

# ABBAS RIZVI, PHD

I am a PhD data scientist and computational biologist. I have strong experience doing data science end to end. From data retrieval, to data preparation (tidying, reshaping), to exploratory data analysis (visualizations, descriptive statistics), to predictive modeling (machine learning/statistical modeling), to packaging and deployment (using docker as http web services or cloud deployment). I have a strong knowledge base of molecular, cell biology, genetics, and bioinformatics. I am deeply experienced with the R programming language and given talks at Bioconductor and useR on my open source contributions.

## EDUCATION

- 2019  
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**PhD., Pharmaceutical Sciences**  
The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

- Dissertation: Genetic Associations in Acute Leukemia Patients after Matched Unrelated Donor Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation
- 2015  
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**MS., Cancer Biology**  
State University of New York at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY

- Thesis: Reprogramming androgen receptor and lysine-specific demethylase 1 transcriptome in castration-resistant prostate cancer
- 2015  
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**MSc, Integrated Systems Biology**  
Universite du Luxembourg

Luxembourg, Luxembourg

- Interdisciplinary EU-US Atlantis Program

## SELECTED POSITIONS

- Present  
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2018

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**Data Scientist**  
Covail

Columbus, OH

- Built custom solutions for Fortune 500 companies. Solutions had ROIs in hundreds of thousands of dollars.
  - Built, developed, deployed models from data acquisition to production. Wrote an R package (usethis, devtools, testthat) for every single project I've worked on. Created plumber API webservices for many models.
  - Projects included building custom machine learning models in areas of: predictive staffing in hospitals, anomaly detection in warehouse supply chain, continuous auditing of insurance agent commissions, detecting anomalies of substation communication for electric power grids, predicting code violations in government R&D laboratories, creating a matching algorithm for complex library cataloging system
  - AWS, GCP, Docker, Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning (TensorFlow, PyTorch), Neural Networks
- 2019  
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**Graduate Research Associate**  
Sucheston-Campbell Lab, The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

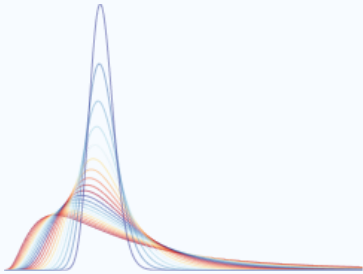
- PhD research project application was probing for genetic associations in leukemia patients (and their donors) after they received a bone marrow transplant.
  - Built statistical models and software solutions on genome wide association study data. Genetic imputation (IMPUTE2, Sanger/Michigan servers). Association testing. Survival Analysis. ENCODE, 1000 Genomes, UKBiobank, GTEx, TCGA. PheWAS.
  - Daily use of a compute cluster (SLURM), UNIX, shell, awk, bash, crontab
  - Published 2 first author publications and 7 total publications from this project.
- 2015  
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**Graduate Research Assistant**  
Foster Lab, Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Buffalo, NY

- Masters research project was an interface between wet and dry lab.
  - Project characterized transcriptomics (RNA sequencing) of castration resistant prostate cancer in vitro and using The Cancer Genome Atlas.



## CONTACT

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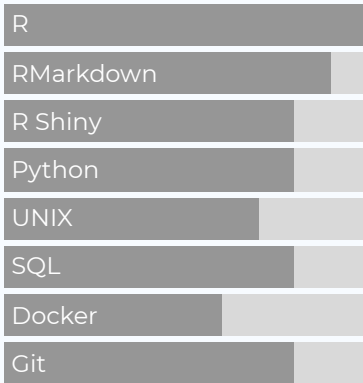
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## LANGUAGE SKILLS



## OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

All projects available at [github.com/aarizvi/<name>](https://github.com/aarizvi/<name>)

- gwasurvivr

: R package to conduct genome wide survival analysis
- photon

: R package to build standalone R Shiny app using Electron

## MORE INFO

See full CV at [abbasrizvi.com](https://abbasrizvi.com) for more complete list of positions and publications.