

# Albert Tian Chen

Interdisciplinary student researcher with 3+ years of statistics, data science and visualization experience, as well as a coursework foundation in biology and the basic sciences. Attending graduate school to apply both wet and dry lab techniques towards studies of molecular biology and systems biology.

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## EDUCATION

**Northeastern University**, *College of Engineering*, Boston, MA

9/2015 – Present

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in *Bioengineering*

Expected 2020

- 3.7 / 4.0 GPA, 3.8 / 4.0 Major Courses GPA

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Vector Engineering Team, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard** ([Link](#))

Research Assistant, Cambridge MA

5/2019 – Present

- With [a Broad Shark Tank-winning team](#), accelerate discovery of promising recombinant adeno-associated viruses (AAV) for gene therapy in the central nervous system, by developing a novel computational method of identifying functional variants from large screens of randomized gene libraries
- Mine complex atomic interactions in AAV capsid proteins with PyMOL scripts, and visualize them in an interactive application built with Python and Bokeh
- Build a user-friendly and code-free data processing pipeline for next-generation sequencing data, and store/query results with PostgreSQL, using the Google Cloud Platform

**Slavov Laboratory, Northeastern University** ([Link](#)), Research Assistant, Boston MA

7/2016 – Present

- First author on [DART-ID](#) project, a Bayesian framework for increasing peptide identification rates in mass-spec proteomics experiments, by incorporating peptide retention time as additional evidence.
- Co-first author on [DO-MS](#), a modular, extensible, and automated data analysis and visualization platform for rationally optimizing mass spectrometry methods
- Design and run LC/MS single cell proteomics experiments, from cell culture to instrument operation, with the Single Cell Proteomics by Mass Spectrometry (SCoPE-MS) method (<http://scope2.slavovlab.net/>)

**Waters Corporation, Separations R&D**, Chemistry Co-op, Milford MA

7/2017 – 12/2017

- Prototyped high-throughput LC/MS analysis workflow that doubled throughput to 4800 samples/day, through hardware and firmware modifications to existing instrumentation
- Implemented efficient low-level data processing software in C++ and Armadillo
- Performed maintenance, repairs, and installed custom modifications on Acquity LC instruments and Waters mass spectrometry instruments

## PUBLICATIONS

**Chen AT**, Franks A, Slavov N (2019) DART-ID increases single-cell proteome coverage. *PLOS Computational Biology* 15(7): e1007082. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007082>  
Website: <https://dart-id.slavovlab.net/>

Huffman RG\*, **Chen AT\***, Specht H\*, Slavov N (2019) DO-MS: Data-Driven Optimization of Mass Spectrometry Methods. *Journal of Proteome Research* 18(6): 2493-2500. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jproteome.9b00039>.

\* Co-first authors. Website: <https://do-ms.slavovlab.net/>

## AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Scholars Independent Research Fellowship, Northeastern University (\$5000)	2019
Advanced Research/Creative Endeavor Award, Northeastern University (\$3000)	2018
ASBMB Active Site Poster / Travel Award Winner	2018
Bioengineering Research Achievement Award, Northeastern University	2018
Northeastern University Dean's Merit Scholarship	2015 – Present

### Applied To:

[NSF GRFP](#) – 3 years support, \$34K/year stipend, \$12K/year tuition

[NDSEG](#) – 3 years support, \$38.4K/year stipend, full tuition and fees, \$1.2K/year insurance, \$5K travel

[DOE CSGF](#) – Up to 4 years support, \$37K/year stipend, full tuition and fees, \$5K academic allowance

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Programming:

*Advanced:* Python, R, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

*Proficient:* MATLAB, LaTeX, SQL, bash, C

### Software / Libraries:

numpy, pandas, bokeh, STAN, shiny, dplyr, matplotlib, ggplot, git, Google Cloud Platform (Compute Engine, Storage, SQL), Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

### Laboratory:

Mammalian Cell Culture, Proteomics Sample Prep, LC/MS operation + maintenance

### Hands-On:

Shop and Hand Tools, Basic Bench Electronic Equipment, Computer Building and Repair

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Journal of Medical Insight (JOMI)**, *Lead Web Developer*, Boston MA 6/2014 – 9/2016

- Led development of <http://old.jomi.com> with no prior web development experience, in 3 months
- Rebuilt site in Node.js, MongoDB, and React as <https://jomi.com> a year later, again in 3 months
- Assisted in filming live surgeries with video team

**Bikeway Source**, *Sales Associate/Bike Mechanic*, Bedford MA 8/2012 – 6/2014

- Performed bike repair, facility construction, sales, and customer service

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

### Biology:

Molecular Engineering, Cellular Engineering, Tissue Engineering, Genetics and Molecular Biology

### Chemistry:

Organic Chemistry 1 & 2, Biochemistry

### Math / Statistics:

Supervised Machine Learning (Audited), Unsupervised Machine Learning (Audited), Dynamic Modeling in Systems Biology, Differential Equations, Statistics (MIT OCW 18.05), Linear Algebra (MIT OCW 18.06)

### Physics:

Physics 1 & 2, Statics and Dynamics, Transport and Fluids, Circuits and Signal Processing