
Education

2018–Present **PhD. Quantitative Life Sciences**, McGill University, Canada.

Title Privacy-preserving analysis of biomedical data

Advisors Dr Paramita Saha-Chaudhuri, Prof Yi Yang, and Dr Ana Velly

2016–2018 **MSc. Biostatistics**, McGill University, Canada.

Title Virtual Pooling as a Privacy-preserving Analysis Tool

Supervisors Dr Paramita Saha-Chaudhuri and Dr Alexandra M Schmidt

2015–2016 **MSc. Mathematics**, AIMS, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

Title Reverse-engineering T-cell proliferation dynamics

Supervisor Dr Wilfred Ndifon

2011–2015 **BSc. Mathematics (Hons)**, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Tech., Ghana.

Title Representation Theory of Finite Groups

Supervisor Dr Richard Kena Boadi

Work Experience

01/2019–now **Biostatistician**, iMD Research Inc.

- Statistical modelling of biomedical data

09/2017– **Research Assistant**, Jewish General Hospital.

01/2019 ◦ Statistical Computing and data analysis

Summer 2017 **Visiting Research Scholar**, South African Centre for Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis.

- Developed web based applications for HIV incidence estimation (UNAIDS project)

2007–2008 **Medical Laboratory Technician**, Medical Research Council, The Gambia.

- Genomic DNA isolation, PCR protocols (e.g. multiplex PCR), and sequencing

Miscellaneous

01/2020– **Math 324**, McGill University.

04/2020 Graduate student assistant

2013–2015 **Mathematics Tutor**, KNUST, GHANA.

Awards and Scholarships

2018–2021 Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship, McGill University (\$60,000)

2016–2018 MasterCard Foundation Scholarship, McGill University (>\$100,000)

July, 2016 The Martin Rees Scholarship, AIMS South Africa (Certificate of academic excellence, 1 of 4 categories)

2015–2016 African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) Postgraduate Scholarship (\$10,000)

June, 2015 Best graduating student, Department of Mathematics, KNUST Ghana (Highest CWA, class size - 140)

Computer skills

Advanced R, Python, MatLab, L^AT_EX, Linux, and Office suites

Intermediate HTML, Visual Basics, SPSS, SAS

Selected articles

1. Juwara L, Saha-Chaudhuri P (2021+). A Hybrid Covariate Microaggregation Approach for Privacy-Preserving Logistic Regression. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*. [In revision]
2. Galindez JL, Juwara L, ... Schipper HM (2021). Salivary Heme Oxygenase-1: A Potential Biomarker for Central Neurodegeneration. *Journal of Central Nervous System Disease*. [link]
3. Saha-Chaudhuri P, Juwara L (2020). Survival Analysis under the Cox Proportional Hazards model with Pooled Covariates. *Statistics in Medicine*. [link]
4. Cressatti M, Galindez JL, Juwara L, ... Schipper HM (2020). Characterization and heme oxygenase-1 content of extracellular vesicles in human biofluids. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. [link]
5. Juwara L, ..., Saha-Chaudhuri P, Velly A (2020). Predicting neuropathic pain after breast cancer surgery using machine learning. *International Journal of Medical Informatics*. [link]
6. Cressatti M, Juwara L, Galindez JL, ... Schipper HM (2019). Salivary miR-153 and miR-223 levels as diagnostic biomarkers of idiopathic Parkinson disease. *Movement disorders*. [link]
7. Grebe E, McIntosh A.; Juwara L, ..., Welte A (2019). Incidence estimation tools (inctools). UNAIDS tools. [link]
8. Eaton J, Grebe E, Welte A, Juwara L, Ongarello S (2018). Prevalence and Incidence Calculator: Calculates HIV incidence from prevalence survey data that include biomarkers of recent infection. UNAIDS tools [link]

Peer reviewed abstracts (selected)

1. Juwara L, Yang Y, and Saha-Chaudhuri P. Privacy-preserving Cox proportional hazards regression with aggregate covariates. Annual Canadian Statistics Student Conference, 2021. (*Best poster award, PhD category*)
2. Saha-Chaudhuri P and Juwara L. Survival Analysis under the Cox Proportional Hazards Model with Pooled Covariates. ENAR 2020.
3. Juwara L and Saha-Chaudhuri P. Predictive modeling under data privacy restrictions. SSC Conference, 2020. (*Travel award*)
4. Juwara L and Saha-Chaudhuri P. Microaggregation as a Privacy-Preserving Analytical Tool for Analysis of Confidential Distributed Data. International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology mid-year meeting, 2018. (*Travel award*)
5. Juwara L, Schmidt A, and Saha-Chaudhuri P. Virtual Pooling as a Privacy-preserving Analysis Tool to Estimate Covariate Hazard Ratio (HR) of Cox Proportional Hazard Model. 14th Annual Student Research Day of the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health, 2018. (*Best poster award*)

Oral & Poster Presentations

06/2021 Oral Presentation at the annual Canadian Statistics Student Conference, 2021 (Virtual)

03/2020 Poster Presentation on Privacy-Preserving Outcome Prediction at ENAR 2020 Spring Meeting [link]

09/2019 Poster Presentation at QLS annual research meeting in Montreal

06/2018 Poster Presentation at the Statistical Society of Canada annual meeting in Montreal

03/2018 Poster Presentation at the annual EBOSS Research Day [link]

01/2018 Poster Presentation at the ISPE mid-year meeting in Toronto

10/2017 Oral Presentation at the Biostatistics seminar series, McGill. [link]

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