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LANGUAGES

C2 French · C++ · Python · MATLAB · C+ · JupyterHub · MPLab x IDE · Inkscape · Excel · LaTeX · Verilog

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

March 2025 - Present

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

- Developing a research paper on extracting and analyzing H-Lya emissions in Earth's exosphere using data from the Nancy Grace Roman Telescope to advance exospheric mapping methods for the Carruthers Geocorona Observatory.
- Processing H-Lya intensity data in JupyterHub and MATLAB through a 28-layer residual neural network to model and predict future emission patterns.

Research Assistant

Oct 2023 - Oct 2025

Phal Lab

- Designed figures, wrote annotations, and gathered references for paper discussing vibrational circular dichroism detection of Alzheimer's biomarkers, resulting in paper in process of publication.
- Updated design and content of lab website using SCSS, HTML, and Ruby languages to heighten its quality.
- Designed and implemented a 2D LiDAR-based mapping system on a LattePanda computer using Ubuntu and ROS RViz for real-time visualization and spatial mapping.

Undergraduate Research Ambassador

Aug 2024 - Present

Colorado School of Mines

- Selected to represent Colorado School of Mines as a student ambassador for undergraduate research in Washington, D.C.; funded by the STR Program to meet with U.S. senators and discuss research funding and policy.
- Presented to students on the value of undergraduate research and provided mentorship through email outreach, and authored articles highlighting student research initiatives.

Society of Women in Research Founder and President

Feb 2025 - Present

- Founded and led the only organization at Colorado School of Mines dedicated to closing the gender gap in research participation.
- Organized weekly meetings, cold-email workshops, and scholarship information sessions to connect female students with research opportunities.

HONORS & AWARDS

Universities Space Research Association

Spring 2025

- Awarded a ~\$10,000 undergraduate research stipend to conduct NASA-funded research.

Students Transforming Through Research Conference

Spring 2025

- Funded to attend a research policymaking conference in Washington D.C to represent Mines as an Undergraduate Research Ambassador.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

June - Aug 2024

- \$4000 stipend to work in a research lab over the summer, granted by Colorado School of Mines.

3rd Place at Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium

April 2024

- Presented 12-minute presentation as a first-year student of vibrational circular dichroism designs at Mines Research Symposium, won 3rd place out of all presenters.

First-Year Innovation & Research Scholar Training

Aug 2023 - May 2024

- \$1000 stipend to work in a research lab, granted by Colorado School of Mines.

The Provost Award

Aug 2023 - May 2027

- \$10,000-per-year scholarship granted by Colorado School of Mines

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado School of Mines

Graduating May 2026

Third-Year Undergraduate Electrical Engineering Student

- Conduct hardware-integration research using Verilog, C, and MPLAB X IDE, working with custom PCBs, FPGA Lite systems, and oscilloscopes for signal analysis and embedded control.
- Relevant coursework: Embedded Systems, Digital Logic, and Information Systems Science I (signal and Fourier transform processing).