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**In planning (available spring 2025)**

I am now at the start of my paper-writing academic career stage.

### Published Academic Work

**ICCHP (INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS HELPING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS) YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CONSORTIUM 2026 (PREPRINT ACCOMPANYING MASTERS-THESIS), LINZ, AT/BRNO, CZ**  
This **paper** is accompanies current Masters-thesis work on making documents accessible

**WOLFRAM RESEARCH 2023 WOLFRAM SUMMER SCHOOL (PROCEEDINGS), BOSTON, MA**  
My community post was awarded a featured contributor badge & subsequently published

### Other Publications

**STARTING A UNIVERSITY: IT:U X ARS ELECTRONICA FOUNDING LAB (BOOK), LINZ, AT - 2024**  
Vision Statement (p. 71) about learning from US liberal arts colleges re: interdisciplinarity  
**DER STANDARD: IDSA: EINE UNIVERSITÄT BEGINNT (A UNIVERSITY STARTS), LINZ, AT - AUGUST 2023**  
**OÖN: ARS ELECTRONICA FESTIVAL 2023 COMPANION PIECE ABOUT IDSA (IT:U), LINZ, AT - AUGUST 2023**

### Hosted Talks (Local Initiative at KHG, the Linz Catholic University Association)

**KATH. HOCHSCHULGEMEINSCHAFT/-JUGEND (CATH. UNIV.-SOCIETY/YOUTH) W/ NEURON.AI, LINZ, AT**  
• **AI/Technical Talks & Workshops** (w/ Neuron AI & IT:U) - Web Apps 101, Confirmed: MQTT/Dynamic Projections/VR (Will Host Workshop w/ IT:U), In Planning: AI Current Topics (Will Host/Invited Talk)  
• **Extracurricular Talks:** Sommelier Training + Biophysics, Sex in Linz (Theater Visit + Director-Discussion), Confirmed: Queer Church (Invited Talk), In Planning: Neuroinformatics (Will Host/Invited Talk)

### Professional Discussion Circle Participation/Professional Development

**WOLFRAM RESEARCH BIWEEKLY MEETING SERIES USING LLMS, REMOTE/CHAMPAIGN, IL - APRIL 2024+**  
With the upcoming wolfram.ai and LLM Assistant products, Mathematica is being supplied with RAG-guided LLM capabilities. The (PhD/+ level) researchers on the project host a Software-oriented discussion circle I actively participate in: **my ambition for my PhD work is to unlock similar professional frontiers**, at WR or elsewhere.

### Organizing and Activism: Concept, Network/Organizing, Petition and Website

**POSTUNI 2024, LINZ, AT: CATHOLIC-UNIVERSITY-YOUTH-LEAD, IN PARTNERSHIP W/ OTHER COLLECTIVES**  
From idea to finding partners and making the initiative visible in an appealing, mobile-friendly and accessible website, I am **spearheading an action to make the physical architecture of the new university an urban transformation project** - in the name of urban agency - rather than reassigning unused land (this was a previous, successful, petition) or suburban area, a current climate political hot-topic in Linz and Upper Austria w/ social implications: the main strategy is to build pressure on mayoral candidates in the 2025 election, petition pending.

### Formal Teaching Positions

**WOLFRAM RESEARCH, SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM MENTOR, BOSTON, MA - JULY-AUGUST 2024**  
After being a student myself in the Wolfram Summer School (for adults) in 2023, I am grateful for the opportunity to mentor some great highschoolers for their project work

### Research Positions

**WOLFRAM RESEARCH, CONSULTANT SOFTWARE ENGINEER, REMOTE/CHAMPAIGN, IL - JANUARY 2024+**  
I was hired by way of Wolfram Summer School ('23) participation and my thesis work in SE  
• Took charge of visible Storage Monitoring (project) with real business impact for Cloud  
• Successfully maintained the Wolfram Language/Java-based ticket quota for consultants  
**JKU LIFT/LIT/IT:U (SUMMER SCHOOL), RESEARCHER, LINZ, AT - MAY-SEPTEMBER 2024**  
Collaboration w/ both Linz Institute of Techn. Center for Transf. and IT:U centred on impact  
• Successfully applied for funding at 10K EUR volume to explore applications for my thesis  
**ARS ELECTRONICA/IDSA, RESEARCHER/FOUNDER, LINZ, AT - AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2023**  
Project-based research in the real world, exhibit at Ars Electronica Festival, publicity work

### Current Degree Work

**JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF MACHINE LEARNING, LINZ, AT - 2022-25 (ANTICIPATED)**  
**MSc Artificial Intelligence**, Reasoning and Knowledge Representation (Symbolic AI)  
First AI curriculum in Austria, coursework-focus of educational leave Oct '22-Sept '23: detailed curriculum (Symbolic AI Elective Track); I see it as the theoretical extension of my studies in SE, at Inst. of ML under Hochreiter.

Thank you for your consideration. Please see also <https://heseltime.github.io/>

### Recent Hackathons

- **Mistral x a16z London 2024:**  
see PDFStral Outcome  
+ Practical Work connection to my studies in AI at JKU: paper and repo available (FAW GmbH industry research partnership)

- + (Selective, Master/PhD-Level) Summer Schools Student (and **Mentor**) Participation
- IT:U Interdisciplinary Digital Innovation Summer School '24 (Linz, AT)
- Wolfram Summer Research Program (**Mentor**) '24 (Boston, USA)
- University of Bern Winter School in Reinforcement Learning '24 (Mürren, CH)
- Wolfram Summer School '23 (Boston, USA)



### Hosted Talks

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**I was part of the founding cohort for a new university for Austria.**

- IDSA, Institute for Digital Science Austria, later IT:U, Interdisciplinary Transformation University

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### ++ Thesis-Work (BScEng. Hagenb.)

- With RISC, Research Institute Symbolic Computation, and FH Upper Austria/ Campus Hagenberg, **available online: Mathematical Document Processing**

### + Major Research Project +++++

- With LIFT/LIT and FH Upper Austria/ Campus Hagenberg/ FAW GmbH: **Making Documents Accessible Research Thesis/ ECM Module/ Platform** - supported by 10K EUR in research money through employment (**rx**)
- Public **Prototype 1: pdfstral.london**
- **Practical Work/ Prototype 2: hoffman** (project)
- Related blog post + langchain work: **Knowledge Graph from Text, or Explainability for Understanding Argumentation** (presentation/ report, project in GitHub Classroom) - **blog post will reproduce**, linking stage 2 in early December for discussion with IT:U this app round

in progress, > anticipated completion date early 2025

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### Further Application Materials that Should Accompany this Resume

Please find my professional resume, LinkedIn/GitHub presence, and the following recommendations at your disposal or otherwise available at your request!

- Recommender Current Masters-Thesis: Univ. Prof. Küng (Deputy Head FAW, submitted w/ priority)
  - +43 732 2468 4182
  - [jkueng@faw.jku.at](mailto:jkueng@faw.jku.at)
- Recent Summer School: Mads Bahrami, PhD, Manager of Educational Programs and Outreach at Wolfram/Summer School 2023 (submitted with priority)
  - [mbahrami@wolfram.com](mailto:mbahrami@wolfram.com)

#### Secondary Recommendations:

- Recommender BScEng-Thesis: Assoc. Univ. Prof. Windsteiger
  - +43 732 2468 9960
  - [wolfgang.windsteiger@risc.jku.at](mailto:wolfgang.windsteiger@risc.jku.at)
- IT-U Summer School (2024): Prof Steinmaurer ([alexander.steinmaurer@it-u.at](mailto:alexander.steinmaurer@it-u.at)) has also agreed to provide a recommendation if needed, this past summer
- (Older) academic recommendations from college (2) available
  - Academic advisor/Literature Professor (Professor of Global Studies and Joseph Campbell Chair in the Humanities + I studied at SLC because of Campbell, my academic hero): Prof Una Chung
  - Senior Thesis/Portfolio Supervisor/Barbara B. and Bertram J. Cohn Professorship in Environmental Studies: Prof. Charles Zerner
- *Professional* recommendation: Red Cross Upper Austria - Drs. Federsel and Niklas/HR Red Cross (submitted as prof. recommendation with priority) Linz
- *Personal* recommendation/Statement of Character: Mag. Sarah Emberger, Pastoral/KHG Linz

**Academic Background:** I completed my college degree (BA) at Sarah Lawrence College (SLC), a leading liberal arts college in NY (US), and am on schedule to obtain a second BScEng from Fachhochschule Upper Austria/Campus Hagenberg (AT) in Software Engineering where current work with Wolfram Research also counts as the practical requirement for degree completion. BA-Diploma and Transcripts available/submitted separately, as well as BScEng Progress-Transcripts.

**Applicant's Note:** For my PhD applications, I am applying to the "Broad AI" initiative (symbolic + subsymbolic AI) at Johannes Kepler as well as the new IT-U's "Computational X" impact-oriented programs in Linz, in addition to int'l (US-based) programs where I believe I would be a good fit in the '24/25 cycle.

Since I am applying before completion of my Master's degree, I understand I am applying for conditional acceptance, especially in AT/EU where the Masters degree is required for PhD program entry, or as determined by the application target institution.

#### ++ (University-) VOLUNTEERING

- **President**  
Catholic  
University-Youth  
'24 onwards
- **Vice-President**  
Traktor Sports  
Group '23-'24
- **Choir + Theater**  
Group Member

#### Personal

**website**  
**reflection piece**  
on my life at KHG,  
the catholic society  
at my university.

