Hannah L. Freund

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Education

PHD | 2019-2024 | University of California Riverside

- · Program: Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics
 - o Member of Dr. Emma Aronson's Lab
 - o Awarded Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship (2019)

MS | 2019 | California State University, Long Beach

- · Major: Biology (GPA 3.7)
 - o Student in the Bioinformatics Lab (Dr. Renaud Berlemont)
 - o Related coursework: bioinformatics, ecology, computer modeling
 - o Thesis: Insights into the Structure and Function of the Gut Metagenome in Cartilaginous Fishes

| 2017 | Moorpark College

- · Major: Biology (GPA: 3.69)
 - o Related coursework: microbiology, general and organic chemistry, biology, protein purification

B.A. | 2014 | University of California, Santa Barbara

- · Major: Psychology and Brain Sciences (Major GPA 3.7, GPA 3.4)
 - o Related coursework: Cognitive psychology, learning and memory, biopsychology

Publications

H.L. Freund, Maltz M.R., Swenson, M.P., Topacio, T.M., Montellano, V.A., Porter, W., Aronson, E. 2020. Microbiome interactions and their ecological implications at the Salton Sea. California Agriculture. *In review*.

Nguyen, S. T. C., H. L. Freund, J. Kasanjian, and R. Berlemont. 2018. Function, distribution, and annotation of characterized cellulases, xylanases, and chitinases from CAZy. Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology 102:1629–1637

Awards

2020	Best Flash-Talk at the Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics Annual Symposium 2020
2020	SKC West Inc. Equipment Grant (\$1,605.95)
2020	Honorable Mention for the Zymo-UCR Microbiome Fellowship
2019	Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship Award (UC Riverside)
2018	Dr. Vern Eveland Memorial Award (\$2,500)
2018	Linda Lee Warren Graham Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000)

Presentations

2019	Presented research at the California State University Annual Biotechnology Symposium
2017, 2018	Presented research at the Southern California Branch of the American Society for Microbiology
	(SCASM) Student Colloquium
2017, 2018	Presented research at California State University Long Beach Graduate Research Conference

Research Experience

2017-2019 Graduate Student Researcher, Bioinformatics Lab

Biology Department, California State University Long Beach

Supervisor: Dr. Renaud Berlemont

Thesis: Insights into the Structure and Function of the Gut Microbiome in Cartilaginous Fishes

Tasks: Data mining via custom bioinformatics pipelines and algorithms using BASH (shell scripting)

Conduct statistical analyses via R scripts and RStudio packages

Investigate current research on enzymatic polysaccharide deconstruction by microbes in the gut of

vertebrates

Assist Principal Investigator in writing, editing and reviewing lab publications

2016-2017 Contract Biologist, The Butterfly Project

Biology Department, Moorpark College

Supervisor: Dr. Jana Johnson

Research: Population maintenance and propagation of the Lange's Metalmark Butterfly and the Palos Verdes Blue

Butterfly

Tasks: Release pupae and capture gravid foundresses in field

Conduct and supervise butterfly feedings

Document oviposition and create maps of egg location

Build habitats for larvae, pupae and butterflies

2016 Student Intern; Biotechnology Laboratory

Biotechnology Department, Moorpark College

Supervisor: Professor Subhash Karkare

Research: Optimization of Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) for the Biotechnology Certification

Program curriculum

Tasks: Prepare samples of sCTLA-4 for analysis

Reduce duration of ELISA and determine necessary sample dilutions

Research purpose and technique behind ELISA

Qualitative analysis of assay results

2014 Lead Clinical Research Coordinator; LY Pharmacy Inc.

Supervisor: Luna Yojay, PharmD.

Research: Direct Phase 2 and Phase 3 clinical trials testing pharmaceuticals targeting Chronic Kidney Disease and

associated complications/illnesses

Tasks: Oversight of administering of pharmaceuticals to participants

Monitor vital signs of patients after drug administration Manage data utilizing Medidata Rave (electronic-data capture) Meet with Clinical Research Associates to discuss data and protocol

2013-2014 Research Assistant; Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory

Department of Psychology and Brain Sciences, University of California Santa Barbara

Supervisor: Dr. F. Gregory Ashby

Research: Utilization of computational modeling to understand the cortical substrates involved in cognitive skills

such as category learning

Tasks: Collect data and organize data into Microsoft Excel

Assist in data analysis of computer-based experiments

Observe and practice creating scripts using Python and MatLab

Conduct experiment targeting procedural and declarative learning systems

Skills

Computing: Bash, R, Python, Git, Microsoft Office, Electronic Data Capture

Wet Lab: DNA extraction, PCR, microbial culturing