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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, Homerton College — **Cambridge, UK**
PhD in Medical Sciences (Epidemiology) — *Oct 2023 – present*
- **Research**: Global health surveillance using WHO datasets (130 surveys; >530,000 participants), South Asia Biobank (>200,000 participants), UK cohort data (>12,000 participants), Singapore cohort data (>10,000 participants)
- **Award**: Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences Grant (US$ 115,000; 1 of 5 researchers annually), 2023-2025

University of Cambridge, Hughes Hall — **Cambridge, UK**
MPhil in Population Health Sciences — *Oct 2021 – Sept 2022*
- **Grade:** High Pass (Equivalent to Merit)
- **Thesis:** Identifying Patterns of Physical Activity and Associations with Mental Health in Adolescents (High Pass)

New York University – Graduate School of Arts and Sciences — **Manhattan, New York**
MS Biology — *Sept 2018 – Jan 2020*
- **GPA:** 3.82 (out of 4.00)
- **Thesis:** Carbohydrate Metabolism and Human Evolution
- **Award**: Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education Merit Scholarship (US$ 200,000)

University of Colorado Boulder – College of Arts and Sciences — **Boulder, Colorado**
BA in Molecular Biology and Psychology — *Sept 2014 – May 2018*
- **GPA:** 3.42 (out of 4.00)
- **Award**: Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education Merit Scholarship (US$ 400,000), Dean's List

WORK EXPERIENCE

UK Health Security Agency, Pandemic Preparedness Exercise — **London, UK**
Decision Quality Evaluator — *Sept 2025 – Oct 2025*
- Evaluated decision quality during the UK's national pandemic preparedness exercise involving senior public health leaders, with findings informing the official exercise debrief.

Cambridge Centre for Science and Policy — **Cambridge, UK**
Policy Intern — *April 2025 – July 2025*
- Built and analyzed a database of several hundred Cambridge academics and UK policy fellows supporting an academia-policy translation network and mapped expertise across built environment and healthcare systems.

MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge — **Cambridge, UK**
Research Assistant — *May 2022 – Jan 2023*
- Analyzed wearable and smartphone data, screened studies for a systematic review of device-measured movement metrics

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cambridge University Triathlon Club — **Cambridge, UK**
Club Captain and Vice President — *June 2024 – present*
- Increased membership by 33% (60 to 80 members), restored financial sustainability, renewed sponsorship agreements and secured a three-year supplier contract. Reduced venue and coaching costs through partnerships with 4 university clubs

University of Cambridge, Homerton College MCR — **Cambridge, UK**
Vice President — *Oct 2023 – Sept 2024*
- Represented the postgraduate student body in college policy meetings and organized community events

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Language:** English (Fluent), Arabic (Fluent)
- **Relevant skills:** Data Analysis with R (Advanced), Python (Intermediate)
- **Sporting Achievements**: 2023 London Marathon University Team (Top 5), Georgetown Half Marathon (3rd place)
- **Publications**: First author on 1 peer-reviewed publication and co-author on 2 others.
- **Public Engagement**: FameLab Science Communication Competition (Top 10, East of England), 2026; guest on the Cambridge Data Diversity Podcast, 2025; Invited to lecture on global health surveillance at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, 2024