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Education

University of California, Berkeley

Master of Science in Molecular Science and Software Engineering (Part-time online)

Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Biology

College of San Mateo

Post-baccalaureate education

Berkeley, CA

Aug 2024 – May 2027

Aug 2015 – May 2019

San Mateo, CA

June 2023 - Aug 2024

Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning Algorithms, Principles and Techniques of Data Science, From Data Warehousing to Big Data, Data Structures and Algorithms, Probability and Statistics in Biology using R, Programming languages for Molecular Sciences: Python and C++, Software Engineering Fundamentals for Molecular Sciences, Object-oriented programming, Linear Algebra, Calculus

Languages and Technologies

- **Languages:** Python, Bash, Groovy/Nextflow, C++, SQL, HTML/CSS, R
- **Machine Learning & Libraries:** scikit-learn, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, BioPython, pysam, NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Plotly, RDKit, SQLite, pytest, argparse, re, OpenBLAS, Eigen, Seurat, dplyr, ggplot2, tibble
- **Data Analysis & Bioinformatics Tools:** Nextflow, Samtools, wgsim, bedtools, seqtk, BWA, BAMSurgeon, picard, bcftools, IGV, FlowJo, PRISM, Excel
- **Development Tools:** MySQL, Git/GitHub/GitLab, VSCode, Jupyter Notebook, RStudio
- **DevOps & Cloud Computing:** HPC clusters, Amazon Web Services (CLI, EC2, and S3)

Work Experience

Machine Learning at Berkeley (ML@B)

Graduate student fellow

Barrow Ln, Berkeley, CA 94704

September 04, 2025 – Present

- Collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to translate AI research concepts into reliable implementations, communicating technical findings clearly in written and verbal formats.
- Mentoring junior contributors on AI/ML foundational topics, software engineering best practices, and case studies.

Exact Sciences

NGS Application Developer

200 Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ

June 7, 2025 – August 29, 2025

- Developed a suite of software tools in Python, Bash, and Nextflow for genomic data simulation and pipeline support.
- Leveraged cloud computing services (AWS CLI, EC2, S3), HPC clusters, and SLURM to enable scalable computation.
- Implemented CI/CD pipelines with GitLab and contributed to automated testing frameworks, improving software reliability and deployment speed.
- Facilitated the development of variant calling algorithms, validation studies, and diagnostic pipelines
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams using Jira and Confluence for project management.
- Presented project results to stakeholders of the BBDS (Bioinformatics and Biological Data Science) team highlighting technical contributions to precision oncology workflows.

Curia Global

Research Scientist III

201 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA

March 09, 2020 – May 28, 2025

- Served as technical lead for 27 R&D projects resulting in over 100+ uniquely discovered and characterized antibodies
- Built an interactive client-facing tool using Python to visualize and summarize 6 months of lab data
- Analyzed lab data, generated client-facing reports and presented results at weekly team meetings
- Selected by executive leadership committee to represent 3000+ employees at an international scale and assisted with global marketing content <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7139090251876077569/>
- Helped develop a new R&D service focused on anti-drug antibodies and pharmacokinetic (PK) studies.

- Trained and mentored 4 scientists and 1 college intern on workflows, wet and dry lab techniques, data collection, software for data analysis, report generation, and provided feedback for improvement
- Led a team of 8 scientists and 3 project managers to execute operational duties, projected expenses with data analytical tools to minimize costs, delegated tasks during company acquisition and transitional phases

University of California, Berkeley (Student Technology Services)

2610 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA

Student Information Technology (IT) Consultant

May 2018 – May 2019

- Served as part of campus technical support troubleshooting network connectivity issues, assisting campus associates with hardware and software problems, and providing documentation for training staff
- Resolved over 200+ tickets in the ServiceNow ticketing system
- Provided customer service over the phone, online, and in-person for a variety of devices and platforms

Projects

MACHINE LEARNING FOR PRECISION ONCOLOGY

Spring 2025

- Developed a machine learning pipeline to predict personalized anti-cancer therapeutics and treatment responses using a dataset of 204,026 patients with 86 clinical, experimental, and drug-related features.
- Performed extensive data cleaning, normalization, and integration from heterogeneous sources to produce a high-quality analytical dataset.
- Built and validated predictive models using PCA, UMAP, Gaussian Naive Bayes, Nearest Neighbors, feed-forward neural networks, binary classifiers, and k-fold cross-validation to improve precision oncology outcomes.

NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING FOR CHATBOT ANALYSIS

Spring 2025

- Applied NLP and ML techniques to evaluate 28 large language models across 12,000+ diverse prompts and responses.
- Conducted exploratory data analysis on embedded response vectors and enhanced features using one-hot encoding, K-means clustering, and ELO ratings.
- Utilized PCA and statistical feature extraction for dimensionality reduction and interpretability.
- Created predictive models with linear, logistic, lasso, and ridge regression, validated by k-fold cross-validation and confusion matrices.
- Produced visual insights through histograms, KDE plots, box plots, and waterfall diagrams.

MOLECULAR SUBSTRUCTURE SEARCH VIA GRAPH BASED MODELING AND ALGORITHMS

Fall 2024

- Developed a python library and molecular fingerprinting algorithm that enables users to perform substructure searches of molecules and functional groups, perform graph-based modeling and visualizations for user-chosen molecules, and can identify aromatic structures and different functional groups using graph traversal algorithms.

SYSTEMIC EVALUATION AND RUN TIME ANALYSIS OF MOLECULAR SIMULATIONS

Fall 2024

- Refactored on-going python scripts into C++ to improve the space and run time complexity of different methods used to compute the energy of particles in motion and make accurate predictions of larger systems through molecular dynamic simulations

INTERACTIVE VISUAL TOOL FOR ANTIBODY WORKFLOWS AND DATA SUMMARIES

Fall 2023

- Built an interactive client facing visualization tool used to summarize 6 months' worth of lab data and product workflow.
- Ensured compliancy of client proprietary information in collaboration with IT and cybersecurity personnel.
- Taught BASH and Python basics to colleagues to help advance technical skills of others.

Publications, Patents, and Awards

MSSE Excellence Scholarship

Recognized by faculty and admissions committee of UC Berkeley's Master of Molecular Science and Software Engineering program for academic and professional accomplishments. Awarded March 13, 2024.

Wnt7a deficit is associated with dysfunctional angiogenesis in pulmonary arterial hypertension

European Respiratory Journal | June 08, 2023 | <https://doi.org/10.1183/13993003.01625-2022>

Field of invention: Antibodies for treating, preventing, and/or detecting SARS-COV-2 infection

Patent Publication #20230115257 | May 17, 2022 | <https://patents.justia.com/patent/20230115257>

Mural cell SDF1 signaling is associated with the pathogenesis of pulmonary arterial hypertension

AJRCMB | Feb 20, 2020 | <https://doi.org/10.1165/rcmb.2019-0401OC>

Received 3 awards by team and company vote at Curia for Employee's Choice (2022), Spot Award (2021), and Employee Appreciation (2020)