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Your profile

• A PhD in computer science, electrical engineering, applied mathematics or a related field is required as well as strong analytical skills
• High level of interest in theoretical foundations of deep learning and non-convex optimization in high dimensions
• Committed to research excellence with a demonstrated relevant publication track record in leading scientific journals
• A proven ability to conduct independent research, as well as to work effectively as a member of a research team
• Excellent command of English (working language)

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