

# Richard Sear

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## Education

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | MAY 2021 | THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

- Majors: Computer Science, Physics
- University Honors Program | GPA: 3.89
- Student Organizations: GW ACM, GW Undergraduate Review, GW Robotics
- Member of the Tau Beta Pi Honor Society

## Work Experience

**STUDENT RESEARCHER | JOHNS HOPKINS HLTCOE SCALE PROGRAM**

**MAY 2019 – AUGUST 2019**

- Working with small research team on topic identification and named entity recognition tasks
- Using TensorFlow to analyze the effects of reduced- and partially reduced-size training sets
- Iteratively fine-tuning Google's BERT model using a series of language processing tasks

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT | GWU PHYSICS DEPARTMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 2018 – PRESENT**

- Working with Dr. Neil Johnson's research team, studying the many-body physics of user behavior in online extremist groups
- Using Python modules (Scikit-learn and Microsoft CNTK) to conduct machine learning experiments on image data
- Presented work at the GW Research Days student colloquium (April 2019)

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**MAY 2018 – AUGUST 2018**

- Trained machine learning model to identify primary emotions with ~15% average error rate (Microsoft CNTK for Python)
- Conducted unsupervised K-means clustering using the Python Scikit-learn module
- Delivered Azure webapp built with Flask to analyze uploaded images

## Skills & Abilities

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Software: Visual Studio Code; Microsoft Office, Azure; Git; Arduino; Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator; Google Analytics
- Proficient in Python, Java, C, Bash, PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS; familiar with MATLAB, LaTeX

### LEADERSHIP/TEAMWORK

- Layout Manager, GW Undergraduate Review September 2017-Present
- Vice President, GW Robotics April 2018-Present

## Projects

*See more on my website's "Projects" page*

- 2019 SEAS Hackathon project: "Friendly FOIA" – a tool to automate FOIA requests for journalists February 2019
- Databases Project: online marketplace with user accounts and MySQL database integration February 2019
- Architecture Project: document search tool in C; uses the tf-idf search algorithm and a hash structure December 2018
- Software Engineering Project: "Alien Attack" – an arcade-style game in Java December 2018