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# Ali Turfah

### Education

Sept. 2014 to **BSE in Data Science**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

- April 2018 Minor in Mathematics
  - GPA: 3.31 Cum Laude
  - Awards/Honors:
    - Dean's Honor List Fall 2017, Winter 2018
    - University Honors Fall 2017, Winter 2018

## Experience

June 2018 to Machine Learning Engineer, Algo.ai, Trov. MI, USA.

- Present Implemented neural networks to incorporate into and improve forecasting models
  - Verified and built processes to ensure client data integrity
  - Developed dashboards to enhance customer work-flow and data visibility

#### May 2018 to Independent Research.

Research project with Dr. Yves Atchade to develop a multinomial Bayesian classifier for cancer types using reverse phase protein array (RPPA) data.

- Researched literature on similar models and analysis of RPPA data
- o Derived and implemented Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampler for classification

Sept. 2017 to Research Assistant, Center for Molecular Imaging, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

April 2018 Student position to support Dr. Craig Galban and his team in medical imaging data analysis.

- Designed and deployed application to enable scalable organization and cataloging of incoming data sets
- Built tool to integrate various image processing scripts into single view
- Automated pre-processing of incorrectly formatted images

May 2017 to Machine Learning Engineering Intern, Algo.ai, Troy, MI, USA.

- August 2017 Integrated statistical learning methods into RESTful API
  - Built API endpoints to share customer data in web, email and powerpoint formats
  - Designed and developed unit testing system to automate system testing
  - Developed web scraper to augment information available from customer data

Jan. 2017 to Student Researcher, ProQuest, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

Student-run research project to improve the pharmaceutical literature review process using machine learning.

- Researched and selected appropriate machine learning algorithms
- Designed data normalization process to simplify training and implementation
- Implemented final algorithm to perform document classification
- Organized meetings with and presented to company sponsors to track progress

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Oct. 2015 to **President**, Michigan Biological Software Team.

April 2018 • Gold Medalist at International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Competition 2016, 2017

• Best Software Award at iGEM Competiton 2016

Jan. 2016 to Workshop Leader, Canton Public Library, Canton, MI, USA.

March 2016 • Organized and delivered superhero themed chemistry workshop to library patrons

Jan. 2015 to Webmaster, Michigan Biological Software Team.

August 2015 • Bronze Medalist at iGEM Competition 2015

# Community Service

2012 to Mathematics Tutor, Dearborn, MI, USA.

Present Free tutoring for college math courses and math sections of GRE and PCAT exams

2006 to Volunteer, Zamaan International, Dearborn, MI, USA.

Present • Packaged and delivered food to clients

• Organized fund raising efforts with local supermarkets

June 2013 Volunteer, Beaumont (Previously Oakwood Hospital), Dearborn, MI, USA. Clerical work and support in pathology department.

Sept. 2011 to **Tutor**, WISE Academy, Dearborn, MI, USA.

May 2013 After-school volunteer tutor for students K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

# Languages

- English: Native Language - Arabic: Fluent

- French: Full working proficiency