# **ELLIOT TOWER**

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#### **EDUCATION**

### **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Amherst, MA

M.S. in Computer Science — Concentration in Data Science

Sep. 2020 -May 2022

B.S. in Mathematics — Concentration in Computing, Second major in Philosophy

Sep. 2016 - May. 2020

#### **EXPERIENCE**

### Machine Learning Engineer - Swarm Labs

May. 2023 - Present

- Responsible for backend project management, QA & integration testing, code quality and development oversight.
- Developed LLM game environments, created & benchmarked LLM agents, created documentation and tutorials.
- Created technical disclosure patent documents/diagrams, coordinated with IP lawyers, CEO, and M&A advisor.

## **Project Manager — Farama Foundation**

Mar. 2023 - Present

- Leading development meetings, coordinating with external libraries, onboarding new projects/contributors, technical assistance & mentoring, reviewing PRs/release notes/documentation, expanding project & code quality standards.
- 170+ PRs merged across 6 projects, 10k lines of code, coordinated with 50+ external libraries, RLlib & SB3 integration.

# Research Intern — Information Extraction and Synthesis Laboratory (IESL)

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

- Collaborated to create novel architecture combining Case-based reasoning (CBR) with graph neural networks.
- Coded pre-processing, experiment setup, base CBR model, near-neighbor subgraph retrieval, hyperparameter sweeps.
- ICML publication: Knowledge Base Question Answering by Case-based Reasoning over Subgraphs (Das, 2022).

### Industry Mentorship — Facebook AI Research (FAIR)

Feb. 2021 - Jun. 2021

Open Catalyst Project: using <u>Graph Neural Networks</u> to model & discover new catalysts for use in renewable energy storage.

- Adapted Graph Transformer to <u>PyTorch Geometric</u> for project-specific task: energy prediction from atomic structure.
- Benchmarked and achieved superior performance to SOTA atomic chemistry models: SchNet, DimeNet and CGCNN.
- Open-source contributions: <u>Graph Transformer model</u>, Colab Notebook for installing environment/dataset & training.

#### Data Engineering Intern — Slalom Build

May. 2020 - Aug. 2020

- Engineered data pipeline architecture with AWS serverless components (<u>DynamoDB</u>, <u>S3</u>, <u>Kinesis</u>, <u>Glue</u>, <u>Athena</u>).
- Automated deployment of entire data pipeline system using <u>AWS CloudFormation</u> (infrastructure as code).
- Presented results & architecture overview for senior management and consulting client, bi-weekly demos.

## **PROJECTS**

# PettingZoo (Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning)

Mar. 2023 - Present

- Project manager and lead developer of *PettingZoo*—the API standard for multi-agent reinforcement learning (MARL).
- Developed 2 major releases, overhauled testing, code quality, documentation/tutorials, Stable-Baselines3 integration.

## **Shimmy (Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning)**

Apr. 2023 – Present

- Developed & cut mature release for Shimmy—an API compatibility tool for popular RL environments (e.g., DM Control).
- Expanded automated testing, added Dockerfiles, created entire documentation website, release notes/blog post.

# **SKILLS**

**Tools:** AWS, Docker, BGitHub CI/CD, PyTorch, Ray, Jax, LangChain, Sphinx, pytest, coverage, setuptools, poetry, pypi **Skills:** Deep Learning, RL, CV, NLP, Data Engineering, Project Management, Software Development Lifecycle, Testing.