



# Student Spotlight: Sarthak Joshi

#### 1. Give background on yourself.

I am pursuing Master's in Information Management University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. I completed my undergrad in Marine Engineering. After completing undergrad, I decided to dive into the World of Data and worked with an analytics firm where I learned different analytical tools such as Python, PowerBi, Tableau etc. Later on, to hone my skillset further I decided to pursue Masters.

# 2. How did you become interested in firefighting or the industry?

Talking about emergency responders, as a Marine Engineer I have been part of it. Moreover, firefighting subjects and training in my undergrad gave me experience about this industry. Working at IFSI was a unique opportunity to apply my Data Analysis and Firefighting knowledge together.

### 3. What are the types of things you have worked on while at IFSI?

I worked on the data set of PPE interface project where I analysed the behaviour of parameters such as heart rate and core temperature of firefighter wearing three different types of PPE: Standard Gear Short Sleeves, Standard Gear Long Sleeves, One Piece Long Sleeves in four different activities. I analysed the data using Python data analysis and visualization libraries. Currently I am working on plotting the dashboard using Plotly Dash library which can be more user friendly for anyone to gain insights.

## 4. What are you doing now or plan to do and how has your experiences at IFSI helped you in these roles?

After completing my Masters, I want to work as data analyst, the experience that I got working on PPE interface project at IFSI helped me to improve my exploratory data analysis and visualization skills which will play a key rle to achieve my future objectives.

### 5. What advice would you give to new students interested in this field?

The best part I observed at IFSI is the research projects which involves skillset different arena for example IT, mechanical, health care ect. Working at IFSI is a great opportunity for the students who want to be the part of an interdisciplinary research.