

# Vivek Gopalakrishnan

## Curriculum Vitæ

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### Education

- 2019–present **MSE, Biomedical Engineering**, *Johns Hopkins University*, Baltimore, MD.  
GPA: 4/4; Focus Area: *Biomedical Data Science*; Expected graduation date: *May 2021*
- 2017–present **BS, Biomedical Engineering**, *Johns Hopkins University*, Baltimore, MD.  
GPA: 3.75/4; Dean's List (2018-2019); Expected graduation date: *May 2021*

### Areas of Interest

- Designing and building data science solutions to improve the diagnosis and treatment of disease.
- Using machine learning to better understand previously intractable neurological disorders.

### Experience

- 2018–present **Research Assistant**, *Neurodata Lab*, Johns Hopkins University.
- Developed novel split criteria to enable accurate high-dimensional regression using the Random Forest algorithm.
  - Discovered neuro-connectively similar subtypes of autism using joint embeddings of multi-network connectomes.
- 2018–2019 **Research Intern**, *Ghebremichael Lab*, Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard.
- Quantified performance of ROC models in binary and multi-class settings.
  - Identified biomarkers for antiretroviral toxicity by applying machine learning methods to HIV-patient data.
- 2017–2018 **Design Team Member**, *Dept. of Biomedical Engineering*, Johns Hopkins University.
- Developed a clinical machine learning algorithm to predict the onset of lung failure in pediatric patients.
- 2017 **Summer Research Intern**, *Fondazione Bruno Kessler*, Trento, Italy.
- Created autonomous data collection vehicles by mounting spectral cameras on drones.
  - Implemented deep learning algorithms to quantitatively assess environmentally-related crop damage from image data.
- 2016-2017 **Independent Researcher**, *BioSeq*, Tufts University.
- Used next-generation sequencing to create a novel microbiome dataset characterizing oral health.
  - Identified biomarkers for oral health by analyzing high-dimensional genomic data using unsupervised clustering and hidden Markov models.
  - Presented at the 2017 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Los Angeles, CA.

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## Publications and Conference Presentations

- [1] Jong Soo Lee, Elijah Paintsil, **Vivek Gopalakrishnan**, and Musie Ghebremichael. "A comparison of machine learning techniques for classification of HIV patients with antiretroviral therapy-induced mitochondrial toxicity from those without mitochondrial toxicity". *BMC Medical Research Methodology* 19.1 (Dec. 2019), p. 216. ISSN: 1471-2288. DOI: [10.1186/s12874-019-0848-z](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-019-0848-z).
- [2] **Vivek Gopalakrishnan** and Joshua T Vogelstein. "Towards discovering heterogeneity in autism via multi-network connectomics". Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), Philadelphia, PA. Oct. 2019.

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## Submitted (Peer-Reviewed Research Articles)

- [3] Nian Wang, Robert J Anderson, David G Ashbrook, **Vivek Gopalakrishnan**, Youngser Park, Carey E Priebe, Yi Qi, Joshua T Vogelstein, Robert W Williams, and G Allan Johnson. "Node-specific heritability in the mouse connectome". *Under review*. (July 2019). DOI: [10.1101/701755](https://doi.org/10.1101/701755).

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## In Preparation

- [4] **Vivek Gopalakrishnan** and Musie Ghebremichael. "Comparison of the accuracy of different receiver operating characteristic (ROC) models". *Draft available upon request*. (Jan. 2020).

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## Grants and Awards

- 2019 **Joseph C. Pistrutto Research Fellowship**, *Dept. of Computer Science*, Johns Hopkins University.  
This fellowship allowed me to conduct an independent summer research project focusing on the clinical applications of machine learning.
- 2018 **AWS Cloud Credits for Research Grant**, *Dept. of Computer Science*, Johns Hopkins University.  
This research grant gave me the necessary computational resources to conduct extensive simulation studies of my extensions to the Random Forest algorithm.
- 2017 **Second Place Winner**, *Intel International Science and Engineering Fair*, Category: Microbiology.  
Project: Identification of biomarkers of oral health from next-generation sequencing data.
- 2017 **Semi-Finalist**, *Regeneron Science Talent Search*, Microbiology.  
Project: A molecular and physiological analysis of a weight loss supplement (EGCG).

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## Skills

Programming Python, R, C++, SQL  
Mathematics Statistics, Machine Learning, Network Theory  
Other Unix, git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

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## Teaching

- 2018–present **Head PILOT Leader**, *Dept. of Academic Support*, Johns Hopkins University.
  - Lead tutoring sessions for Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus.
  - Additional responsibilities include writing weekly problem sets and preparing junior leaders to teach their sessions.

## Leadership

- 2017–present **Music Director**, *The JHU AllNighters*, Johns Hopkins University.
- Compose original arrangements and lead rehearsals as part of the AllNighters, JHU's premier all-male a cappella group.
  - Recorded an eight-song professional studio album (2019).