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Curriculum Vitae

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Overview

My research interests are in modelling ice-ocean interactions, with the specific focus of my PhD on iceberg melting. I am also a keen science communicator and engage in many outreach activities to inspire school students to study science. I am an enthusiastic polyglot and I am currently learning Kalaallisut (West Greenlandic).

Employment and Education

2022 -	PhD in Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences <i>University of Edinburgh, UK</i> "Modelling the impact of ice mélange on tidewater glacier stability" Supervisors: Dr Donald Slater, Prof Peter Nienow, Prof Fiamma Straneo	
2021 - 2022	Technical Assistant <i>D Young and Co, Southampton, UK</i> Trainee patent attorney in the electronics and mechanical engineering team	
2017 - 2021	Master of Physics and Philosophy (MPhysPhil) <i>Brasenose College, University of Oxford, UK</i> MPhys Project: "Dissipation of tides in the convective envelope of stars"	First Class
2016 - 2017	International Baccalaureate <i>King Edward's School, Birmingham, UK</i> Higher Level: Maths, Physics, Chemistry Standard Level: Philosophy, French, English (6)	44/45

Publications

- [4] **Impact of ice mélange thickness on mélange melt rate in Greenland's glacial fjords**
Lokesh Jain, Donald Slater and Peter Nienow, *Journal of Glaciology* (in review)
- [3] **Environmental science exploration days: breaking the barriers, and widening participation in the Scottish capital**
Frederik Dahl Madsen, [...], Lokesh Jain, [...], and Nataša Honeybone, *Frontiers in Earth Science* (2026)
- [2] **Modelling ocean melt of ice mélange at Greenland's marine-terminating glaciers**
Lokesh Jain, Donald Slater and Peter Nienow, *The Cryosphere* (2025)
- [1] **Where do we want the glaciological community to be in 2073? Equality, diversity and inclusion challenges and visions from the 2023 Karthaus Summer School**
Lena Nicola, [...], Lokesh Jain, [...], and Benjamin Keisling, *Journal of Glaciology* (2025)

Awards

- Jul 2025 **Outstanding Student Oral Presentation**
International Glaciological Society's Symposium on Ice Streams and Outlet Glaciers
Durham University, UK
Talk title: "Modelling ocean melt of ice mélange at Greenland's marine-terminating glaciers"
- Jun 2025 **E4 DTP Overseas Research Visit & Conferences Fund** £900
E4 DTP, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK
Awarded by the E4 DTP to do a three-month internship at [Arctic Hub](#)
- Jun 2025 **SAGES Small Grant** £500
Scottish Alliance for Geoscience, Environment and Society
Awarded by the SAGES Research & Innovation Committee to attend the [GRISO Summer School](#)
- Feb 2024 **Best Poster**
GeoSciences GradSchool Conference, St. Andrews, UK

Science communication

- Jan 2026 **Finalist: Three Minute Thesis** <https://bit.ly/3Nz8U98>
Universitas 21
Finalist in the Universitas 21 Global Three Minute Thesis competition
- Jun 2025 **Winner: Three Minute Thesis** <http://bit.ly/3TDIQKX>
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK
Winner of The University of Edinburgh's Three Minute Thesis competition
- Nov 2024 **Finalist: Paasisavut** <http://bit.ly/4boImPZ>
Arctic Hub, Nuuk, Greenland
Finalist in [Paasisavut](#), a science communication competition broadcast live on Greenlandic TV. Gave a five-minute presentation about my PhD research to the Greenlandic public live in Nuuk. The runup to the competition included being [interviewed](#) for the show, filming a [video](#) with Q's Greenland and participating in a two-day workshop run by a Greenlandic actress.
- Nov 2020 **The Future of Space Exploration** <https://bit.ly/3oNMKyB>
TEDxYouth
- Jul 2020 **Tom Rocks Maths** <https://bit.ly/2SOeFU7>
Supervisor: Dr Tom Crawford
Maths communication internship: designed, scripted, filmed and edited five short educational videos on Pascal's Triangle

Outreach

- Sep – Dec 2025 **Arctic Hub: Intern**
Arctic Hub, Nuuk, Greenland
Worked as an intern at Arctic Hub, the Greenlandic research secretariat, in the run-up to Greenland Science Week (GSW). Helped to film and edit the opening and closing videos of the Greenland Science Conference, including interviewing local Greenlanders. Contributed to Arctic Hub's newsletter; helped draft radio and newspaper adverts for GSW, as well as social media posts. Travelled to Sisimiut and Sarfannguit representing Arctic Hub at GSW events. Working language was Danish; translated Arctic Hub articles from Danish to English.
- Feb 2025 **I'm a Scientist Academy**
I'm a Scientist, Get me out of here
Completed The Academy, an online training course in STEM engagement and outreach run by the outreach organisation I'm a Scientist. The course included: building engagement of effective public engagement fundamentals; personal development of communication skills; participation in an online learning community.
- Jan – Apr 2025 **NERC Environmental Sciences Exploration Days** Facilitator
E4 DTP, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK
Outreach project aimed at inspiring school pupils (10- and 11-year-olds) from under-represented backgrounds to engage with environmental science
Supported activities including building a mock wind turbine and counting sunspots to track the progression of the solar cycle
- Jan 2025 – **I'm a Scientist** [Scientist](#)
I'm a Scientist, Get me out of here
Outreach project connecting school students with scientists through energetic, real-time text-based chats. I regularly chat with school students across the UK.
- Sep – Nov 2024 **E4 Mentoring Scheme in Environmental Sciences** Mentor
E4 DTP, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK
Mentoring scheme designed to improve accessibility by encouraging pupils from under-represented backgrounds to apply to higher education. Mentored an S6 pupil from a local high school: gave them a tour of the university campus; showed them university teaching; provided advice regarding higher education and life as a university student.

Teaching

- Jan – Mar 2025 **Physics 1B** Teaching Assistant (42 hours)
School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Edinburgh, UK
Undergraduate degree course: classical waves and optics, introduction to quantum mechanics, nuclear physics, particle physics, astrophysics
Responsible for demonstrating in workshop sessions as students work through problems
- Oct – Dec 2024 **Fourier Analysis and Statistics** Teaching Assistant (12 hours)
School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Edinburgh, UK
Undergraduate degree course: Fourier series, Fourier transform, Green's function for 2nd order ODEs, PDEs and curvilinear coordinates, probability distributions, Bayesian inference
Responsible for demonstrating in workshop sessions as students work through problems

Oct 2024	Earth, Science and Data Analysis 2 <i>School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK</i> Undergraduate degree course: introduction to mathematical modelling in Earth Sciences. Statistics, single and multivariable calculus, mathematical modelling of geoscience processes using ordinary differential equations Responsible for running drop-in tutorial sessions and demonstrating in computing practicals	Tutor and Demonstrator (4 hours)
Jan – Mar 2024	Environmental Geography <i>School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK</i> Undergraduate degree course (content includes an introduction to computer programming) Responsible for assisting students through the Introduction to Python sessions and marking Python reports looking at the characteristics of hydrological catchments across the UK	Demonstrator (16 hours)
Sep – Dec 2022 Sep – Dec 2023	Earth, Modelling and Prediction 2 <i>School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK</i> Undergraduate degree course: calculus, vector calculus, differential equations, fluid flow, heat flow, river hydrodynamics Responsible for running tutorials going over problem sheets	Tutor (2 x 16 hours)
Sep – Dec 2022	Global Change <i>School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh, UK</i> Undergraduate degree course: drivers of climate change from decades to millennia; responses of polar, temperate and tropical regions to change Responsible for running tutorials and marking degree essays	Tutor (45 hours)

Conferences

Jul 2025	International Glaciological Society Symposium on Ice Streams and Outlet Glaciers <i>Durham, UK</i> Talk: "Modelling ocean melt of ice mélange at Greenland's marine-terminating glaciers"	
Sep 2024	International Glaciological Society British Branch <i>Liverpool, UK</i> Talk: "Sensitivity of ice mélange melting to subglacial discharge in Greenland's fjords"	
May 2024	Scottish Alliance for Geoscience, Environment and Society <i>Glasgow, UK</i> Poster: "Modelling ocean melt of ice mélange at Greenland's marine-terminating glaciers"	
Apr 2024	European Geosciences Union <i>Vienna, Austria</i> Poster: "Modelling ocean melt of ice mélange at Greenland's marine-terminating glaciers"	https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-egu24-17302
Feb 2024	GeoSciences GradSchool Conference <i>St Andrews, UK</i> Poster: "Modelling ocean melt of ice mélange at Greenland's marine-terminating glaciers"	

Other Experience

- Sep 2025 **Summer school: Greenland Ice Sheet Ocean Science (GRISO)**
Nuuk, Greenland
Attended the GRISO summer school with the theme "From Ice to Impact: Understanding Greenland's Glaciers and Coastal Change". Engaged with a wide range of topics related to science and culture around Greenland, its fjords and its ice sheet. The program included science lectures, presentations from local institutions, creativity and leadership training, and excursions. Worked in a group of three on a project analysing the fishing economy of Nuuk.
- Jul 2024 **Sea Rider Competition for Early Career Researchers**
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada to St John's, Newfoundland, Canada
Attended the "Sea Rider" programme run by British High Commission Ottawa. One of six British and Canadian early career researchers to join the crew of the HMS Protector for a five-day voyage through the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Met the crew's hydrologists, navigators and professional mariners, as well as scientists at Université Laval and Memorial University.
- May 2023 **Summer school: Ice Sheets and Glaciers in the Climate System**
Karthaus, Italy
Attended "Karthaus", a two-week long glaciological summer school aimed at providing a basic introduction to the dynamics of glaciers and ice sheets with a focus on ice-climate interactions. Worked in a group of three on a project modelling subglacial hydrology.
- Apr 2023 **An Introduction to Polar Fieldwork for Early Career Researchers**
Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard, Norway
Attended the NERC British Antarctic Survey Advanced Training Short Course aimed at enabling researchers to gain practical skills in polar environments. Conducted a radar survey on Midrelovenbreen Glacier and deployed CTDs in Kongsfjorden.
- Feb – Mar 2023 **PropEco: Consultancy Innovation Placement**
PropEco, Glasgow, UK
Undertook a two-week consultancy innovation placement at PropEco, a climate technology company. I wrote a report which identified key ways to improve and integrate the various sources of flood risk data which PropEco uses to assess climate-related risks for any UK property.

Service

- 2024 – **Reviewer: Edinburgh Student Journal of Science**
Reviewer of the [Edinburgh Student Journal of Science](#), a student-run, peer-reviewed journal.
- 2022 – **E4 DTP Student Advisory Board**
E4 DTP, School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh, UK
Responsible for organising the collection of feedback from fellow DTP students and reporting to the DTP management team

Memberships

Dec 2022	Member of the International Association of Cryospheric Sciences
Dec 2022	Member of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists
Oct 2022	Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society

Certificates

Dec 2024	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
Mar 2024	Scottish Mental Health First Aid Course

Skills

Scientific Programming		Modern Foreign Languages	
Python	Proficient	English	Native
MATLAB	Proficient	French	Working proficiency
Fortran	Familiar	Danish	Working proficiency
		Hindi	Advanced
HPCs	ARCHER2, Eddie	Spanish	Advanced
		Italian	Advanced
		Dutch	Intermediate
		German	Beginner
		Greek	Beginner
		Greenlandic	Beginner

Older Experience: Awards

Aug 2021	Highly commended as an Undergraduate Ambassador <i>Department of Physics, University of Oxford, UK</i> Awarded for extraordinary effort and achievements as a Physics Ambassador	
Feb 2021	Academic Scholarship <i>Brasenose College, University of Oxford, UK</i> Awarded for First Class exam results achieved in 2020	£250
Nov 2020	Academic Exhibition	2 x £200
Nov 2019	<i>Brasenose College, University of Oxford, UK</i> Awarded for consistent academic excellence	
May 2019	Access and Outreach Certificate <i>Brasenose College, University of Oxford, UK</i> Awarded for valuable contribution to access and outreach at Brasenose	

Older Experience: Outreach

May – Oct 2021	Project SOS <i>Department of Physics, University of Oxford, UK</i> Supervised a group of four Year 10 pupils as they undertook a project examining stereotypes in the workplace and society Advised the students as they chose a research question, collected and analysed data and presented their findings in a report and a presentation	Supervisor
2020 – 2021	The Access Project Volunteer supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds Delivered weekly tutorials on academic material Advised and answered questions on further education	Tutor and Mentor
2021, 2020	Preparing for the Physics Aptitude Test <i>Department of Physics, University of Oxford, UK</i> Delivered an academic course over several months helping sixth form students prepare for the physics admissions test at Oxford Ran tutorials going over example problems and marked practice exams	Tutor
Jul 2020	UNIQ Summer School <i>University of Oxford, UK</i> Guided students through problem sheets and answered academic questions Ran mock interviews	Student Ambassador
2019 – 2021	Physics Ambassador <i>Department of Physics, University of Oxford, UK</i> Helped delivered a range of outreach events; ran engaging science and academic workshops for primary and secondary school students Trained to deliver an hour-long live-action science show about particle physics for 11-18 years olds (cancelled due to COVID) Filmed videos about studying physics (and philosophy) at Oxford Created booklets of practice questions and solutions to help candidates prepare for the admissions test at Oxford	
2017 – 2021	Access Volunteer <i>Brasenose College, University of Oxford, UK</i> Worked as an interviews host, providing pastoral support to interviewees Led tours to prospective students throughout the year Worked as an Open Days helper, giving tours and answering questions	
2015, 2016, 2017	KES Summer School <i>King Edward's School, Birmingham, UK</i> Worked at a week-long summer school aimed at Year 5 pupils Responsible for a form and ran form time; organised and ran sport competitions; marked homework and wrote reports; taught lessons; led a one-hour debating workshop	Teaching Assistant