

# ASIF KHAN

## Ph.D. Student in Machine Learning

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Intern

#### Huawei Research London

📅 September 2021 - December 2021 📍 London, UK

👤 Supervisor: Dr. Haitham Bou-Ammar

Developed a trust region combinatorial **Bayesian optimisation** solution for antibody sequence design.

### Research Intern

#### Sony Stuttgart Technology Center

📅 March 2019 - August 2019 📍 Stuttgart, Germany

👤 Supervisor: Dr. Fabien Cardinaux

Developed a **generative adversarial network** for unsupervised speech-to-speech conversion.

### Research Assistant

#### Smart Data Analytics, University of Bonn

📅 Oct 2017 - Sept 2018 📍 Bonn, Germany

👤 Supervisor: Prof. Jens Lehmann

Developed a representation learning method to incorporate attribute and relational triples for improving link prediction in **knowledge graphs**.

### Research Assistant

#### Bio-Ontology Research Group, KAUST

📅 Jan 2016 - May 2017 📍 Jeddah, SA

Provided machine learning expertise for solving Life Science problems.

- Developed an ontology aware **hierarchical neural network** to predict Gene Ontology (GO) function from protein sequences.
- Developed a novel method for **representation learning** of nodes and relations in biological **knowledge graphs**.

### Research Intern

#### Rapid Rich Object Search Lab, Nanyang Technological University

📅 May 2015 - July 2015 📍 Singapore

👤 Supervisor: Prof. Alex Kot

Developed deep **convolutional neural networks** for fine-grained classification of visually similar handbags.

## PUBLICATIONS

- A Khan, A Storkey, *HALO: HAMiltonian Latent Operator* for content and motion disentanglement in image sequences. In NeurIPS 2022.
- A Khan, A Storkey, Adversarial robustness of  $\beta$ -VAE through the lens of local geometry. In Workshop on New Frontiers in Adversarial Machine Learning, ICML 2022.
- A Khan et. al, Trust-region Bayesian optimisation with developability constraints enables sample efficient, high-affinity antibody design. In The 2022 ICML Workshop on Computational Biology.
- Other Publications 

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Generative models & Bayesian Inference.
- Physics priors in deep neural networks.
- Geometry for representation learning and generative modelling.

## EDUCATION

### Ph.D., Machine Learning

#### University of Edinburgh, UK

📅 2019 - Present, 👤 Advisor: Prof. Amos Storkey

### MSc., Computer Science

🎓 Excellent. GPA: 1.1 (best: 1.0, worst: 5.0)

#### University of Bonn, Germany

📅 2017 - 2019, 👤 Advisor: Prof. Asja Fischer

### BTech., Electronics and Communication

GPA: 8.94/10.0

#### LNM Institute of Information Technology, India

📅 2012 - 2016, 👤 Advisor: Prof. R. Gangopadhyay

## SKILLS

Python C SQL SPARQL MATLAB  
Pytorch Tensorflow Sklearn  
Probabilistic Modeling Deep Learning Dynamical Systems  
Geometric Deep Learning Signal Processing

## REVIEWING

AISTATS 2023, NeurIPS 2022, ICLR 2022 (Highlighted Reviewer), AISTATS 2022 (Top Reviewer), ML4PS NeurIPS 2021/2022.

## TEACHING

### University of Edinburgh

📅 Oct 2019 - Present

- Tutor and Marker for Probabilistic Modeling and Reasoning
- Marker for Machine Learning Practical
- Marker for Introductory Applied Machine Learning
- Marker for Data Mining and Exploration

### University of Bonn

📅 Oct 2017 - Feb 2019

- Teaching Assistant for Knowledge Graph Analysis