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Why did you choose Purdue?

Purdue has a great reputation. It's among the best universities in the world in the engineering field. Beside that, here there is one of the largest population of international students, so I knew it was going to be an exceptionally welcoming environment.

What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

Purdue is called the "cradle of astronauts" because it has produced 23 astronauts. More than 1/3 of all the space missions had a Purdue alumnus on board!

Please briefly describe your research:

I work on aircraft engines, in order to make them more efficient and safer. The aim of my work is to build better engines, through the development of new concepts for the overall system and the optimization of the single components.

Name one to three words that best describes your work?

Challenging, rewarding.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

In my lab, at Zucrow Laboratories.

If you have free time, how do you spend it?

I love cooking, or going out in general. Purdue offers a large variety of options for the nightlife like restaurant, bars... I even go to the gym. I have never been a sport kind of person, but here the gym is so amazing that I have to go!

Current mobile device/computer:

Motorola, Dell/Toshiba.

What apps, software, or tools can't you live without?

TeamViewer to use my lab computer from home and from everywhere in campus.

What's your workspace setup like?

I normally work at my desk, with liters of coffee, laptop and headphones.

What's your favorite to-do list manager?

Normally Outlook, but when I feel the need to clear my mind I go back to paper, post-it and colors!

Besides your phone and computer, what gadget can't you live without?

My headphones, because I need music all the time!

What do you listen to while you work?

I guess it depends on the mood and what I have to do. I listen rock music when I program, something softer when I have to write.

I'd love to see

_____ answer these same questions.

Amelia Earhart.

What's your best time saving shortcut or life hack?

I am learning to stop postponing the difficult tasks. What normally makes me lose time is to avoid the things that I don't want to do and in the meanwhile do some fake unproductive "multitasking."

What are you currently reading, or what is the last thing you read (aside from academic reading)?

Surely You're Joking Mr. Feynman (and Game of Thrones)!

What's your sleep routine like?

Normally I go to sleep very late and in the morning I wake up at a normal hour, but in the weekend I love sleeping late!

How do you recharge physically and/or mentally?

I love to travel, so I try to do it whenever I have the chance.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

That I should not always try to make everybody happy.

What is (are) your career goal(s)?

I would like to teach and to do research, so I may look for a faculty position.

Where can we find you on social media?

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