

James McAllister – CV

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EDUCATION

- **Ulster University, Intelligent Systems Research Centre** 2023 – present
PhD, Mathematical Neuroscience
- **Queen's University, Belfast** 2022–2023
MRes (Research Methods) – Distinction
- **Queen's University, Belfast** 2018–2019
PGCE (Mathematics) – GTCNI Star Award and E. Fulton Prize for Mathematics
- **Trinity College Dublin** 2014–2018
MA (Dubl) Mathematics – First class honours with Gold Medal

EXPERIENCE

- **Ulster University** September 2023 – present
Postgraduate Teaching Assistant
– Leading tutorials in Mathematics modules for computing, engineering, and artificial intelligence
Magee Campus
- **Wellington College** 2019–2022
Teacher of Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics
Belfast

RESEARCH PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Heterosynaptic plasticity rules induce small-world network topologies** 2024
Current part of PhD project, submitted to International Conference of Mathematical Neuroscience
- **The capacity and accuracy of a triple well Hopfield model** 2023
Intelligent Systems Research Centre Computational Neuroscience Autumn School Project
- **A discrete attractor model of decision making** 2023
Using dynamical systems to model decision-making processes – Neuromatch Academy Project
- **The topology of autistic heterogeneity** 2022/23
Research Project
- **The impact of formative assessment on student attitudes to mathematics** 2022/23
A synthesis of the literature
- **Insights from a multilevel analysis of high-stakes examination results in mathematics** 2021
Cantley, I., & McAllister, J. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-021-01234-5>
- **Georg Cantor: Trigonometric Series and the Emergence of Transfinite Set Theory** 2017/18
Final Year Research Dissertation. First class (distinction). Academic poster display
- **Complex Numbers in Mathematics Education** 2017/18
Mathematics Education Research Project. First class (distinction)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: English, German, French, British Sign Language

Programming Languages: Python, Julia, MATLAB, SPSS

Other Developer Tools: LaTeX, Microsoft, Google Suite

Areas of Interest: Mathematical modelling of synaptic plasticity, network theory, applications of topology and geometry, functional analysis, mathematical biology, assessment theory

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Gold Medal, Trinity College Dublin** *2018*
- **Naughton Foundation Scholarship** *2014–2018*
- **Exhibition Award, Trinity College Dublin** *2014*
- **Trinity College Dublin Sizarship** *2014–2018*
- **E. Fulton Prize for Mathematics (PGCE), QUB** *2019*
- **GTCNI Star Award** *2019*

COURSES, TRAINING, AND TALKS

Computational Neuroscience Autumn School (1 week): 10/23, Intelligent Systems Research Centre, Ulster University

Computational Neuroscience Neuromatch Academy Summer School (3 weeks): 07/2023

INCF (International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility): Computational Modelling of Neuronal Plasticity - Python-based modelling course

Faculty of Education, Cambridge University. Title: The gender similarities hypothesis: Insights from a multilevel analysis of high-stakes examination results in mathematics, 03/2020, research article and presentation.

REFEREES

References available on request.