# Anastasia Alksnis

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# **Highlights of Qualifications and Skills**

**General Skills:** data analytics, leadership, teamwork, independent work, communication, time management, organization, adaptability, proactive, creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking **Software:** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook), FactSage, HSC Chemistry, Granta CES Selector

**Laboratory Skills and Analysis Techniques:** Operating and using lab equipment such as furnaces, gas analyzers, TGA, DSC, SEM, XRF, and XRD

#### **Education**

# **MASc in Materials Science & Engineering**

University of Toronto

2017 – September 2019

# Toronto, Ontario

# **BASc in Materials Science & Engineering**

University of Toronto

• Minor in Bioengineering

2012 – 2017 Toronto, Ontario

#### **Certificate in French Studies**

Université Sainte-Anne

2013 Pointe-de-l'Eglise, Nova Scotia

# **Experience**

#### **Master's Thesis**

2017 – present

Sustainable Materials Processing Lab, U of T

Toronto, Ontario

- Studied the kinetics and thermodynamics related to roasting nickel tailings to convert it to an environmentally and economically viable resource material
- Designed and executed project scope, milestones, timelines, experiments, data analysis, and documentation

#### **Undergraduate Thesis**

2016 - 2017

Functional and Adaptive Surfaces, U of T

Toronto, Ontario

- Studied properties and effectiveness of PDMS SLIPS as a fouling-release coating for zebra mussels
- Worked with a partner to determine project objectives, collaborate on research and experiments, and prepare final report and poster

**Co-Founder** 2015 – 2019

Hol Food

Toronto. Ontario

- Participated in U of T incubator program, Hatchery, to develop company vision, refine the product, determine customer demographic, and prepare pitch decks for investors
- Contributed to company growth planning, branding and product design initiative, social media presence, and customer service

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#### **Junior Billing Analyst**

2015-2016

Meter-to-Bill, Hydro One

Markham, Ontario

- Project management which required organizing and leading meetings, developing reporting protocols and work instructions, and designing complex excel spreadsheets for monitoring KPIs
- Regular tasks included preparing decks, document collection for auditing, monitoring KPIs

#### **Summer Research Student**

Summer 2014

Department of Materials Science and Engineering, U of T

Toronto, Ontario

- Worked in team setting to research and develop new laboratory experiments and in-lecture demonstrations for the MSE101 curriculum
- Produced lecturing guide with graphics for summarizing key learning outcomes from lectures

### Inorganic, Organic, and Biology Lab Student

2013 - 2017

U of T

Toronto, Ontario

• Learned standard protocols for working safely in a lab setting, WHMIS

# **Additional Experience**

Teaching Assistant	2017-2019
Department of Materials Science and Engineering, U of T	
Events Co-ordination	2018-2019
Sustainable Materials Processing Lab, U of T	
<b>Events Director</b>	2013-2014
MSE Club, U of T	
First Year Class Representative	2012-2013
$MSE\ Club,\ U\ of\ T$	

#### **Publications**

A. Alksnis, B. Li, R. Elliott, and M. Barati, "Kinetics of Oxidation of Pyrrhotite", Extraction 2018, Springer, Cham: 403-413, 2018.

#### **Awards**

US Steel Scholarship	2018
Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Summer Research Fellowship	2014
TD Bank Higher Education Scholarship	2012
Team Tim Hortons Scholarship	2012

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