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Seeking a summer internship in Artificial Intelligence, on the research side, especially interested in social or ethical topics.

#### **EDUCATION**

MS Intelligent Robotics		University of Southern California, USA	Aug 2018 - May 2020
MSc Artificial Intelligence	(9.90/10)	University of Bucharest, Romania	Sep 2016 - Jun 2018
Data Science (exchange semester)		Leiden University, The Netherlands	Spring 2018
BSc Computer Science	(9.93/10)	University of Bucharest, Romania	Sep 2013 - Jun 2016

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**Data Science Researcher** Bitdefender, Romania May 2017 - Jul 2018

- Researched the user behavior anomaly detection engine currently deployed on all antivirus solutions in EU and US
- Formalized abstract issues into solvable tasks; employed clusterings, embeddings, time series, multiple model pipelines
- Cooperated closely with 4 colleagues; participated in architectural decisions; held technical and theoretical presentations

**Data Scientist** Adobe, Romania Mar 2016 - Apr 2017

- Proposed, researched and presented a next-action predictor for Adobe XD, used for new user on-boarding
- Implemented (end-to-end) the product recommender engine for Adobe BC, part of the Premium plan
- · Analyzed data and provided insight to management for business decisions; communicated directly with UX designers

**Teaching Assistant** University of Bucharest, Romania Sep 2015 - Jun 2016

• Created interactive materials and lectured Functional Programming and Formal Languages & Automata to 90 students

Data Science InternIntel, RomaniaSummer 2015

• Developed a spike-detection algorithm on CPU statistics, in an interactive web dashboard, for IoT damage prevention

Game Developer Clu Games, Romania Jul 2014 - Apr 2015

- Implemented game mechanics, user interface and in-app purchases and other components in 4 mobile games
- Started as a team of 5 people, contributing to all phases, from inception to launch; mentored new developers

### **SKILLS**

**Software:** Python (Tensorflow, PyTorch, Django), JavaScript (D3, React), C# (Unity, .NET), SQL, Hadoop, Haskell, C++ **Domains:** Machine Learning (various paradigms), Artificial Intelligence (language, vision, others), Web Dev, Game Dev

#### **PROJECTS**

2018 Swear words engagement on social platforms
2018 Video-based heart-rate for attaining player flow
2018 Combining reinforcement learning advancements
2018 Generating an innate human trait: humor
2017 Fast image completion and texture synthesis
2017 Evolving a neural network to play Flappy Bird
2016 Parallel image classifier implementation

## **PUBLICATIONS**

2018 Reinforcement Learning vs Genetic
 Algorithms in Game-Theoretic Cyber-Security2016 Predicting Features that Drive Retention using
 Heterogenous Supervized Models Ensembles

#### INVOLVEMENT

2018 Instating the USC European Students Organization
2017 Presented and discussed at the Erasmus+ international project Development of Intercultural Sensitivity
2016 Volunteered at Math & Informatics Students Association, collaborating in planning events for 400+ students
2015 Selected as Google Student Ambassador; managed weekly Student Club; organized 40-student hackathon

# **AWARDS**

2018-2020 Fulbright Scholarship, Graduate in USA
2017 Cornell, Maryland, Max-Planck Research Summer School
2014-2018 University of Bucharest Excellence Award
2015, 2016 1st place at Microsoft and Accenture Hackathons