

# SAMUEL TUFFOUR

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## Education

**Bucknell University, College of Engineering (Lewisburg, PA)** Graduating May 2028

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering & Mathematics Minor | Engineering GPA: 3.50 / 4.0 | Dean's List*

**Relevant Engineering Coursework:** Data Structures & Algorithms, Operating Systems, Computer Systems, Algorithms Design & Analysis, Statistics and Engineering, Calculus (1,2), Physics (1,2) Intro to Design and Programming, Introduction to VR Systems.

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## Skills

**Languages:** Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, SQL, R, HTML/CSS,

**Frameworks:** Pandas, NumPy, React, NodeJS, Multi-threading, Django, PyQt

**Tools/Systems:** Git, SAS, JupyterLab, MySQL, Figma, UNIX/Linux, Unit Testing, Database Management, Data Processing, REST APIs, Unity, Meta Horizon

**Other:** Code Review, UI/ UX design, Communication Skills, Leadership, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Infrastructure, Cross-Functional Teams, Automation, Deployment, Project Management, AI Infrastructure

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## Experience

### Grant Research Assistant

Aug 2024 - Present

Bucknell University, Lewisburg/PA

*Research Assistant under Prof. Doug Gabauer* - Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Partnered with **UNC** on an **externally funded transportation research** project to predict roadway departure crashes, supporting federal highway safety initiatives.
- Built a custom data collection program to capture **5,000+ street-view photographs** and estimate roadside device distances with sub-meter accuracy, improving reliability of safety infrastructure datasets.
- Processed and analyzed **1,200+ public crash records** to assess occupant injury risk, extracting deformation features from vehicle photographs to evaluate compartment integrity.
- Applied **MATLAB** and **SAS** to summarize deformation trends and **refine crash test evaluation limits**, contributing to safer design guidelines for guardrails and roadside features.

### Engineering Excelerators

June 2025 - July 2025

Bucknell University, Lewisburg/PA

*Summer undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

- Guided **20+ students** in designing and building **VR museum spaces** using **Meta Quest 3**, resulting in an immersive educational experience for **K-12 learners**.
- Supported **rapid prototyping and iterative design workflows**, reducing **user interaction bugs by 40%** across team projects.
- Collaborated with **interdisciplinary student teams** to improve usability and engagement within **VR environments**, enhancing project showcase quality and **user immersion**.

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## Projects

*\*Other personal projects available on Github/portfolio website*

### CODEFORCODE – Molecular Biology Simulation Tool (Python, PyQt5, Turtle)

[Project Link](#)

- Developed an **interactive desktop app** simulating the Central Dogma of molecular biology, enabling transcription, translation, and mutation analysis of non-template DNA sequences.
- Engineered **graphical visualization** of DNA, mRNA, and protein chains, combining biological accuracy with **intuitive UI** for students
- Designed modular architecture with user input, sequence editing, and mutation tracking, enhancing biological data interpretation and learning.

### Virtual Reality Sports Museum

[Project Link](#)

Meta Horizon, Unity, TypeScript, 3D modeling.

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**Extracurriculars** - Engineering Success Alliance, Engineering Excelerators, Google Developer Group Member, ColorStack, National Society of Black Engineering(NSBE), RoboLab