

# YASH MALI

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## Education

### University of British Columbia

*BSc in Computer Science*

Sep 2022 – Present

Vancouver, BC

## Experience

### Healthcare AI – Undergraduate Research

May 2025 – Present

*UBC Medicine & BC Cancer (co-op, continuing part-time)*

Vancouver, BC

- Built and hosted software that ingests medical guidelines and delivers evidence-based recommendations through natural language interfaces. Our work combines computer science, medical, and clinical research in collaboration with **UBC's Cloud Innovation Centre**.
- Current projects include **agentic NLP pipelines hosted on AWS** for bipolar disorder, depression, and cancer care. Also predictive pipelines that ingest initial oncology reports and **predict survival rates**. Supervised by Dr. John Jose Nunez.
- Apart from the technical side of research, I have worked on securing partnerships with companies like AWS, submitted grants as a “co-investigator”, and submitted research ethics board documents.

### ML Engineer – Undergraduate Research

May 2025 – Present

*UBC SCARP & ECE (part-time)*

Vancouver, BC

- Using latest developments in NLP and Computer Vision to analyze public records from Vancouver's housing development approval process. **This work bridges AI and social science to address Canada's housing crisis**. Supervised by Dr. Julia Harten and Dr. Christos Thrampoulidis.

### AI and Automation Developer

Sep 2024 – May 2025

*Lux Bio (co-op)*

Vancouver, BC

- Applied **AI-based drug discovery tools** like AlphaFold and ProteinMPNN to optimize sequences and 3D structures of enzymes. Revamped automation systems for bioprocess engineering, orchestrating sensors, pumps, motors, and valves.

### Computer Vision & Automation – Undergraduate Research

May 2024 – Sep 2024

*UBC Engineering @ Frostad Research Group (co-op)*

Vancouver, BC

- Developed particle tracking software using an **ensemble of open-source computer vision models** along with a UI to correct mistakes. Automated and developed data collection software for new instruments invented by the research group. Helped with some day-to-day lab activities. Supervised by Dr. John Frostad.

### What and how language models learn? - Undergraduate Thesis

May 2025 – Present

*UBC ECE (part-time, course based)*

Vancouver, BC

- Researching **how diversity and noise in the data affects what autoregressive models learn** and the kinds of solutions they find through a controlled synthetic data setting. I am extending the groups current setup to study how noise affects generalization, how diversity affects loss landscapes, how a mix of diversity affects learning, and how representations change under diversity and noise. Supervised by Dr. Christos Thrampoulidis.

### AI Curriculum Development

May 2025 – Present

*UBC Arts (part-time, course based)*

Vancouver, BC

- **Developing applied AI modules** in existing faculty of arts courses that highlight how AI can be used in their field. For example, sequence modelling in economics or computer vision in archeology. Funded by UBC's Teaching and Learning Enhancement fund (TELF). Supervised by Dr. Laura Nelson and Dr. Jonathan Graves. More info here. I am **teaching** some modules like "Autoregressive models in economics". Work is planned for submission to the Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education.

## Publications and Preprints

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- **Mali, Y.**, Zeng, J., HeoLee, K., Zhang, G., Chen, J., Keramatian, K., Saraf, G., Solmi, M., Tam, E., Parikh, S., Schaffer, A., Beaulieu, S., Ng, R., Yatham, L. N., and Nunez, J.-J. 2025. *Using Retrieval-Augmented Generation with an Open-Weight Large Language Model to Answer Clinical Questions Based on the CANMAT and ISBD 2018 Guidelines for the Management of Bipolar Disorder*. *The Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*. Submitted, under review.  
**Contributions:** Secured compute/hosting funding, prepared ethics board submissions, designed and implemented methodology, developed AWS backend, built initial frontend, contributed to evaluation framework, and wrote the initial draft.
- **Mali, Y.** (2025). AttenDence: Maximizing Attention Confidence for Test Time Adaptation. arXiv:2511.18925. Preprint.  
**Contributions:** As part of a graduate course project, I developed a novel test time adaptation objective to improve robustness to corruptions without hurting on clean data.
- Phaterpekar, T., Zeng, Z., **Mali, Y.**, Leung, B., Ho, C., Ng, R. T., Bates, A. T., and Nunez, J.-J. 2025. *Investigating Fine-tuning versus Zero-Shot Learning for General Large Language Models when Predicting Cancer Survival from Initial Oncology Consultation Documents*. *ESMO Real World Data and Digital Oncology*. Submitted, under review.  
**Contributions:** Designed and executed secondary experiments, helped engineer the ML pipeline, conducted evaluation analyses, and assisted in drafting/revising the manuscript.
- Santos O’Keefe, L. M. A., **Mali, Y.**, and Frostad, J. 2025. *A particle cohort study (ParCS) of the impact of glucose and sucrose solutions on the kinetics of starch gelatinization*. *Food Hydrocolloids*. Submitted, under review.  
**Contributions:** Developed particle-tracking software and analysis pipeline, assisted with instrumentation setup, and contributed to drafting/revisions.

## Talks and Presentations

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- Nunez, J.-J., Avery, J., Wu, S., Bates, A., **Mali, Y.**, Cook, O., and Chen, T. 2025. *Co-Designing AI for Cancer Care: Interactive Demo and Feedback on a Personal Navigation Assistant Prototype*. BC Cancer Summit 2025. (National, Oral Presentation).
- **Mali, Y.** and Nunez, J.-J. 2025. *Agentic NLP for Medical Guidelines*. CAIDA/TrustML @ ICML Visits 2025. (Institutional, Poster).
- **Mali, Y.** and Nunez, J.-J. 2025. *Agentic NLP for Medical Guidelines*. UBC Psychiatry Research Day 2025. (Institutional, Poster).
- **Mali, Y.** and Nunez, J.-J. 2025. *Agentic NLP for Medical Guidelines*. Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference 2025. Institutional, Talk).
- Santos O’Keefe, L. M. A., **Mali, Y.**, and Frostad, J. 2025. *Quantification of Starch Gelatinization Properties in Glucose and Sucrose Solutions using ParCS and Deep Learning*. Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference 2025. (Institutional, Talk).

## Awards

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### Advanced Machine Learning Network: AML-TN — \$ 5,000

April 2025

”AML-TN sponsored internships highlight the value of developing young researchers as the next generation of machine learning specialists.”

### 2X Undergraduate Research Award: WLIURA — \$ 6,000 Each

May 2024, 2025

”These awards subsidize professors to hire international undergraduate students to work full-time on their research projects in the Summer Session (May to August).”

## Additional Experience

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### UBC AI Club

Jan 2025 – Present

- President: Leading initiatives to encourage student understanding and future pathways in AI and ML. Started the AI reading group where we teach students interested in research foundational papers in deep learning.

### UBC Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Sep 2024 – Present

- Leading the ML sub-team to explore and tune open-sourced models for object detection and tracking. This is a small piece of the puzzle on our drones that compete in two university-level autonomous drone competitions every year.

### UBC Biological Internet of Things

May 2025 – Present

- Automating brewing/fermentation equipment with IoT-controlled devices while also trying to make glow-in-the-dark beer using green fluorescent protein (GFP).

## References

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Also, feel free to Google and contact anyone mentioned in the resume for a reference.

## Technical Skills

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**Languages:** Python, Java, C#, C/C++, Java/TypeScript, R, MATLAB, PHP, Kotlin

**Libraries/Frameworks:** scikit-learn, PyTorch, JAX, HuggingFace, Sentence Transformers, LangChain/Graph, DSPy, NumPy, Polars, OpenAI, TensorFlow, Pandas, CuPy, Open-CV, React, Node.js, Flask, JUnit

**Tools:** Git, SQL, Docker, Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, IntelliJ, Eclipse, Linux, Bash/Zsh, Azure, AWS SageMaker, Bedrock, Lambda, Gateway, Cognito & S3, Google Vertex AI