

Edward Saunders

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Enthusiastic biologist experienced in developing and implementing research projects to **complex neurodegenerative disorders**, with a focus on biological and computational approaches. **Skilful communicator** with experience liaising between senior management, staff, students, and unions. **Experienced researcher** across a range of research fields, with current focus on **computational analysis** of sMRI and DWI tractography in **Alzheimer's**. Previous research experience in **cannabinoids**, and their therapeutic potential for **Parkinson's disease**; qPCR detection of MotA and **antibiotic resistance**; strain typing of bacteria.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Human Biologist and Computational Neuroscientist

Sept. 2017 – Present

Researcher

2020 - 2021

University of Nottingham / Nottingham, UK

- Computational conversion and analysis of sMRI and DWI tractography in Alzheimer's patients
- Use of MATLAB and Python to develop computational programs suitable for research purposes
- Professional and academic writeup, statistical analysis, and code contribution for larger research project

Student

2020 - 2021

University of Nottingham / Nottingham, UK

- Computational structural analysis of the LC in Alzheimer's Patients
- Bioinformatics gene sequence analysis
- Biomedical modelling of inhibitory synaptic networks; neuronal decoupling through synchrony with propagation delays; neuronal oscillation on evolving networks; synaptic depression

Researcher

2019 - 2020

University of South Wales / Pontypridd, UK

- Rearing and animal husbandry of Planarian flatworms
- Therapeutic Potential of Cannabinoids for Parkinson's and Methamphetamine Use
- Proper and regulated drug administration of schedule II drugs anadamide and methamphetamine
- Immunohistochemistry and immunofluorescent staining of TyH in Planaria, RT-PCR and qPCR
- Statistical analysis and academic writeup of quantitative and qualitative data

Microbiology Researcher

2019

University of South Wales / Pontypridd, UK

- Strain typing and serotyping , and antibiotic resistance through disk diffusion testing in Welsh water samples

Genetics Researcher

2018

University of South Wales / Pontypridd, UK

- Investigation of antibiotic resistance in E.coli samples, and subsequent effect of gene cassettes
- Detection of MotA using qPCR

EDUCATION

Masters of Science in Computational Neuroscience, Cognition, and AI | University Of Nottingham

2020-2021

Bachelors of Science Honours in Human Biology | University Of South Wales

2017-2020

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Skills: Academic Writing | Animal Dissection | Aseptic Technique | Biomedical Modelling | Class II Substance Regulation | Communication Strategy | Cross-Functional Communication | Data Analysis | Data Collection | Human Tissue Handling | MATLAB and Python Development | Organisational Strategy | Professional Liaison | Project Design | Project Management | Safe Laboratory Practice |

Languages: English (*native*) | Spanish (*beginner*) | BSL (*beginner*)

AWARDS

Platinum Award as Course Representative | University of South Wales

2018/19 & 2019/20

Award of Outstanding Achievement in Human Biology | University of South Wales

2017

National Citizen Service (NCS)

2016

Oracle iLearning Java Foundations certificate

2015

REFERENCES

Biological Research

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