

# YUNSOO KIM

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## EDUCATION

### **Imperial College London, London, UK**

M.Sc. in Bioinformatics and Theoretical Systems Biology

Thesis: "A Clustering-based Short Time Series Analysis Methodology in Omics"

Oct. 2015 - Sep. 2016

### **Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH**

B.S. with Honors in Systems Biology (Concentration in Bioinformatics, Pre-Health Plan)

Honors Thesis: "Assembly of Marama chloroplast from Next-gen sequencing reads"

Sep. 2012 - May. 2015

## RESEARCH INTEREST

Deep Learning in computational biology, specifically in graph representation learning using transformer models

## EXPERIENCE

### **LG CHEM, Seoul, Korea**

#### **CTO Platform Technology Artificial Intelligence PJT**

Apr. 2020 – Present

**Professional. NLP Group Leader.** Work Description: Leading natural language processing (NLP) group at LG Chem

Mar. 2022 – Present

**Specialist. NLP Group Leader.** Work Description: Leading natural language processing (NLP) group at LG Chem

Apr. 2020 – Feb. 2022

- Working on language model in chemistry, materials science, and synthetic biology patents and literature to accelerate research
  - Pre-training language models (BERT, RoBERTa, deBERTa) on patents and literature (using custom vocabulary)
  - Fine-tuning for downstream tasks such as domain-specific entity recognition, relation extraction, anaphora resolution, and document classification. Fine-tuned models are served as REST API.
- Working on chemical knowledge graphs construction from the extracted entities (nodes) and relations (edges)
  - Link prediction for unknown edges in knowledge graphs using RGCN.
  - Significant paper classification in citation graphs using GAT.
- [Developing an artificial reading system to recommend research candidates for researchers](#)
  - Mongo DB of documents collected from multiple sources in chemistry, materials science, and synthetic biology fields.
  - Internal web search system empowered by the fine-tuned models
  - Successful cases on different research topics (battery, petrochemical, biopolymer, etc).
- Leading and supervising NLP group members
  - Organizing weekly meetings for checking group members' progress and giving them feedback regarding their action steps.
  - Merging pull requests in internal Gitlab, and Improving skills of group members through group seminars.

#### **LG AI Master Program Pilot at LG AI Research**

Sep. 2019 – Jan. 2020

**LG Chem representative researcher.** Program Description: Solving the challenges using AI and becoming a leader in AI project

- Improved language model in biotechnology, especially in Green Biology (agricultural)
  - Used BERT for pre-training on Green Biology literature and fine-tuning of 9 bionlp benchmark tasks
  - Reached SOTA in 7 bionlp benchmark tasks (Task types: Named Entity Recognition, Relation Extraction, Question Answering)
- Developed a web service for the NER analysis of biology text with user input.

#### **CTO Green Bio GBT1 PJT at LG Chem**

Mar. 2019 – Mar. 2020

**Specialist.** Work Description: Developing deep learning models to accelerate biotechnology research

- Developed plant disease recognition and plant disease severity diagnosis deep learning models (ResNext, EfficientNet ensemble)
  - Plant disease recognition model for seed sales department as a customer service tool
  - Plant disease severity diagnosis for seed R&D department to accelerate breeding disease-resistant seed

#### **CTO Corporate R&D Future Technology GBT PJT at LG Chem**

Jul. 2017 – Feb. 2019

**Associate.** Work Description: Analyzing -omics data to accelerate biotechnology research

- Developed an early allergen and toxin assessment system for the candidate gene
  - Built in-house allergen and toxin database for the sequence alignment
  - [Developed a neural network model for the prediction of protein allergenicity and toxicity with improved performance](#)
- Developed a DNA marker for beta-Carotene Chinese cabbage to be used in marker-assisted selection
- Developed a web service for the analysis of genome editing results using targeted sequencing data

### **Alternative military service, Korea**

#### **Alternative military service at LG Chem, Military Manpower Administration**

Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2020

**Technical Research Personnel.** Description: Alternative military service for the Korean compulsory military service

- A company designated by the commissioner of the Military Manpower Administration can utilize a research personnel (a master's degree holder or higher) for the advancement of science and technology in South Korea
- Was hired as both a full-time employee and technical research personnel for LG Chem

## **Torrey Pines Co., Ltd.**, Cheonan, Korea

**Co-Founder.** Work Description: Giving advice regarding microbiome science in cosmetics

May. 2015 – Present

**CEO.** Work Description: Planning a New Brand and Leading Export

Oct. 2016 – Jul. 2017

- Planned [Bota nouveau Microbiome science hair care cosmetics brand](#)
  - One of the pioneers in hair care cosmetics that introduced microbiome science in the field (main product is hair loss care shampoo)
- Exported to Vietnam and Cambodia
  - Led meetings with buyers in many countries such as Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Cambodia, and led export process

## **Imperial College London**, London, UK

### **Computational Bioinformatics Laboratory**

Jun. 2016 – Oct. 2016

Research Description: [Developing methodology to analyze omics time-series data](#)

- Adopted existing R methodology in python to analyze differential metabolomics time series using smooth splines
- Tested the methodology with varying parameters and scenarios regarding the limitations of short time series and on *Schistosoma mansoni* metabolomics cohort data
- Extended the methodology to include network inference features

### **Theoretical Systems Biology Laboratory**

Jan. 2016 – Jun. 2016

Research Description: Developing a novel methodology to analyze metagenomic abundance data

- [Developed a novel methodology](#) to infer OTU (Operational Taxonomic Unit) co-occurrence and differential networks
- [Benchmarked 8 other inference methods for co-occurrence networks by our novel method \(the best precision\)](#)
- Tested on multiple EBI datasets including diabetes and chron's disease
- Developed a web service for the analysis to be used in a wider community

## **Dankook University**, Cheonan, Korea

### **Bioinformatics Laboratory**

Jul. 2015 – Oct. 2015

**Visiting Researcher** Research Description: Analyzing -omics data using machine learning

- Identified genetic markers of MERS-COV using Marmoset data by detecting alternative splicing events on experimental data
- Integrated semi-supervised learning of RNA-seq and ChIP-seq data to cluster regions of a chromosome such as exons

## **Case Western Reserve University**, Cleveland, OH, US

### **Undergraduate Bioinformatics Research**

Jan. 2014 – May. 2015

**Research Assistant** Research Description: Identifying the Marama chloroplast genome

- Designed a workflow for the assembly of Marama chloroplast genome
- Conducted *de novo* assembly of contigs, alignment of contigs to different chloroplast genomes, and reassembly of the mapped contigs
- Presented at SOURCE Summer 2014 Intersections, Case Western Reserve University
- Presented at Michelson-Morley Undergraduate Research Competition

## **New York University Medical Center**, New York, NY, US

### **WISE Program at Rusk Institute**

Feb. 2012 – Jun. 2012

**Research Assistant** Research Description: Improving rehabilitation for stroke patients

- Worked on eye-hand coordination improving methods for stroke patients rehabilitation process
- Analyzed statistical data from an experiment on the effect of music during the rehabilitation process for stroke patients
- Presented on experience and research project in a public forum

## **PUBLICATION (INCLUDING PATENTS)**

### **A Method for Building Chemistry Language Model and a System Using the Model for Analyzing Literature**

Main Inventor

Patents Application

Application filed 09 September 2021; Publication in progress

### **Chemical Named Entity Recognition Performance Improvement Using Preprocessing**

Main Inventor

Patents Application

Application filed 25 August 2021; Publication in progress

### **Crop Protection In-silico Library Construction Using Generative Model and Preprocessing**

Co-Inventor

Patents Application

Application filed 23 August 2021; Publication in progress

### **Yunsoo Kim, Gunjune Kim, Dong-Yul Sung, [Protein Toxicity Prediction System and Method Using Artificial Neural Network](#)**

Main Inventor

Patents: KR20200126715A

Application filed 30 April 2019; Publication 09 November 2020

### **Yunsoo Kim and Christopher Cullis, [A novel inversion in the chloroplast genome of marama \(\*Tylosema esculentum\*\)](#)**

First Author

Journal: Journal of Experimental Botany

Received 3 November 2016; Accepted 14 December 2016

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

LG Chem On-Spot Incentive	2022
LG Chem DX Good Practice	2021
LG Chem AIT Organization Manager Discretionary Award	2021
LG AI IDEathon Digital Transformation Frontier (Applications 1 <sup>st</sup> place; Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> place)	2021
LG Chem CTO Digital Transformation Best Practice	2021
LG Chem Seoul National University AI Hackathon 1 <sup>st</sup> place	2021
LG Chem DX Best Practice	2020
LG AI Advanced problem solving Best Practice mentor	2020
LG Chem Platform Technology On-Spot Incentive	2020
LG Chem CEO Excellent R&D Project Award	2020
LG Chem AIT Organization Manager Discretionary Award	2020
LG Chem Platform Technology Best Memorandum (Research Report)	2020
LG AWARDS (Best Award given by LG Group Chairman)	2020
LG AI Master Best Practice	2019
LG Chem Green Biology Best Memorandum (Research Report)	2019
LG Chem Green Biology On-Spot Incentive	2019
Case Western Reserve University Scholarship	2012 – 2015
Ogelbay Summer Research Grant	2014
Case Western Reserve University Dean's Honor List, 3 semesters	2012 – 2014
Case Western Reserve University Dean's High Honor List, 1 semester	2013
Victor Ridder Scholarship	2012

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

LG Chem CTO Digital Transformer talks	2022
LG Chem Platform Technology Workshop talks	2022
LG Chem Platform Technology Artificial Intelligence annual meeting speaker	2021
LG Chem Tech Fair talks	2021
LG DX Fair 2021 speaker	2021
LG Chem Digital Transformation talks	2021
LG Chem CTO Digital Transformer talks speaker	2021
LG Chem Platform Technology Workshop talks speaker	2021
LG Chem Digital Transformation Best Practice talks	2020
LG Academy Digital Transformation talks panelist	2020
LG Housys AI Master talks speaker	2019
LG AI Master talks speaker	2019
LG Chem Green Biology quarterly meeting speaker	2019

### **Teaching Experience, Workshops, Seminars**

LG Chem Community of Practice for Systems Metabolic Engineering AI	2022 – Present
LG Chem transformer model study group lead organizer	2021 – Present
LG AI Advanced problem solving grader, mentor	2020
LG Chem Platform Technology Python Instructor	2020
LG AI weekly study group member, organizer	2019 – 2022
LG Chem Bio Big Data and AI Community of Technology member, organizer	2017 – 2019
Case Western Reserve University Volunteer Peer Tutoring in Biology	2013 – 2014
• Taught two students for biology classes at university-level	