Jana Zeller

Education

- from 01/25 **PhD ETH Max Planck Center for Learning Systems**, Supervisors: Wieland Brendel (ELLIS Institute, Tübingen, Germany) and Ryan Cotterell (ETH, Zürich, Switzerland), *<1% acceptance rate*
- 10/23–10/24 **M.Sc. in Advanced Computer Science**, Graduated with distinction, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, *11% acceptance rate*
- 10/20–09/23 **B.Sc. in Computer Science**, GPA: 1.5/1.0* (top 7%), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 08/11–06/19 German Abitur, GPA: 1.0/1.0*, Gymnasium am Rotenbühl, Saarbrücken, Germany

Research Experience

- 04/24–10/24 **University of Oxford**, *Master Thesis*, Distinction, Advisors: Aleksandar Shtedritski and Christian Rupprecht o "Highlight: Learning Visual Prompts for Vision-Language Models"
- 04/23–09/23 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, *Bachelor Thesis*, Grade: 1.0/1.0*, Advisors: Pascal Friederich and Luca Torresi
 - "Fusing Chemical Knowledge: Text-Informed Neural Networks for Predicting Molecular Properties"
- 09/22–03/23 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Undergraduate Researcher ("HiWi"), Advisors: Pascal Friederich and Luca Torresi
 - Worked on diffusion models for graphs
- 05/22–10/22 **Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA**, *Robotics Institute Summer Scholar*, Advisors: Deva Ramanan and Jonathon Luiten, *4% acceptance rate*
 - o Worked on efficient architectures for dense video understanding tasks
 - Organised the peer-review process for the working paper journal

Practical Experience

- 02/21–05/22 Hacker School gGmbH, Remote, Working Student
 - Designed new programming courses for children and youths
 - Onboarded and trained new lecturers
- 03/20–06/20 **Recurse Center, Remote**, *Participant*, self-directed, project-based coding retreat

 Implemented a neural network from scratch
 - o Used deep-q-learning to train a bot to play the Atari game snake

^{*} German grades are on a scale from 1.0 to 6.0, the lower the better

09/19–02/20 Sami Frashëri High School, Tirana, Albania, German language assistant

Honors & Awards

- from 01/25 Fellowship from the ETH Max Planck Center for Learning Systems, acceptance rate: <1%
- from 01/25 ELLIS PhD student
- 10/23–10/24 Google Deepmind Scholarship
 - Recipient of one of two DeepMind scholarships for non-UK students in the M.Sc. Advanced Computer Science at the University of Oxford
 56,000£ towards tuition and living costs
- 10/23–10/24 Fellowship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 03/21–10/24 Merit-based Scholarship from the German Academic Scholarship Association • Awarded to fewer than 0.5% of German students
 - 11/2023 ZEISS Women in Tech Award (1 out of 200, €8,000)
- 05/22–08/22 RISE Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
 - 06/2019 Honors for statewide outstanding academical achievement

$05/2019 \quad \text{Computer Science Prize} \\$

 Awarded for outstanding performance in Informatics during high school by Saarland University

Outreach

since 09/2014 Jugend hackt

- Attended over 10 different youth hackathons as a participant across Germany
- Attended jugend hackt New Delhi and Kolkata in cooperation with Goethe Institute
- Mentor, moderator and public speaker since 2020

09/2021 Takeover Bellevue

- o Invited to Castle Bellevue by German President Steinmeier
- Organized a workshop to craft out political demands regarding digital education

12/2020 rC3 Panelist

 Invited panelist at Europe's largest Cybersecurity conference to talk about studying Computer Science

Foreign Languages

• English: C1

Toefl: 116/120 (Reading: 29, Listening: 29, Speaking: 30, Writing: 28)