# **FARRUKH NIZAM ARAIN**

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#### PERSONAL STATEMENT

A skilled professional with a strong academic background and extensive, diverse experience in data analysis. As an international student on a Tier 4 student visa, studying for a MSc Data Science at Manchester Metropolitan University, currently seeking to work full time on a data science placement for a maximum of 12 months. The visa already covers the placement duration from June 2024 until September 2025, as it is an integral and assessed part of the course.

#### **KEY PORTFOLIO PROJECTS**

Website Link: https://farrukhna.github.io

- **Auto Trader Group:** Applied machine learning techniques using Python and relevant functions to develop a regression model for predicting the selling price based on the characteristics of cars in the historical data.
- Fresh-Eats Systems: Developed Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) using Python for accurate classification of food images into categories, enhancing dietary analysis and meal planning applications.
- **Pizza Palace:** Conducted SQL-based time-series analysis to identify operational issues and provide actionable recommendations for business growth, profit optimisation, and future marketing strategies.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England (Sep 2023 – Sep 2025)

### MSc Data Science with Sandwich Placement | In-Progress

Key modules: Principles of Data Science, Algorithms and Data Structures, Machine Learning Concepts, Computational Math and Statistics, Deep Learning, High Performance Computing and Big Data, Data Management and Governance, Advanced Machine Learning.

- Proficiency in foundational data science principles and techniques, including data preprocessing, exploratory analysis, statistical inference, and visualisation.
- Expertise in designing and implementing algorithms, optimising for efficiency, and applying machine learning models for supervised and unsupervised learning tasks.
- Experience with deep learning architectures, big data handling, and data governance practices, highlighting scalable data processing and compliance with regulatory frameworks.

# Bahria University, Karachi, Pakistan (Feb 2008 – Feb 2010) MBA (Finance) | Equivalent to the UK Upper Second Class (2:1)

*Key modules*: Business Communication, Strategic Management, Methods in Business Research, Statistical Inference, International Business Analysis, Business Quantitative Techniques.

- Developed strong communication and strategic decision-making abilities through coursework in Business Communication and Strategic Management, enhancing leadership and managerial effectiveness.
- Gained expertise in quantitative analysis and research methodologies, enabling data-driven decision-making and critical evaluation of business operations.
- Acquired a global perspective on business challenges and opportunities, with a focus on adapting strategies for diverse international markets.

# Karachi Institute of Economics and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan (Feb 2002 – Jan 2008) BSc Computer Science (Software Engineering) | Equivalent to the UK Upper Second Class (2:1)

Key modules: Numerical Computing, Database Management System, Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems, Data Structures, Elements of Statistics and Probability, Data Warehousing and Decision Support Systems.

- Advanced proficiency in numerical computing and algorithmic problem-solving, applying mathematical models and algorithms to address complex problems efficiently.
- Expertise in designing and managing database systems, including proficiency in data modelling, query optimisation, and ensuring data integrity.
- Knowledge of artificial intelligence (AI) techniques and machine learning algorithms, with practical experience in implementing AI solutions for automation and decision support.

#### **DATA SCIENCE WORK EXPERIENCE**

SecureBeans, Karachi, Pakistan (Feb 2010 - Sep 2023)

#### Data Analyst - (Full-time)

- Collaborated with stakeholders to understand business functions and challenges, leveraging SQL and Excel to acquire and evaluate datasets for strategic insights and operational improvements.
- Applied Python and Excel for data cleaning, analysis, and processing, identifying trends and patterns crucial for problem-solving and decision-making.
- Presented findings through Tableau, Power BI, and detailed reports in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, advising on process enhancements, data governance strategies, and facilitating informed decision-making.
- Led and managed team members to ensure their effective contributions to the projects, encouraging collaboration and maximising productivity.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, The United Kingdom (October 2023 – Present) Postgraduate Student Ambassador - (Part-time)

- Representing the University at recruitment events and Open Days, assisting with registration, answering visitor inquiries, and providing support in lecture theatres and subject stands.
- Contributing to event setup and dismantling, ensuring smooth operation of exhibition areas.
- Serving as a campus tour guide, offering informative insights into university facilities and student life, and participating in virtual events, testimonials, blog writing, and vlog opportunities to enhance online presence.

## New Century Education, Karachi, Pakistan (Sep 2006 – Feb 2008) Web Developer - (Full-time)

- Headed the development and ongoing enhancement of the company's website, integrating user-friendly features and ensuring up-to-date content, which boosted brand visibility and user engagement.
- Streamlined web development workflows, leading to increased innovation and operational efficiency, while providing robust technical support to optimize website performance.
- Cultivated a collaborative environment by mentoring junior staff, fostering skill development and team capability enhancement in web design and troubleshooting

#### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- IBM Data Science Professional, IBM (Mar 2021)
- Tableau Prep Builder, Tableau (Mar 2021)
- Tableau Desktop I, II, III, Tableau (Feb 2021)
- Google Data Analytics Professional, Google (Mar 2022)
- Python for Everybody, UOM (Jan 2023)
- Google Advanced DA Professional, Google (in-progress)

### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS, ACTIVITIES, AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Currently the Treasurer/Financial Secretary Lead for the Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Society, with past recognition as a finalist in Autotrader's Data Science Hackathon at Manchester Metropolitan University.
- Served as the Treasurer of the Networking Society at Karachi Institute of Economics and Technology from 2004 to 2005, following annual elections.
- Hobbies include sketching, painting, listening to music, and watching TV.
- Fluent in English and Urdu; basic knowledge of German.
- Hold an international driving licence.

#### **REFERENCES**

It will be provided on request.