curriculum vitæ of

Dongyan Lin

Computational Neuroscience · Machine Learning · Neural Networks

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Education

Sep. 2019 – present | **Ph.D.** in Computational Neuroscience | McGill University, Canada

I am a PhD candidate in computational neuroscience at the Integrated Program of Neuroscience at McGill University and Mila. My research lies at the intersection of neuroscience and artificial intelligence. Specifically, I am interested in designing artificial agents whose behaviours and neural representations resemble those observed in animals, as well as developing novel machine learning tools to analyze neural data.
cGPA: 4.00/4.00

Sep. 2015 – Jun. 2019 | **Hon. B.Sc.** in Physiology (high distinction) | University of Toronto, Canada

Minored in Mathematics and Psychology.
cGPA: 3.87/4.00

Research Experience

Sep. 2019 – present | Ph.D. Student | Mila; McGill University

Advisor: Dr. Blake Richards
Project: An artificial intelligence framework for the neural basis of time-dependent working memory

Sep. 2018 – Apr. 2019 | Lab Manager / Research Assistant | Department of Psychology, University of Toronto

Advisor: Dr. Katherine Duncan
Project: Measurement of familiarity to objects with the naming experiment

Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2018 | Bioinformatics Intern | RIKEN, Japan

Advisor: Dr. Michiel de Hoon
Project: Elucidating the functional roles of anti-sense transcripts in human THP-1 leukemia cells with computational methods

May. 2017 – Aug. 2017 | Research Student | SickKids Hospital; University of Toronto

Advisor: Dr. Steven Prescott
Project: *In vitro* chloride regulation of mouse hippocampal gamma oscillations

Presentations

1. **Dongyan Lin**, FANTOM Consortium, Michiel de Hoon. Elucidating the functional roles of anti-sense transcripts in human THP-1 leukemia cells with computational methods. *Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium, Department of Cell & System Biology, University of Toronto. September 2018.* **Received the Best Poster Award.**

2. **Dongyan Lin**, Stephanie Ratté, Steven Prescott. The chloride regulation of mouse hippocampal gamma oscillation *in vitro*. *University Research Opportunity Program Awardee Seminar, University of Toronto. August 2017.*

Honours

2020 | IVADO MSc Excellence Scholarship ($40,000) | IVADO

2019 | Recruitment Award ($5,000) | McGill University

2018 | Innis College Exceptional Achievement Award ($735) | University of Toronto

2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 | Dean's List | University of Toronto

2017 | Unversity Research Opportunity Program Award ($2,000) | University of Toronto

2017	Innis College Later Life Learning OSOTF Award ($1,336)	University of Toronto
2016	Innis College Later Life Learning OSOTF Award ($1,289)	University of Toronto
2016	Beatty Scholarship ($1,500)	University of Toronto
2015	Entrance Scholarship ($6,000)	University of Toronto
2015	Canada Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal	Winnipeg, Manitoba

Skills

Experimental neuroscience: extracellular recording, surgery, slice preparation
Programming: Python, UNIX, MATLAB, LaTeX, HTML, PyTorch
Natural Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

Teaching Experience

Nov. 2019 – Mar. 2020 — Volunteer Classroom Instructor — BrainReach, Montréal, Canada
Delivered introductory neuroscience classes to Grade 9 students of a secondary school in Montréal.

Sep. 2018 – Apr. 2019 — Teaching Assistant: MAT135 (Calculus I), MAT136 (Calculus II) — University of Toronto
Prepared and delivered tutorials; held office hours; graded assignment, tests, and exams; delivered a guest lecture.

Sep. 2016 – Apr. 2018 — Classroom Instructor — Easy Group Inc., Toronto, Canada
Prepared and delivered tutorials and exam review sessions on calculus and multivariable calculus.

Volunteer & Community Service

Nov. 2020	Montréal AI & Neuroscience (MAIN) Conference	Organizer
May 2020	UNIQUE Student Symposium	Organizer
May 2018 – Apr. 2019	First-year Learning Community, University of Toronto	Peer Mentor
May 2018 – Apr. 2019	iConnect Mentorship Program, University of Toronto	Event Leader
May 2017 – Apr. 2018	iConnect Mentorship Program, University of Toronto	Mentor

Graduate Coursework

Winter 2020	COMP767: Reinforcement Learning	A
Winter 2020	NEUR631: Principles of Neuroscience II	A
Fall 2019	NEUR630: Principles of Neuroscience I	A