

# JACOB KELLY

jacobjinkelly.github.io · jacob.jin.kelly@gmail.com · github.com/jacobjinkelly

## EDUCATION

### University of Toronto

HBSc, Computer Science, Math · *cGPA: 3.94/4 Course Average: 90%*

Toronto, CA  
Sep 2017 – Jun 2022

Recipient of more than \$20,000 in scholarship and grant funds.

Graduate Courses: Machine Learning · Random Processes · Information Theory · Numerical Methods

Undergrad Courses: Randomized Algorithms · Optimization · Graphics · ODEs · Molecular Biology

Teaching Assistant: STA414/2104 (Grad. Machine Learning II) · Office hours and assignment grading

## EXPERIENCE

### Research Engineer · Python · JAX

DeepMind

London, UK  
Jul 2022 – Present

- Working on the Core Research Engineering team.

### Machine Learning Researcher · Python · JAX · PyTorch · Bash · Git · SLURM

Vector Institute for AI

Toronto, CA  
Sep 2019 – Apr 2022

Supervisors: David Duvenaud, Richard Zemel, Roger Grosse

- Worked on regularizing Neural Ordinary Differential Equations, generative modelling with Energy Based Models, and analysis of eigenspectra using Kronecker-Factored Approximate Curvature.

### Machine Learning Research Intern · Python · TensorFlow · pandas · Bash · Git

Deep Genomics

Toronto, CA  
Sep 2020 – Apr 2021

- Developed framework for compressing deep convolutional splicing models with neural distillation. Resulting models matched performance across tasks and metrics while 3.7x smaller and 3.3x faster.

### Computational Biology Researcher · R · MATLAB · Bash · Git

Princess Margaret Cancer Research · Supervisor: Benjamin Haibe-Kains

Toronto, CA  
Apr 2019 – Sep 2019

- Developed R package for benchmarking machine learning methods for inferring sample-specific gene regulatory networks from single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-Seq) data.

## PAPERS

1. **J. Kelly**, R. Zemel, W. Grathwohl  
“Directly Training Joint Energy-Based Models for Conditional Synthesis and Calibrated Prediction”.  
**ICML Workshop on Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning 2021**
2. W. Grathwohl\*, **J. Kelly\***, M. Hashemi, M. Norouzi, K. Swersky, D. Duvenaud  
“No MCMC for me: Amortized sampling for fast and stable training of energy-based models”.  
**International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2021**
3. **J. Kelly\***, J. Bettencourt\*, M. J. Johnson, D. Duvenaud  
“Learning Differential Equations that are Easy to Solve”.  
**Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2020**

## PROJECTS

### JAX (Open-source contributor) · Python · Git

github.com/google/jax

- Top 10% of contributors (25 commits, ~ 1000 lines of code). Derived and implemented numerically stable Taylor-mode automatic differentiation rules. Wrote numerical tests and fixes for ODE solvers.

## SERVICE

### Reviewer, NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML

2021, 2022

### IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, Reviewer

2021

### ICLR 2021 Energy-Based Models Workshop, Programme Committee (Reviewer)

2021

## AWARDS

Undergraduate Researcher Award (Finalist), Computing Research Association (CRA)

2022

Undergraduate Student Research Award, NSERC Canada

2020

Dorothy Helen McRobb Scholarship

2019, 2022

David L. Squires Foundation Scholarship

2019

Margaret Ronald & Thomas Paxton Taylor Scholarship in Mathematics

2019

Distinction (Top 15%), Euclid National Mathematics Contest, Univ. of Waterloo

2017

Top 10, ECOO Central Ontario Programming Contest

2017

## SKILLS

**Languages/Tools:** Python · Bash · Git · MATLAB ·  $\text{\LaTeX}$  · C/C++ · R · Java

**Frameworks:** PyTorch · JAX · TensorFlow · Keras · NumPy · pandas · scikit-learn