

# AMIN SHIRAZI

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Research assistant at the [Consulting Group](#), Department of Statistics, Iowa State University
- Biostatistics graduate intern at [Merck & Co](#), Summer 2020 and Summer 2021
- Biostatistics graduate intern at [ClinChoice](#), Programming Division, Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
- 4+ years industry experience in data analysis in research and development department of 3 companies
- Successfully collaborated with sales, marketing, customer service and logistic departments
- Advanced computer skills to write objective-oriented codes, develop packages, and shiny apps in R
- R package development contribution: [gsDesign](#), [gsDesign2](#), [gsdmvn](#), [simtrial](#), [pkglite](#), [r2rtf](#), [PetFindr](#)
- R shiny development: Merck Oncology Shiny (see [this](#) to have an idea of what the oncology shiny I developed looks like), Merck Programming System Tracking Dashboard (using [plotly](#)), Merck Adaptive two-in-one Design shiny, [PetFindr](#) shiny
- Winner of Teaching excellence award (2020) and [Daniel H. Mowrey Graduate Consulting Awards](#) (2021)
- Former treasurer and Executive board member of [Statistics in Community](#), a student-run organization

## TECHNICAL AND ADVANCED COMPUTER SKILLS

- Numerical and Data Analysis: R, SAS, JMP
- Reporting: LaTeX, Markdown, Sweave, HTML, Shiny
- Content Management: Github, Bitbucket

## EDUCATION

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Statistics

Department of Statistics,  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA

August. 2017–May 2022

### Master of Science (MSc), Mathematical Statistics

Department of Statistics, Faculty of Mathematical Science,  
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran

September 2011–February 2014

### Bachelor of Science (BSc), Statistics

Department of Statistics,  
Faculty of Science, IKIU, Qazvin, Iran

September 2006–September 2010

## EXPERIENCE

### Statistical Consultant

January 2021-present

[Consulting group](#), Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

1. Providing advice to researchers about their research designs, choosing statistical methods, interpreting statistical analysis results, use of statistical software to analyze data

### Teaching and Research Assistant

August 2017-present

Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

1. Genomics and microbiome data analysis: Analysis of gene expression data
2. Course instructor of record for [Engineering Statistics](#) with approximately 70 undergraduate students (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)
3. Course co-instructor for Statistical Theory for Research with 30 graduate students (Spring 2019)
4. Teaching assistant for Probability and Statistics for Computer Science, Introduction to Business Statistics and Engineering Statistics with 75 undergraduate students in average (Fall 2017–Fall 2018)

### Stock Market Research Assistant

March 2014–January 2017

Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran

1. Leader of a research group of 6 students to gather, clean and analyze stock market data
2. Model selection for stock market data using statistical hypothesis testing

## PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT

[pkglite](#): a tool, grammar, and standard to represent and exchange R package source code as text files

[gsDesign2](#): non-proportional hazards and graphical multiplicity control with group sequential design

[r2rtf](#): an R package to create production-ready tables and figures in RTF format

[gsdmvn](#): simulation of fixed or group sequential design under non-proportional hazards

**simtrial**: this package provides some basic routines for simulating a clinical trial

**gsDesign**: the gsDesign package supports group sequential clinical trial design

**PetFinder**: an R interface for the [petfinder.com](https://petfinder.com) API (V2)

**OTHER**: Merck Oncology Analysis package, Merck qualification package, Merck Adaptive two-in-one package

## **JOB EXPERIENCE**

**Biostatistics Graduate Intern, Late Development Statistic Group** May 2021–August 2021

[Merck & Co](#), PA, USA

1. Developer of [Merck & Co](#) internal packages: Oncology Survival Analysis package (mksurv), Qualification package (mkqualify), and Merck Adaptive two-in-one Design package
2. Creator and developer of three shiny apps for Merck internal resources: Oncology survival analysis shiny (see [this](#) to have an idea of what the oncology shiny I developed looks like), Statistical programming managerial dashboard for project monitoring using [ggplotly](#), and a shiny app for adaptive two-in-one studies (for oncology trials)

**Biostatistics Graduate Intern, Biostatistics and Programming Division** September 2020–May 2021

[ClinChoice](#), PA, USA

1. Developing unit tests for Group Sequential Design packages
2. Simulation studies for oncology clinical trials

**Biostatistics Graduate Intern, Design Methodology Division** June 2020–September 2020

[Merck & Co](#), PA, USA

1. Collaboration in package development at [Merck & Co](#). in 3 packages: [simtrial](#), [gsDesign2](#) and [gsdmvn](#)
2. Simulation studies for fixed and group sequential designs under non-proportional hazard assumption
3. Research in design methodology for group sequential designs for time-to-event endpoint trials

**Data Analyst, R&D department** July 2015–July 2017

[Koosha Setareh Iranian International Co](#), Tehran, Iran

1. Benefited statistical skills to interpret market data in corporation with sales and marketing department
2. Modelling generalized linear model to data from market research
3. Generated creative business reports, tables, charts, and graphs for the logistic department

**Data Analyst, R&D department** September 2014–June 2015

Iranian Shaygan Pars, Tehran, Iran

1. Interpreted sales data applying statistical models as a teamwork with sales department
4. Generated creative business reports, tables, charts, and graphs for the logistic department

**Statistical Consultant and Data Analyst** May 2014–September 2014

[Info Tech International Company](#), Tehran, Iran

1. Conducted tests for survey data validation using statistical knowledge and analytical methods
2. Call center consultant for designing, collecting and analysis of customer satisfaction survey

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

1. [Daniel H. Mowrey Graduate Consulting Awards](#), (Spring 2021), Iowa State University
2. Teaching excellence award (Spring 2020), Iowa State University

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

**Statistics in the Community, Former Treasurer and Executive member** August 2019–present

[STATCOM](#) at Iowa State offers statistical advice and expertise free of charge to governmental and nonprofit groups in the local community

**Statistics faculty committee - student representative** August 2019–May 2021

Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

- Communicate relevant information from the student association to the faculty members

**Iranian Students and Scholars' Association, Treasurer, ISU** August 2018–August 2019

- Event planner for 5 big events for the members of the association and non-Iranian people
- Organized the new year celebration event and hosted approximately 300 people
- Communicated with finance committee and senate of Iowa State University for funds to hold events

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Statistical Association (ASA), Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS)
- Iranian Statistical Society (ISS)