2025

- Implemented a visual SLAM system in ROS2, integrating vision foundation models (CNN, AutoEncoder) with NLP for voice-controlled indoor navigation: https://github.com/rdgzmanuel/visual\_topological\_slam

# SKILLS

Programming: Python (advanced), R, C#, SQL

Tools: PyTorch, ROS 2, OpenCV, MATLAB

AI & ML: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Reinforcement Learning

Mathematics: Linear Algebra, Analysis, Optimization, Dynamical Systems

## Languages

Spanish (Native) | English (Advanced, TOEFL iBT 109/120) | French (Basic) | German (Learning)

# Honors & Awards

Hackathon Winner 2025

Developed the winning project in the X Hackathon of Smart Industry, featuring Kearney and CAF.

# UNIJES Social Tech Challenge Winner

2024

Voice-controlled wheelchair project

# Academic Excellence Scholarship

2021, 2023, 2024

Top-scoring students across Community of Madrid

# **Baccalaureate Honorific Mention**

2021

2nd highest GPA in Community of Madrid