

## Seul Lee

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interest is mainly in developing an automated discovery framework for organic molecules, natural products, or proteins. I especially focus on molecule generation that can bridge the gap between real-world drug discovery and automatic drug discovery. I am currently interested in the following topics:

- AI for science
- Drug discovery
- Generative models
- Graph representation learning

### EDUCATION

**KAIST**, Seoul, South Korea

Ph.D. student, Graduate School of AI **Sep. 2022 - present**

- Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang
- Area of study: Machine learning
- Expected graduation date: Aug. 2026

M.S., Graduate School of AI **Mar. 2021 - Aug. 2022**

- Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang
- Area of study: Machine learning
- GPA: 4.20/4.3

B.S., Aerospace Engineering **Mar. 2015 - Aug. 2019**

- Double Major in Biological Sciences
- GPA: 4.18/4.3

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**NVIDIA Research** **Feb. 2024 - Aug. 2024**

- Location: Santa Clara, CA, US (remote)
- Position: Research intern
- Research topic: Generative AI for science

**Kimlab & The Matter Lab**, UofT **Jun. 2023 - Jun. 2023**

- Location: Toronto, Canada
- Position: Visiting researcher
- Host: Prof. Philip M. Kim & Prof. Alán Aspuru-Guzik

**AITRICS****Jan. 2021 - Feb. 2021**

- Location: Seoul, South Korea
- Position: Research intern
- Research topic: Docking-optimized molecule generation using RL

**Opto-Electro-Robotics Lab, KAIST****Mar. 2019 - Aug. 2019**

- Location: Daejeon, South Korea
- Position: Undergraduate researcher
- Advisor: Prof. Jung-ryul Lee
- Research topic: Laser pulse-echo inspection with robot arms

## INVITED TALKS

- Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based OOD Generation, **Nov. 2023**  
Hyundai 2023 CTO AI Conference
- Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based OOD Generation, **Jun. 2023**  
University of Toronto
- Score-based Generative Modeling of Graphs via the SDEs, **Oct. 2022**  
LoGaG: Learning on Graphs and Geometry Reading Group
- Learning with Graph-structured Data, POSTECH **Jul. 2022**
- Score-based Graph Generation for Material Design, **Jun. 2022**  
Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology (SAIT)

CONFERENCE  
PUBLICATIONS

- [c6] **Drug Discovery with Dynamic Goal-aware Fragments**  
**Seul Lee**, Seanie Lee, Kenji Kawaguchi, and Sung Ju Hwang,  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), **2024**.
- [c5] **A Simple and Scalable Representation for Graph Generation**  
Yunhui Jang, **Seul Lee**, and Sungsoo Ahn,  
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), **2024**.
- [c4] **Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based Out-of-distribution Generation**  
**Seul Lee**, Jaehyeong Jo, and Sung Ju Hwang,  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), **2023**.
- [c3] **Score-based Generative Modeling of Graphs via the System of Stochastic Differential Equations**  
Jaehyeong Jo\*, **Seul Lee\***, and Sung Ju Hwang (\*: equal contribution),  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), **2022**.
- [c2] **Edge Representation Learning with Hypergraphs**  
Jaehyeong Jo\*, Jinheon Baek\*, **Seul Lee\***, Dongki Kim, Minki Kang, and Sung Ju Hwang (\*: equal contribution),  
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), **2021**.
- [c1] **Hit and Lead Discovery with Explorative RL and Fragment-based Molecule Generation**  
Soojung Yang, Doyeong Hwang, **Seul Lee**, Seongok Ryu, and Sung Ju Hwang,  
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), **2021**.

JOURNAL  
PUBLICATIONS

[j2] **READRetro: Natural Product Biosynthesis Planning with Retrieval-Augmented Dual-View Retrosynthesis**

Seul Lee\*, Taein Kim\*, Min-Soo Choi, Yejin Kwak, Jeongbin Park, Sung Ju Hwang, and Sang-Gyu Kim (\*: equal contribution),  
**New Phytologist, 2024.**

[j1] **Robotic Scanning Technology for Laser Pulse-Echo Inspection**

Seul Lee, Jong-min Hyun, Hasan Ahmed, and Jung-ryul Lee,  
**Electronics Letters, 2020.**

WORKSHOP  
PUBLICATIONS

[w4] **Protein Representation Learning by Capturing Protein Sequence-Structure-Function Relationship**

Eunji Ko\*, Seul Lee\*, Minseon Kim\*, Dongki Kim, and Sung Ju Hwang (\*: equal contribution),

International Conference on Learning Representation Machine Learning for Genomics Explorations (**ICLR MLGenX**) **Workshop (Spotlight), 2024.**

[w3] **Drug Discovery with Dynamic Goal-aware Fragments**

Seul Lee, Seanie Lee, Kenji Kawaguchi, and Sung Ju Hwang,

International Conference on Learning Representation Machine Learning for Genomics Explorations (**ICLR MLGenX**) **Workshop (Spotlight), 2024.**

[w2] **A Simple and Scalable Representation for Graph Generation**

Yunhui Jang, Seul Lee, and Sungsoo Ahn,

Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems New Frontiers in Graph Learning (**NeurIPS GLFrontiers**) **Workshop, 2023.**

[w1] **Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based Out-of-distribution Generation**

Seul Lee, Jaehyeong Jo, and Sung Ju Hwang,

International Conference on Learning Representations Machine Learning for Drug Discovery (**ICLR MLDD**) **Workshop (Oral), 2023.**

PREPRINTS

[p1] **Molecule Generation with Fragment Retrieval Augmentation**

Seul Lee, Karsten Kreis, Srividya Prasad Veccham, Meng Liu, Danny Reidenbach, Saeed Paliwal, Arash Vahdat<sup>†</sup>, and Weili Nie<sup>†</sup> (†: equal advising),  
**Under Review, 2024.**

REVIEWER  
SERVICES

- 2024 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
- 2022, 2023, 2024 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
- 2021, 2023, 2024 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
- 2023, 2024 Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG)
- 2023 NeurIPS AI4Science Workshop
- 2023 NeurIPS Generative AI & Biology Workshop
- 2023 ICLR ML4Materials Workshop

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

- Boeing Undergraduate Scholarship **Feb. 2018 - Aug. 2019**
- KAIST Presidential Fellowship (KPF) **Mar. 2017 - Aug. 2019**
- National Science and Engineering Scholarship **Mar. 2015 - Feb. 2019**

REFERENCES

- [Prof. Sung Ju Hwang](#), KAIST  
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