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EXPERIENCE

ByteDance / TikTok Japan   Tokyo, Japan
Business Analyst Intern, Global Business Solutions   Nov 2025 – Present
- Supporting client solution teams through data analytics to diagnose advertiser performance issues, drive optimization, and enable data-driven sales proposals.

Sony Computer Science Laboratories (Sony CSL)   Tokyo, Japan
Research Assistant (LLM & Finance)   Aug 2025 – Oct 2025
- Assisted the team on prompt fine-tuning for a customer-service LLM chatbot and on data-pipeline optimization for a finance-related project.
- Increased the success rate of a Selenium-based data scraping algorithm by 35 percentage points (from 45% to 80%) by re-engineering its scoring logic.

EDUCATION

International Christian University (ICU)   Tokyo, Japan
B.S. in Information/Computer Science (GPA: 3.6 / 4.0)   Apr 2022 – Jun 2026 (expected)
- **Exchange Year:** University of California, Davis (2024–2025)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Algorithms & Data Structures, Data Science, Network, Mathematical modeling

SELECTED PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Aggie Schedule Mate Chrome Extension   UC Davis, CA
Creator & Product Lead   Sep 2024 – Jun 2025
- Built a timetable-automation extension adopted by **600+ students**, saving an estimated 35 minutes per semester per user.
- Promoted the product via Reddit posts reaching **35k+ views**

ICU eHandbook Co-pilot (Proposed Senior Thesis)   Tokyo, Japan
LLM-focused Research Project   Planned 2026
- Planning an ICU eHandbook co-pilot, a RAG-based chatbot that answers student questions using content from the university website and student e-handbook.
- Planning to use an open-source LLM with retrieval-augmented generation and iteratively refine the retrieval and prompting strategy based on technical constraints and evaluation.

SKILLS

Develop & Data	Python, Java/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, SQL, Git, Numpy/Pandas
LLM & AI	Prompt engineering, Agents, LangGraph, Vector DBs, LoRA fine-tuning, RAG
Tools & Analysis	BI Tools, Excel/Sheets (Pivot tables), Technical Documentation

LANGUAGES & CERTIFICATIONS

Languages: Native Mandarin Chinese | Fluent Japanese (JLPT N1) | Fluent English (IELTS 7.5)

Certifications:
- JLPT N1, The Japan Foundation (Jul 2024)
- IELTS 7.5, British Council (Mar 2024)
- TOEIC Listening & Reading 925, ETS (Sep 2021)