# **ELENA ADAMS**

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### **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas at Austin Bachelor of Science in Biology, Major

Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior

Certificate in Applied Statistical Modeling – In Progress

Overall GPA: 3.92

The University of Texas at Austin

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**UT Farm Stand** – *Market Manager*; Austin, TX

Nov 2019 - present

May 2022

- Manage an educational and functional farmer's market-style event
- Oversee a team of 5 specialized employees and the completion of their duties
- Coordinate new and ongoing projects to expand the UT Farm Stand
- Partner with other organizations at UT to facilitate a culture of sustainability education on campus

#### **UT Farm Stand** – *Volunteer Coordinator*; Austin, TX

Aug 2019 - Nov 2019

- Recruited and coordinated volunteers for the UT Farm Stand Market, Gardens, and Plate Waste Research
- Developed interactive educational workshops for UT students over a variety of topics; herb gardening, plant ID, etc.
- Launched and oversee the first UT Farm Stand newsletter using MailChimp

### UT Farm Stand - Market Assistant; Austin, TX

Aug 2018 - Aug 2019

- Coordinated groups of 10+ volunteers in assisting with all market operations
- Actively communicated with students about sustainable food production
- Lead housekeeping and administrative organization for a 15-person team

### **ACADEMIC PROJECTS**

## TIDES Research Fellowship

• Selected for a paid summer research experience with the Cummings Lab

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## **FRI Summer Research Fellowship**

Summer 2019

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- Selected for a paid summer research experience with the Cummings Lab
- Assisted in preparations for a large-scale cognitive-behavioral experiment
- Optimized and validated tracking capabilities of Ethovision software for several fish behavior assays
- Oversaw proper animal husbandry and upkeep of dozens of fish across multiple animal rooms

## **Mosquitofish Social Recognition Study**

Fall 2019

- Adapted an experimental protocol for testing social recognition capabilities in Gambusia affinis
- Gathered and analyzed the resulting data using R; utilized generalized linear mixed models
- Authored scientific report, incorporating current scientific literature to legitimize and contextualize findings

### OTHER EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

# Beta Beta Biological Honor Society – Volunteer Coordinator

Aug 2019 - Present

- Seek out, plan, and organize attendance at volunteer opportunities for honor society members
- Communicate and coordinate with organizations on and off campus to create volunteer opportunities

## Cummings Lab – Undergraduate Researcher

Aug 2019 - Present

- Piloting a new behavioral assay for a larger experiment; building the apparatus, optimizing conditions for testing, etc.
- Pioneered Ethovision optimization for a large dataset of the "Shuttlebox" spatio-temporal behavioral assay
- Assist in the maintenance and execution of fish behavior experiments

## **Additional Information**

Computer Skills: Office Suite, R, Ethovision, Cowlog, Image J

Soft Skills: Collaboration, self-motivation, written communication, research design, data analysis, strategic thinking

Work Eligibility: Eligible to work in the U.S. with no restrictions