

Derek Gou

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Relevant Experience

Web Development Intern – Children’s International Learning Center	Apr. 2024 - Present
- Works with Vite, ReactJS and Tailwind to rebuild website, implementing frontend best practices	
Software Engineering Fellow – The Headstarter	Jul. 2024 - Present
- Building AI apps with the goal of receiving 1k+ registrants	
Finance Team Lead – RythmHacks	Jan. 2024 - Present
- Leads team in budgeting, sponsor acquisition, and grant applications	
- Has helped raise over \$20,000 for this year’s event	
Co-founder and Co-lead – SproutHacks	Sep. 2023 - Present
- Manages all financial and design operations	
- Helps lead logistics, marketing, and web development departments	
Finance Executive - Hack Canada	Jul. 2024 - Present
Co-founder and Co-president – WRSSCC	Apr. 2024 - Present
- Co-founded Waterloo Region’s largest high school chess tournament	
Ambassador – SHAD Canada	Jul. 2023 - Present
- Participated in month-long university program for high-achieving students	
- Inspires and mentors potential program participants	
Certified Peer Tutor and Peer Reviewer – Schoolhouse.org	Sep. 2023 - Present
- Certified in various STEM-related topics, tutoring students from 4 countries	
- Provides feedback on tutor sessions, helps tutors learn and improve	
Hockey Official - Waterloo Minor Hockey Association	Sep. 2022 - Present
- Works in teams to officiate youth hockey games of all levels and ages	
Level 5 Match Official – Waterloo Minor Soccer Club	Jul. 2020 - Present
- Officiates rep and house league youth soccer games, fills out paperwork after games	

Awards and Achievements

CEMC Math and Computing Contests
- 4-time honour-roll recipient, 11-time distinction recipient
- Led Waterloo Collegiate Institute CTMC team to 4th place finish overall in Canada (Jan. -Apr. 2024)
Saint Lawrence College Computing Competition
- Placed 3rd overall in Ontario (May 2024)
JamHacks
- 1st Overall (Jun. 2024), 4th Overall + won Best Beginner Hack (Jun. 2023)
Piano Performance
- Awarded the Associate Diploma in Piano Performance with First Class Honours (Jul. 2022)
- 3-time OMFA Provincial Finalist

Education

Waterloo Collegiate Institute	Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2025
- Ongoing high school Extended French diploma	
- Extracurriculars:	
- DECA (orals workshop officer), Tutoring Club (communications and outreach director, math tutor), Chess Club (executive), Computer Science Club (executive), Senior Tennis Team	