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Career related setbacks CV (as of 30/01/2025)

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While in my BSc in Portugal

1. I didn't succeed in entering my (at the time) "dream" university for the 2 rounds of the Portuguese university entrance exams in 2016;
2. I didn't succeed in securing a tuition fee scholarship for my 1st year of the CS bachelor;
3. ...

While in my MSc in the Netherlands

1. I tried two math graduate classes available to me as a VU Amsterdam student and I failed them both (naive of me, I know ;));
2. I tried very hard to get my work in underwater object detection published in 2021 and only succeeded in 2022;
3. Informally obtained an internship in satellite imaging only to later the company ghost me;
4. Failed to secure a full-time junior research position at the newly created Artificial Intelligence Center at the Technology Innovation Institute (Abu Dhabi) in Jan 2022;
5. ...

While in my PhD in Germany

1. I cold emailed 40+ Professors/Senior Researchers (often even without an acknowledgement reply);
2. I applied to 20+ PhD positions (sometimes even without getting an interview);
3. ...