

# THOMAS HOLLANDS CV OF FAILURES

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## UNIS I DIDN'T GET INTO

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<b>OXFORD UNIVERSITY</b> MPhys Physics, Wadham College Failed Physics Aptitude Test	Rejected 2013 <i>Oxford, UK</i>
<b>CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY</b> MSci Physical Sciences, Peterhouse College Pooled post interviews, then rejected	Rejected 2014 <i>Cambridge, UK</i>
<b>CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</b> Science Exchange Student Failed study abroad application	Rejected 2017 <i>Pasadena, US</i>

## UNSUCCESSFUL JOB APPLICATIONS

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<b>MCKINSEY, BAIN &amp; BCG</b> <i>Associate Consultant</i> · First round rejections at all 3 firms. Didn't even make it to the testing stage	Rejected Winter 2018 <i>London, UK</i>
<b>MARAKON, CIL, ADL, FTI, JAVELIN, and others</b> <i>Associate Consultant</i> · Rejected after the first round of interviews	Rejected Winter 2018 <i>London, UK</i>
<b>NEWTON EUROPE</b> <i>Associate Consultant</i> · Rejected after final round interviews	Rejected Winter 2018 <i>London, UK</i>
<b>SPOTIFY, OC&amp;C, FTI, etc.</b> <i>Summer Analyst</i> · Rejected somewhere along the line, was applying from Canada so difficult to interview	Rejected Spring 2018 <i>London, UK</i>
<b>OLIVER WYMAN, BLACK ROCK, GOLDMAN, etc.</b> <i>Summer Analyst</i> · Internship application rejected somewhere along the line	Rejected Spring 2017 <i>London, UK</i>
<b>VARIOUS BRITISH TOUR OPERATORS</b> <i>Literally any job</i> · Rejected from all sorts of companies in my attempt to do a ski season in French Alps	Rejected Autumn 2014 <i>Somewhere in the Alps, France</i>

## ACADEMIC & OTHER

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<b>SANTA FE INSTITUTE</b> <i>Undergraduate Researcher</i> · Rejected after statement of research interest, references and CV submission	Rejected Spring 2018 <i>Santa Fe, US</i>
<b>UCL NATURAL SCIENCES SOCIETY</b> <i>President</i> · Lost election to a student the year above me	Lost election Spring 2016 <i>London, UK</i>
<b>MY OWN BLOG</b> <i>Writer &amp; Editor</i> · Consistently haven't been able to finish articles, or even start them	All the time <i>London, UK</i>
<b>Technical Skills:</b> Poorly written cover letters, arithmetic mistakes, occasional attention to detail lapse, brain freeze	
<b>Languages:</b> English (native), Scientist (professional competency), Bullshit artist (basic)	

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◇ Poor cover letters (big 3 rejections) ◇ Arithmetic mistakes (some consulting rejections) ◇ Not enough research (private equity & banking rejections) ◇ under-preparation (ADL rejection) ◇ over-rehearsed preparation (CIL rejection) ◇ Not bringing all my friends (NatSci election) ◇ Uncertain (many more...) ◇