

Arvin Zaker

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EDUCATION

University of Ottawa <i>Honours Bachelor of Science (H.BSc) in Translational and Molecular Medicine (CGPA: 9.98/10)</i>	Sep 2019 - Apr 2023 Ottawa, ON
Cardiff Sixth Form College <i>General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level (Avg: 100%)</i>	Sep 2018 - Jun 2019 Cardiff, UK

SKILLS

- **Programming languages:** R, Python, Bash
- **Software:** ImageJ, Imiris, Microsoft Office Suite, LaTeX
- **Bioinformatic skills:** Transcriptomic and genomic analysis, bioinformatic pipeline development
- **Lab techniques:** phage extraction and amplification, fluorescent imaging, electrophysiological recordings

PUBLICATIONS

Large-scale phenogenomic analysis of human cancers uncovers frequent alterations affecting SMC5/6 complex components in breast cancer <i>Shamayita Roy, Arvin Zaker, Arvind Mer & Damien D'Amours</i>	(under revision in NAR Cancer)
Text-Mining Based Feature Selection for Anticancer Drug Response Prediction <i>Grace Wu, Arvin Zaker, Shivanshi Tripathi, Arvind Mer</i>	(submitted to Brief. Bioinform.)
Comprehensive analysis of drug response metrics in patient-derived xenografts <i>Arvin Zaker, Arvind Mer</i>	(in preparation)

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

NSERC - Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) (\$7500)	May 2023 - Aug 2023
TMM Summer Training & Work in Biomedical Research Scholarship (\$8200)	May 2022 - Aug 2022
UROP Scholarship, University of Ottawa (\$1000)	Dec 2020 - Apr 2021
Dean's Honour List & Merit Scholarship, University of Ottawa (\$1000 per term)	Sep 2019 - Present
Admission Scholarship, University of Ottawa (\$3000)	Sep 2019 - Apr 2020
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Cardiff Sixth Form College (\$14000)	Sep 2018 - Jun 2019

POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

Poster and Seminar Presentation "Analysis of Drug Response in Patient-Derived Xenograph" <i>Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa</i>	Feb & Sep 2022 Ottawa, ON
Poster and Presentation "Discovery and Characterization of Bacteriophage Arzan" <i>Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa</i>	Dec 2021 Ottawa, ON
Poster "Role of Adenosine Receptors on mice skeletal muscle fatigue kinetics" <i>Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa</i>	Apr 2021 Ottawa, ON

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Bioinformatics Researcher <i>University of Ottawa</i>	Sep 2022 - Present Ottawa, ON
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervisor: Dr. Arvind Mer• Creating computation tools for analyzing cancer drug response• Developing novel <i>in vivo</i> drug response quantification metrics• Correlational study between cancer gene biomarkers and drug response• Open source package development and developing analysis pipelines	

Undergraduate Trainee - Laboratory rotations & TST program

Jan 2022 - Aug 2022

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, ON

- Supervisor: Dr. Arvind Mer
- Utilized the R programming language in genomic and transcriptomic data analysis
- Cancer phenotype and survival analysis of novel DNA repair complexes
- Data extraction and processing from Pan-cancer databases
- Utilizing text mining algorithms for biomarker discovery

Undergraduate Trainee - SEA-PHAGES program

Sep 2021 - Apr 2022

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, ON

- Supervisor: Dr. Adam Rudner
- Performed environmental sampling and phage extraction techniques
- Performed DNA extraction and genomic analysis via gel electrophoresis
- Used Python and ImageJ to analyze the restriction digest pattern of phages
- Phage discovery and characterization (Arzan and Khorshid)

Research Assistant - UROP program

Nov 2020 - Jul 2022

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, ON

- Supervisor: Dr. Jean-Marc Renaud
- Designing experiments and setting up research equipment for data collection
- Performing experiments on mouse muscles using electrophysiological equipment
- Performing antibody staining, fluorescent imaging, and analysis of muscle tissue in the Imiris program

WORK EXPERIENCE

Patient Care Coordinator & Receptionist

Sep 2022 - Present

Chadha Medical Clinic

Ottawa, ON

- Assisted with appointment scheduling, referrals, and testing coordination to 30+ patients weekly
- Collaborated with the medical team and to address patients' unique needs and backgrounds.
- Ensuring timely follow-ups and patient satisfaction in a fast-paced environment,

Family Visitor and Program Assistant (Volunteer)

Feb 2020 - May 2020

Garry J Armstrong Long Term Care Centre

Ottawa, ON

- Communicated effectively with residents
- Aided residents to perform group activities
- Channeled residents' questions to the nursing staff

Volunteer Sales & Stock Coordinator

Sep 2018 - Jun 2019

Scope Charity Shop & Tenovus Cancer Care Charity Shop

Cardiff, UK

- Collaborated with volunteer teams across two charity shops
- Managed sales, customer service, and donation tracking
- Created accounting records and priced items for sales events
- Assisted in developing marketing campaigns for store promotion
- Rearranged store merchandise to enhance customer experience

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Lets Talk Science Presenter

Jan 2021 - Present

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, ON

Founder of the University of Ottawa Canadians Sharing Locally and Globally

Dec 2020 - Present

University of Ottawa Canadians Sharing Locally and Globally

Ottawa, ON

Volunteer Coordinator & Co-Chair at Best Buddies club

Sep 2020 - Present

Best Buddies club

Ottawa, ON

Founder and Coordinator of Hands on Health Magazine

Jun 2020 - Present

Interprofessional Health Association (IPHA) club

Ottawa, ON

Childcare work experience

Apr 2019

Cylch Meithrin Trelai Child Care Center

Cardiff, UK