



## ISTVÁN DARABÁN

FREELANCE WRITER  
MSC STUDENT IN NEUROSCIENCE  
& SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

### SUMMARY

Freelance writer experienced in reporting for science journalism, writing popular philosophy, and telling anthropological & cultural stories. I am seeking the shared human experience through stories and places, science and philosophy.

I am also a graduating master's student with an interdisciplinary background and extensive skillset in biomedical sciences and science communication.

### CONTACT

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### ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS

- Played competitive basketball for 15 years, had NCAA D3 opportunities to play college basketball.
- Read ~200 books (mostly non-fiction) in the past 5 years.
- Love indie movies and modernist theatre.

## EXPERIENCE

### FREELANCE WRITING

AUGUST 2022-PRESENT

About science, philosophy, and culture in *The Times*, *Big Think*, and *Decanter*.

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Published an anthropological travel series on the cultural history of the Transylvanian village of Korond.

<https://medium.com/@istvan.daraban/korond>

Published articles on procrastination, Marcus Aurelius in the **Medium** publication **Stoicism – Philosophy as a Way of Life**.

<https://medium.com/@istvan.daraban/stoicism>

Tackled scientific and personal stories on my **Medium** profile.

<https://medium.com/@istvan.daraban>

### SCIENCE JOURNALISM WORK EXPERIENCE

THE TIMES & THE SUNDAY TIMES, UNITED KINGDOM

FEBRUARY 2023

### FREELANCE AND FEATURE WRITING COURSE

LONDON SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, UNITED KINGDOM

JANUARY 2023 – PRESENT

## EDUCATION

### MSC MAJOR IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

SEPTEMBER 2022 – JULY 2023

- Learned the theoretical framework of social scientific and ethnographic research for policy-making.
- Wrote feature articles, created podcasts, and produced science videos.
- Designed an educationally and emotionally transformative museum exhibit on urban sustainability.
- Conducted a world café dialogue session on mental health with residents of Amsterdam.

### MSC MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

SEPTEMBER 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2023

- Learned to critically address research questions in neuroscience, from experiment planning to laboratory or software tools, and result follow-up.

## **BSC BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE**

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JUNE 2021

- Specialized in genetics, molecular biology, and neuroscience.
- Finished in the top 5% each year; was **first in class** in 2<sup>nd</sup> year; had one of the highest thesis marks.
- Received a research award for a summer internship from the *British Society of Cell Biology*.

## **SKILLS & STRENGTHS**

- Participated in dozens of group projects throughout university: very experienced in **interpersonal communication, leadership, problem-solving, and organization**.
- Successfully **presented** dozens of topics (scientific and non-scientific) throughout university.
- Very skilled at **explaining science** to a wide range of audiences, demographics, and educational backgrounds.
- Can analyze and visualize data using **R programming**.
- **Fluent in** English, Hungarian (first language), Romanian; basic knowledge of German.