

Ananya Salian

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Applied AI & AI Research

AI Solutions Engineer

Jan 2026 - Present

Affinda Group: Pathfindr Build Team and Affinda Internal Tools

- Delivered Azure OpenAI + RAG workflow automation for a member-based enterprise serving ~1.7M customers yearly; integrated with Microsoft SharePoint knowledge stores and CRM.
- Architected an AI-assisted intake and fraud-screening workflow for an ops platform handling ~1K inbound cases/month, integrating into preexisting architecture
- Productionised an internal LLM/NLP pipeline that converts performance-review data into actionable bottleneck rankings and upskilling recommendations to support rapid workforce scaling

AI Researcher

- [FaceSafe](#): *Privacy-Compliant Inpainting Pipeline for Scalable Image Datasets*: Jan 2025 - Present
 - *ICML 2025 WiML & DIG-BUG*, first co-author; built a context-preserving inpainting pipeline enabling large-scale privacy-preserving facial dataset augmentation.
 - Mentored by a Meta FAIR researcher and an ML Researcher at Brown University (AlgoVerse Collaboration)
- *MoE Router Interpretability*:
 - Studying failure modes in MoE routers as toy models of latent misalignment, focusing on hidden misaligned experts and deceptive modes
 - Mentored by Deepmind-funded AI safety researcher and Oxford Postdoc
- *RAVEL: Receipt-Anchored Verifiable Evaluation Ledger*:
 - Sole author, protocol for auditable, pre-label certify-or-abstain evals under covariate shift using PSIS-k/ESS diagnostics and self-normalized IS.
 - Evaluated on 19 text, graph and molecular benchmarks, achieving ~3-13x reduction in test universes at fixed PPV floors

Non-Research Experience

Consulting Intern

Dec 2023 - Dec 2025

Crysp Consulting, Australia

- Contributed to a cybersecurity RFP (~ \$250K) for government clients in APAC & EMEA regions
- Conducted threat analysis and drafted reports for organizations in the medical and health sectors
- Compiled and edited client deliverables and public material on cybersecurity risk assessments

Education

Bachelor of Science: Statistics & Stochastic Processes

Jan 2024 - Present

The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia

- Relevant Coursework: Algorithms and Data Structures, Linear Algebra, Linear Statistical Models, Machine Learning

Skills & Interests

- Programming & ML: Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, Hugging Face, PyTorch-Geometric, RDKit
- Technical Areas: Privacy-preserving ML, Evals, GNNs, SSL, Model Calibration & Uncertainty
- Research Interests: Model robustness, interpretability, statistical evaluation, and computational chemistry, mech interp, scalable oversight, robustness

Other Projects, Programs, Achievements, Leadership

- Technical Alignment Research Accelerator Participant - AI Safety Australia & NZ Member
- BlueDot Impact Technical AI Safety Course Certification
- Jane Street INSIGHT Trading Program Participant
- Kliqtek Scholarship Recipient of HEX Youth Entrepreneurship Program: Built credit scoring ML model (MAPE 1.88%), pitched ML-fintech startup; awarded full scholarship
- Trading Comps
 - Citadel Terminal APAC AI Strategy Competition: Quarterfinalist
 - Citadel Securities Trading Invitational (Top 20)
 - UBS x Morgan Stanley Finance Accelerator (3rd + 4th)
- Leadership: Sponsorship Director- HackMelbourne ('24-25), Publications Officer - Finance Students' Association ('24)