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# **EDUCATION**

# **University of Cambridge**

#### MPhil Master's in Industrial Systems, Manufacture and Management

Oct. 2023 - Aug. 2024

- Master's thesis: "Design & development of "artery-in-a-box" medical testing device to research innovative drug delivery methods for hard-to-treat pancreatic cancers".
- Actively working with world-leading academic to develop in-depth skills in Manufacturing Processes, Operations & Supply Chain Management, Data and Modelling, Lean, New Business Development, Research Methods.
- Visited and learned from 30+ companies across various industries, including a 2-week study tour in North America.

#### **University College London**

#### BEng Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering with Business Finance and Year In Industry

Sep. 2019 - Jul. 2023

- Bachelor thesis (81%): "Design and development of ground effect aerodynamics for the 2023 UCL Formula Student".
- Developed in-depth knowledge and skills in design engineering, motion dynamics, material properties, subsonic fluid mechanics & aerodynamics, project management and strategic performance management.

# Institution Sainte-Marie High School, Belfort, France

Sep. 2012 - Jul. 2018

Achieved "mention très bien" (very high honours) in French Baccalaureate, incl. 19/20 in adv. physics & 18/20 in mathematics.

# PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Formula 1 Mechanical Engineer (Placement student), Mercedes-AMG HPP, Brixworth, UK

Sep. 2021 - Sep. 2022

- Mechanical engineering: Developed, released and proved-out parts for 2022, 2023 & 2026 Mercedes F1 power-units using CATIA-V5 and HPP Design Standard in Structural and Bottom-end engineering teams. Solved mechanical engineering faults by implementing immediate, short-term, and long-term containments.
- **Process engineering:** Solved process faults by working with IT & Methods team by modifying Design Process and SOPs. Nominated by Methods team to maintain company-wide engineering log system. Developed mass tracking for R&D PU's for Concept Team.
- **Program management:** Organised and led post-race meetings with team leaders to implement immediate actions for solving faults raised during race weekend. Communicated with trackside for urgent requests and hardware tracking. Analysed real-world data using ATLAS 9.0 from Dyno and Track to carry out decisions.

## Engineering Consultant, Institute for Manufacturing, University of Cambridge

Oct. 2023 - Mar. 2024

- As part of master's studies in Cambridge, solved real-world engineering problems with partner companies on consulting basis.
   Developed strong client management and collaboration skills, and presented results to board of directors.
- Consulted Little Car Company (Bicester) on "new production plans and layout for upcoming vehicles" (2 weeks FT).
- Consulted CW Fletcher & Sons (Sheffield) on "streamlining internal manufacturing planning processes" (2 weeks FT).
- Consulted eScent Tech. (Cambridge) on "market assessment and opportunities for an innovative wearable product" (6 weeks PT).
- Consulted Sika UK (Preston) on "cycle time optimisation for high volume products" (2 weeks FT).

# Aerodynamics Design Engineer, UCL Racing Formula Student, UCL, London, UK

Sep. 2022 – Jul. 2023

- Engineering design (CAD): Designed conceptual and detailed designs in using Surface Modelling and evolved iteratively based on simulated performance. Final design allowed for a lap time reduction of 1.06 seconds.
- Aerodynamic simulation (CFD) & wind tunnel testing: ran 3D RANS simulations to evaluate aerodynamic performance. Validated performance by designing and manufacturing a wind tunnel testing rig and ran tests on a 3D-printed 7.5% scale model.
- Critical thinking: Established a unique design process methodology and design-tracker to support decision making.

## Product Validation Engineer, UCL Team Ventura Medical Projects, UCL, London, UK

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

• CPAP & Dental Equipment Device projects: validated performance of two medical devices aimed for treating respiratory diseases & decreasing Covid-19 transmission using CFD simulations. Supervised by Prof. Tim Baker MBE & Dr. Rebecca Shipley OBE.

# Product Designer (National champions), IMechE Design Challenge 2021, London, UK

Sep. 2021

Won 1st price in "2021 IMechE Design Challenge" in a team of 4 students by designing, manufacturing, and testing a highly
competitive vehicle in 3 weeks. Delivered a design presentation, bill of materials, detailed CAD model and a design poster.

# Team Lead, UCL Racing Clubs, UCL, London, UK

Sep. 2020 - Jun. 2021

 Co-founded & lead a team of 50 students to provide Formula Student engineers with skills in 1D calculations, CAD designing and aerodynamic optimisation skills for F1inSchools vehicles.

# **INTERESTS & HOBBIES**

- Languages: English (fluent), French (fluent), German (advanced), Slovak (native)
- Achievements: won 1st national prize in 2021 IMechE Design Challenge; won 1st prize in Concours d'eloquence (speech contest) in German, organized by Lion's Club in 2017 on: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for someone else"
- Interests-sports: Senior rower at Lucy Cavendish Boat Rowing Club