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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

Bachelor of Science in Statistics & Actuarial Science

Aug. 2021 - May 2025 | GPA: 3.63/4.0

Honors: State Farm Actuarial Prize (2024); Dean's List (2021, 2023)

Coursework: Calculus I-III, Stats & Prob I-II, Statistical Modeling I-II, Professional Statics

Columbia University

Incoming M.A. Student in Statistics

Fall 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

● **Illinois Risk Lab, UIUC - Research Intern**

Jan. 2024 - Jun. 2024 | Advisor: Frank Quan

- Built and maintained a database for LRO insurance to support risk modeling.
- Cleaned and preprocessed 1000+ entries for high-quality analytics.
- Automated workflows using Python and R to increase model efficiency.
- Prepared research summaries to aid academic-industry collaboration.

● **Face Orientation & Knowledge Sharing Study - Research Analyst**

May 2024 - Aug. 2024 | Tianjin, China

- Performed data cleaning, statistical testing, and modeling.
- Analyzed the supervisor's influence on students' academic sharing behavior.

● **Tsinghua University - Google Jetbot - Research Intern**

Jun. 2020 - Sep. 2020 | Beijing, China

- Explored autonomous driving via Google Jetbot using Python.
- Gained hands-on experience in AI model training and machine learning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MSH China - Data Analytics Intern

Jun. 2023 - Jul. 2023 | Beijing, China

- Analyzed health insurance claims using Python and R for risk trends.
- Communicated with hospitals to process claims efficiently.
- Reviewed reports, managed client data, and improved data workflows.
- Supported the actuarial team with insights to optimize claims and costs.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- UIUC CSSA Admin Dept.: Led orientation events; managed WeChat group of 500+ students.

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Technical: Python, R, MS Office, AI Model Training
- Actuarial Exams: Passed SOA Exam FM, FAM-L, SRM partial UEC credit