

# Richard Sear

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## Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | MAY 2021 | THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- Majors: Computer Science, Physics
- University Honors Program | GPA: 3.98
- Student Organizations: ACM, GW Undergraduate Review, GW Robotics
- Member of the Tau Beta Pi Honor Society

## Work Experience

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER INTERN | BUCHANAN & EDWARDS, INC.

MAY 2018 – AUGUST 2018

- Trained machine learning model capable of identifying major facial emotions with ~15% average error rate
- Trained experimental secondary model to identify microexpressions on neutral faces
- Implemented convolutional neural network using Microsoft's Cognitive Toolkit (CNTK) API for Python
- Conducted unsupervised K-means clustering using the Python Scikit-learn module
- Delivered Azure webapp built with Flask to analyze uploaded images

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
- Training supervised machine learning models to classify emotions and symbols found in profile images
- Presenting work at the GW Research Days student colloquium (April 2019)

## Personal Projects

*See the "Class Projects" page on my website for information about what I've been working on in class*

- 2019 SEAS Hackathon project: "Friendly FOIA" – a tool to automate FOIA requests for journalists February 2019
  - <https://github.com/searri/friendly-foia>
- Software Engineering Final/Personal Project: "Alien Attack!" – an arcade-style game in Java December 2018
  - <https://github.com/searri/Alien-Attack>

## Skills & Abilities

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

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

### LEADERSHIP/TEAMWORK

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