

# SAMARA CUNNINGHAM

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## PROFILE INFO

I'm a motivated Computer Science student in my third year at Heriot-Watt University. I have experience translating technical knowledge into practice through volunteering with Ace It, teaching vulnerable people to use technology. Alongside my studies, I work as a librarian, developing strong organisational, communication and problem-solving skills. I am seeking an internship to apply my technical knowledge in a professional environment and gain hands-on experience in the computing industry.

## EDUCATION

### 2023-PRESENT HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

- BSc Computing Science (Expectant 2027)

### 2023 GEORGE HERIOTS SCHOOL

- Advanced Higher Computing Science

## SKILLS

- Project Management
- Programming: Java, Python, CSS/HTML, C, ARM
- Software Development
- Teamwork
- Digital Literacy
- Leadership and Initiative
- Communication
- Organisation and Time Management

## REFERENCES

### Simon Brett

Library Development Leader

Email: simon.brett@edinburgh.gov.uk

### Fiona Wilson

Chief Officer of East Lothian Health and Social Care

Email: markandfiona1@hotmail.com

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### ACE-IT

2025-PRESENT

Volunteer

- Assist learners, usually older demographic, in using devices such as phones, tablets and laptops.
- Explain technical concepts in simpler terms, adapting to individual learning skills and levels.
- Developed strong communication, patience and problem-solving skills.

### Edinburgh City Council Libraries

2021-PRESENT

Lifelong Learning Library Advisor

- Manage the return and retrieval of books, ensuring the resources are accessible and organised.
- Designed and set up displays, engaging library users.
- Facilitate a young adult book group, developing communication and leadership skills.
- Support the libraries social media presence by creating posts/stories and engaging with the community.
- Developed strong organisation, customer service and digital communication skills.

### STEMettes Mentorship Programme

2023

- Took part in a structured mentorship programme focused on developing professional and technical skills.
- Worked closely with a mentor to identify strengths and work on weaknesses in the computing field.
- Completed a substantial coding project and received feedback to improve problem solving and coding skills.
- Gained confidence in applying my technical skills in real-world challenges.

### IBM work experience

2022

- Attended meetings and observed workplace practices in a professional computing environment.
- Spoke with professionals in different roles to gain insight into career paths in technology.
- Observed coding demonstrations and real-world software development.