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EMPLOYMENT

Open Philanthropy | Research Fellow

Jan. 2022 - Present

Helping to identify new cause areas as part of the organisation's annual \$800M+ grant-making activities, leading investigations into climate change mitigation, global health pandemic preparedness, and others

Future of Humanity Institute (University of Oxford) | Research Scholar

Jan. 2021 - Dec. 2021

Conducted interdisciplinary research on topics related to existential risk, including AI governance, truthful AI, and social discount rates; led evidence submission to UK's National Resilience Strategy

UK Government Office for Artificial Intelligence | Policy Advisor

Jul. 2021 - Oct. 2021

Worked on the UK's National AI Strategy, reporting recommendations and insights directly to the Head of Strategy & International; focus on international landscape, frameworks, and global cooperation

Oxford Smith School (University of Oxford) | Research Assistant

Oct. 2020 – Mar. 2021

Worked under Dr Ives to model the endogenous change of renewable technologies; examined bias in IAMs, wrote report chapters as part of the UK-China Cooperation on Climate, and built web-tools (Python)

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge | BA Hons. Economics

Oct. 2017 - Jul. 2020

Academic: First-Class Honours; awarded A.R. Prest Prize and dissertation ranked 2nd/160 in cohort Extra-Curricular: President CSEP (2018); Christ's Top Fundraiser £75k+ (2019); Handball Varsity (2020)

Professional Activities (Selected)

Hear This Idea | Co-Host

Oct. 2019 - Present

Created a podcast interviewing people on "ideas that mater"; produced 50+ episodes; ranks in the top 5% of global podcasts; awarded funding by Centre for Effective Altruism and FTX Foundation's Future Fund

Deutsche Bahn AG | Data Analyst Intern

Aug. 2020 - Oct. 2020

Optimized procurement contracts to help my department identify 100M€ in potential cost-savings during Covid-19; created business intelligence tools (VBA) and dashboards (Tableau) used by senior management

SoGive | Charity Evaluator

Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020

Reviewed evidence on deworming interventions in East Africa and made impact assessments for 14 charities to quantify their cost-effectiveness, reporting these insights directly to the CEO

Berkman Klein Center (Harvard University) | Summer Institute Participant

Jul. 2020

One of 23 graduates invited to a four-week seminar series on AI policy and governance; collaborated on a project about facial recognition, conducting sentiment analysis on statements from key stakeholders (R)

Oliver Wyman | Consulting Intern

Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019

Advised an international financial institution on developing local debt markets in emerging economies; helped a major insurance firm plan a five-year growth strategy and built a revenue forecast model (Excel)

Cambridge Development Initiative | Research Director & MLE Officer

Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2019

Coordinated team of nine researchers; created an impact evaluation report during two months of fieldwork in Dar es-Salaam, helping increase number of beneficiaries by 200%; appointed interim Project Director

Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism | President

Mar. 2018 - Mar. 2019

Led the largest social-science student society in Cambridge, managing a committee of 12 to scale membership by 30%, organise 25+ events, and introduce a 50-50 gender balance of guest speakers