

# Geemi P. Wellawatte

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EDUCATION	<i>University of Rochester</i>	<i>Rochester, NY</i>
	<b>Ph.D</b> , Candidate in Chemistry	<i>2020-Present</i>
	<i>University of Rochester</i>	<i>Rochester, NY</i>
	<b>M.S</b> , Chemistry	<i>2018-2020</i>
	<i>University of Colombo</i>	<i>Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
	<b>B.S</b> , Special Degree in Computational Chemistry (First Class Honors)	<i>2013-2017</i>
EXPERIENCE	<b>Graduate Research Assistant (Year IV)</b>	<i>January, 2019 - present</i>
	Advisor: Prof. Andrew White	
	<i>Department of Chemistry, University of Rochester</i>	<i>Rochester, NY</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Research Focus:</b> Using all-atom and coarse-grained molecular dynamics with machine learning to understand chemistry and design materials</li></ul>	
	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b>	
	<i>Department of Chemistry, University of Rochester</i>	<i>Rochester, NY</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Physical Chemistry-I (CHM 251)</i></li></ul>	<i>Fall 2019</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Quantum Chemistry-I (CHM 451)</i></li></ul>	<i>Fall 2019</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Energy, Science, Tech &amp; SO (CHM 286)</i></li></ul>	<i>Spring 2019</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Chemistry Concepts, Systems &amp; Practicals I (CHM 131)</i></li></ul>	<i>Fall 2018</i>
	<b>Demonstrator</b>	
	<i>Department of Chemistry, University of Colombo</i>	<i>Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Physical Chemistry Laboratory-I</i></li></ul>	<i>Semester-I, 2017</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Computational Chemistry Laboratory-I</i></li></ul>	<i>Semester-I, 2017</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Physical Chemistry Laboratory-I</i></li></ul>	<i>Semester-II, 2017</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Computational Chemistry Laboratory-I</i></li></ul>	<i>Semester-II, 2017</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Computational Chemistry Laboratory, Msc.</i></li></ul>	<i>Semester-I, 2017</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Computational Chemistry Laboratory, Msc.</i></li></ul>	<i>Semester-II, 2017</i>
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	<i>Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), UK-Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing (Level 7)</i>	<i>2015</i>
	<i>Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), UK-Professional Diploma in Marketing (Level 6)</i>	<i>2014</i>
	<i>Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), UK-Professional Certificate in Marketing (Level 4)</i>	<i>2012</i>

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS	<i>D. E. Shaw Research Graduate and Postdoc Women's Fellowship</i> <i>May 26, 2022 - May 27, 2022</i>
	<i>Esther M. Conwell Graduate Fellowship, Department of Chemistry, University of Rochester</i> <i>August 2021-August 2022</i>
	<i>MolSSI Covid-19 Seed Fellowship, Molecular Sciences Software Institute, VA</i> <i>July 2020-December 2020</i>
	<i>Sherman-Clarke Fellowship, Department of Chemistry, University of Rochester</i> <i>August 2018-August 2019</i>
JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	<i>Overview: Structural Explanations for Molecular Prediction Models</i> <b>G. P. Wellawatte</b> , H. A. Gandhi, A. Sheshadri, A. D. White. <i>Submitted 2022</i>
	<i>Why the Smell? Exploring Structure-Odor Relationships Using Explainable AI</i> A. Sheshadri, H. A. Gandhi, <b>G. P. Wellawatte</b> , A. D. White. <i>Submitted 2022</i>
	<i>Do Language Models Know Chemistry?</i> A. D. White, G. M. Hocky, H. A. Gandhi, M. Ansari, S. Cox, <b>G. P. Wellawatte</b> , S. Sasmal, Z. Yang, K. Liu, Y. Singh, W. J. P. Ccoa <i>ChemRxiv. 2022</i>
	<i>Model Agnostic Generation of Counterfactual Explanations for Molecules</i> <b>G. P. Wellawatte</b> , A. Sheshadri, A. D. White. <i>Chemical Science. 2022</i>
	<i>Graph neural network based coarse-grained mapping prediction</i> <b>G. P. Wellawatte*</b> , Z. Li*, M. Chakraborty, H. A. Gandhi, C. Xu, A. D. White. <i>Chemical Science. 2020,</i> <i>11, 9524-9531</i> <i>*Equal contribution</i>
	<i>HOOMD-TF: GPU-Accelerated, Online Machine Learning in the HOOMD-blue Molecular</i> <i>Dynamics Engine</i> R. Barrett, M. Chakraborty, D. Amirkulova, H. Gandhi, <b>G. P. Wellawatte</b> , A. D. White. <i>The Journal of Open Source Software. 2020, 5(51): 2367</i>
ORAL PRESENTATIONS	<i>October 04, 2022: ACS NERM 2022</i>
	Computational Tools for Materials Science; <b>Molecular model agnostic counterfactual</b> <b>explanations (MMACE) in explainable AI</b>
	<i>April 29, 2022: ICLR 2022</i>
	Invited Talk: : Deep Generative Models for Highly Structured Data Workshop; <b>Model</b> <b>Agnostic Counterfactual Explanations for Molecules</b>
	<i>February 01, 2022: M<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub> 2022</i>
	Invited Talk: Molecular Modeling And Drug Discovery M <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> Seminar Series; <b>Model</b> <b>Agnostic Counterfactual Explanations for Molecules</b>
	<i>August 22, 2021: ACS 2021</i>
	Division: Division of Computers in Chemistry; <b>Predicting coarse-grained (CG) mappings</b> <b>using graph neural networks: Applications in CG molecular dynamics</b>
	<i>June 16, 2021: MTSM 2021</i>
	Session: Applications of Machine Learning, Contributed Speech; <b>Applications of Machine</b> <b>Learning in Coarse-Grained (CG) Molecular Dynamics (MD)</b>

April 26, 2021: Virtual Talk, University of Rochester,  
Third year talk, Chemistry Department; **Developing Coarse-Grained Models Using Machine Learning**

November 16-20, 2020: Virtual AIChE Annual Meeting  
Forum Plenary: Computational Molecular Science and Engineering Forum; **Theory and application of graph neural networks for molecular modeling**

## INTERNSHIPS

May 31, 2022 - August 26, 2022  
**Molecular Modeling and Cheminformatics Intern;**  
Merck, Rahway, NJ, USA

Summer 2022 (Declined Offer)  
**DAAD-RISE Professional Intern;**  
ABB Corporate Research, Germany

## LEADERSHIP &amp; AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, University of Rochester November, 2021 - May, 2022  
Graduate Student Representative

ACS Graduate Student Symposium Planning Committee for Fall 2022, May, 2021 - August 2022  
Treasurer

Title IX Education Assessment Committee, University of Rochester July, 2020 - May, 2021  
Graduate Student Representative

Transportation Advisory Committee, University of Rochester May, 2020 - May, 2021  
Graduate Student Representative

Graduate Student Association, University of Rochester June, 2019 - May, 2021  
Treasurer

Chemical Society, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka April, 2016- April, 2017  
Vice President

Varsity Rowing Crew, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka March, 2012- March, 2015  
Oarswoman/Cox

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