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Scott Sumner is a Technical Project Manager in the AI/ML Portfolio at the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU). He is currently championing the Gig Eagle talent matching project for the Reserve and National Guard, as well as the Data Center Predictive Maintenance project for the Defense Intelligence Agency. He is also assisting the Global Partnerships Portfolio with international vendor outreach.

Scott has lived and worked in Silicon Valley for the past 25 years, holding VP-level positions at various mobile start-ups. He also has experience in international business development and management consulting, having done overseas tours in Germany, the UK, and Japan.

Prior to joining DIU, Scott was a Director of Customer Success at Nauto, a Palo Alto start-up focused on using AI to increase driver safety in commercial fleets. While at TiVo, Scott was a Program Director responsible for executing large-scale international deployments of TiVo technologies to deliver advanced television services to millions of subscribers in Europe and South America.

Scott graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering from Cornell University in upstate New York. He holds a Master's Degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, as well as a Master of Business Administration in International Finance from Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. A fluent German speaker, he holds a Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom from the Goethe Institut in Düsseldorf, Germany. He has also completed AI and Machine Learning courses at Stanford's Continuing Education program.