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EDUCATION

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Graduation 05/2027

B.S. Computer Science

- Dean's List | Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Operating Systems, Software Engineering, Database Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming & Tools: Python, Java, C, SQL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, React, Git, GitHub, Maven, Figma, Docker, RStudio

Frameworks & Libraries: JavaFX, Bootstrap, Flutter, CSS Grid, Pandas, scikit-learn, XGBoost, JUnit, JDBC, MATLAB

EXPERIENCE

Digital Forensics & Privacy Lab (UMIT² Lab), George Mason University

09/2025 – Present

CCI Scholar/Research Assistant – Research Placement under Dr. Ümit Karabiyik

- Built an NLP system to analyze ToS/Privacy Policies using embeddings and rule-based thematic classification
- Created a unified privacy ontology based on ToS;DR, NIST Privacy Framework, and GDPR/CCPA
- Generated structured CSV/Markdown/JSON summaries for benchmarking policy transparency
- Conducted alignment studies comparing AI-generated results with ToS;DR labels to improve accuracy

Office of Research, Innovation, and Analytics (ORIA), George Mason University

09/2025 – Present

Student Research Assistant

- Supported **data collection**, **compliance reviews**, and **reporting** for **federally funded research projects**
- Assisted with website updates and content management using WordPress to improve accessibility and organization
- Collaborated with administrators and faculty to streamline research operations and ensure policy adherence

AI & Computer Vision Lab (InfoLab), George Mason University

05/2025 – 09/2025

Research Placement under Dr. Ziwei Zhu

- Conduct research on **hallucination reduction** in **Large Vision-Language Models** (LVLMs) using image-specific attention
- Design and run experiments on **CHAIR** and **AMBER** benchmarks with models such as **InstructBLIP** and **LLaVA/NeXT**
- **Co-authored** "Mitigating Hallucination in Large Vision-Language Models via Adaptive Attention Calibration" (arXiv, 2025), introducing the CAAC framework, achieving up to **4% lower hallucination rates** than top baselines

TechWise by Google, Remote

03/2024 – 09/2025

Full-Stack Software Development Fellow

- Selected for a **highly competitive**, 18-month **Google-sponsored** program in **full-stack development**, **AI/ML**, and **GenAI**
- Built apps with **Flutter + Firebase**, **ML models** (**XGBoost**, **ANN**), and **Python/Kivy + SQLite** as part of projects
- Awarded **1st Place** in the TechWise Hackathon; mentored by **Google engineers** and trained by **Carnegie Mellon faculty**

Cybernow Labs, Ashburn, Virginia

06/2022 – 07/2022

Cybersecurity Intern

- **Optimized** and **repaired** non-functional **web form** by modifying code and extensive testing, restoring critical functionality
- Performed **QA testing** on the company's cybersecurity training platform, **enhancing** system **reliability** and user experience
- Received training in network fundamentals, strengthening understanding of network architecture and security protocols

PROJECTS

GreensWrld – Smart Plant Care App (TechWise), <https://github.com/szulun/GreensWorld>

- Built a Flutter app with Firebase authentication, an AI Assistant for plant guidance, and an interactive plant shop map
- Developed a responsive UI with custom navigation bar and integrated Google Maps API to help users find plant stores
- Implemented user login, registration, and dashboard features to track plant care tasks and progress

Predictive Analysis of Student Performance (TechWise), <https://github.com/ShawnASC5/Student-Performance-Factors>

- Developed ML models (XGBoost, ANN) on 1,000+ students to predict graduation/dropout risk with 87% accuracy
- Discovered that debt increases dropout risk by 62%, and older students face higher persistence challenges.
- Visualized feature importance and model results to inform educators and stakeholders about key success factors

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Blossom Together, Fairfax, VA

08/2024 - Present

Founder and President of the GMU Chapter

- Lead a humanitarian chapter impacting 5+ countries through water well projects, cataract surgeries, and food distributions
- Raised \$6,000+ in one academic year by coordinating 5+ volunteer campaigns and campus-wide fundraising events
- Managed and motivated a team of 15+ student volunteers across 6+ events, improving campus engagement