

# JACK GISBY

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## EDUCATION

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### Imperial College London

PhD Candidate

*August 2020 – July 2023*

- Thesis: Using multi-omics to investigate the host response in COVID-19, supervised by Dr James Peters.

### University of Birmingham

Biochemistry with Professional Placement (MSci) - First Class

*September 2016 – June 2020*

- Dissertation: A prior knowledge-based computational workflow for *de novo* structural elucidation of small molecules in mass spectrometry metabolomics, supervised by Dr Ralf Weber.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### PhD Research

Immunology and Inflammation, Imperial College London

*August 2020 – July 2023*

- Integrated proteomic, transcriptomic and genetic data to investigate the pathology of severe COVID-19.
- Applied longitudinal models, network analyses and machine learning to high-dimensional datasets.
- Employed Mendelian randomisation and colocalisation to identify molecules that cause severe disease.
- Used and developed Nextflow & HPC-based pipelines to process sequence and variant data.
- Disseminated research findings through peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations.

### Research volunteer

School of Biosciences, University of Birmingham

*July 2019 – July 2020*

- Developed an R/Bioconductor package for [annotating rare transposons in genome sequences](#) 🐙.
- Mined genome sequence data to uncover the impact of DNA transposons on the evolution of host genes.

### MSci Research

School of Biosciences, University of Birmingham

*October 2019 – May 2020*

- Developed a [Python package for improved annotation of LC-MS metabolomics spectra](#) 🐙.
- Created a [deep learning-based anomaly detection model](#) 🐙 that classifies molecular structures.
- Adhered to software engineering best practices, including version control and automated testing.

### Industrial placement

The Binding Site, Birmingham

*August 2018 – July 2019*

- Took responsibility for the timely delivery of assay development projects and statistical reports.
- Communicated with, and delivered presentations to, a wide variety of interdisciplinary staff.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant

Immunology MSc Programme, Imperial College London

*December 2022 - January 2023*

- Aided in the development and delivery of a series of "Introduction to R programming" workshops.

### Lecturing

Molecular Epidemiology MSc Module, Imperial College London

*September 2021 – December 2022*

- Developed and delivered lectures for RNA sequencing in the context of investigating genetic variation.
- Set homework and reading, in addition to final exam questions and marking schemes.

## Graduate Teaching Assistant

May 2022 – August 2022

Research Computing, Imperial College London

- Developed a [parallelised pipeline for processing RNA-seq data](#)  using Docker and Nextflow.
- Created teaching materials demonstrating best practices for building data pipelines.

## Mentoring

July 2021 – August 2022

Immunology and Inflammation, Imperial College London

- Co-supervised an undergraduate research project utilising proteomics to investigate Lupus.

## SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	Python, R, Bash, SQL
<b>Tools</b>	Git/GitHub, Docker, Conda, Nextflow, Airflow, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Compute</b>	High performance computing clusters, Google Cloud Platform
<b>Data</b>	Transcriptomics (bulk & single-cell RNA-seq), proteomics (Olink & SomaLogic assays), genomics (sequences and summary), ontologies and clinical data
<b>Statistics</b>	Linear & mixed models, joint models, Mendelian randomisation & colocalisation, supervised learning (caret, scikit-learn, pytorch), network analysis (WGCNA)
<b>Software</b>	Package development (R, Python), containerisation (Docker, Singularity), continuous integration (unittest, testthat), version control (Git, GitHub)

## FIRST AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

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- **Jack S. Gisby<sup>†</sup>**, Norzawani B. Buang<sup>†</sup>, [...], David C. Thomas<sup>†</sup>, James E. Peters<sup>†</sup>. **Multi-omics identify falling LRRC15 as a COVID-19 severity marker and persistent pro-thrombotic signals in convalescence.** *Nature Communications* 2022. [10.1038/s41467-022-35454-4](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-35454-4)
- **Jack S. Gisby<sup>†</sup>**, Candice L Clarke<sup>†</sup>, Nicholas Medjeral-Thomas<sup>†</sup>, [...], Michelle Willicombe<sup>†</sup>, David C Thomas<sup>†</sup>, James E Peters<sup>†</sup>. **Longitudinal proteomic profiling of dialysis patients with COVID-19 reveals markers of severity and predictors of death.** *eLife* 2021. [10:e64827](https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.04.01.21254789)
- **Jack S. Gisby**, Marco Catoni. **The widespread nature of Pack-TYPE transposons reveals their importance for plant genome evolution.** *PLOS Genetics* 2022. [10.1371/journal.pgen.1010078](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgen.1010078)

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## OTHER RESEARCH WORKS

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- Lucija Klaric<sup>†</sup>, **Jack S. Gisby<sup>†</sup>**, Artemis Papadaki<sup>†</sup>, [...], James F Wilson<sup>†</sup>, James E Peters<sup>†</sup>. **Mendelian randomisation identifies alternative splicing of the FAS death receptor as a mediator of severe COVID-19.** *medRxiv* 2021. [2021.04.01.21254789](https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.04.01.21254789)

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## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- **Rising Scientist Day 2022 (Poster)** - Multi-omics identify LRRC15 as a COVID-19 severity predictor and persistent pro-thrombotic signals in convalescence
- **Biomarkers of the Future 2021 (Presentation)** - Longitudinal proteomic profiling of dialysis patients with COVID-19 reveals markers of severity and predictors of death
- **HUPO Reconnect 2021 (Poster)** - Longitudinal proteomic profiling of dialysis patients with COVID-19 reveals markers of severity and predictors of death

- **UK-CIC Immunology 2021 (Poster)** - Longitudinal proteomic profiling of dialysis patients with COVID-19 reveals markers of severity and predictors of death
- **Longitudinal Studies 2021, Wellcome Genome Campus (Presentation)** - Longitudinal proteomic profiling of dialysis patients with COVID-19 reveals markers of severity and predictors of death

## ADDITIONAL COURSES

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- "From large datasets to biological insight" by Wellcome Connecting Science & EMBL-EBI
- "FAIR in (Biological) Practice" by University of Edinburgh (Ed-DaSH)
- "Data Science workflows with Nextflow" by University of Edinburgh (Ed-DaSH)
- "Introduction to Assessment and Feedback" by Imperial College London Graduate School
- "Introduction to Teaching and Learning" by Imperial College London Graduate School
- "Profiling and optimisation in Python" by Imperial College London Research Computing
- "Deep Learning in the Life Sciences" by MITx
- "Software Development with C++" by University of Birmingham Research Computing

## REFERENCES

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