

# Krystal Maughan

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Research Interests: Supersingular Isogeny Cryptography, Mathematical Cryptography

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**University of Vermont, PhD candidate**

**2019-present**

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

**Research Assistant (Vermont)**

**2021-2024**

Supervisors: Joe Near, Christelle Vincent: Research on Isogeny Graph Cryptography, Mathematical Cryptography

**Research Assistant (Vermont)**

**2019-2021**

Supervisor: Joe Near: Research on Provable Fairness and Privacy

Using Machine Learning. Funded via Amazon Research Award (2020-2022 PI: J. Near, D. Darais)

**Graduate Teacher's Assistant, Fall/Spring 2019-2020 (Vermont)**

**2019-2020**

Compiler Construction with Haskell (taught by Joe Near)

2020

Advanced Web Design (taught by Bob Erickson)

Programming with Matlab (taught by Radhakrishna Dasari)

2019

Data Privacy with Jupyter, Python (taught by Joe Near)

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## GRANT WRITING / PROPOSALS

- ❖ Microsoft Research, Reinforcement Learning Open Source Festival Proposal 2021  
(Awarded \$10,000)
- ❖ CDS&E Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering 2020  
Database Grant Proposal for SageMaths (as Key Personnel) (PI Ben Hutz, PhD) (not awarded)
- ❖ Google Summer of Code, Proposal to Haskell.org 2018  
(Awarded \$6,000)
- ❖ Helium Grant, (for exploring questions on the edge of mainstream thinking) 2018  
(Awarded \$1000)

## MERIT-BASED MENTORSHIPS / RESEARCH MENTORSHIPS

Mentee, Google's CS Research Mentorship Program (CSRMP) with A. Lees, PhD 2021

Mentee, AiC Connectors Program with Facebook with O. Dalleleau, PhD 2021

Mentee, She256 Blockchain Group with P. Mishra, PhD 2021

Mentee, Women in Privacy and Security (WISP), D. Sharma, PhD 2021

Mentee, Global Outreach Mentorship with S. Gupta, PhD (EC 2020) 2020

Mentee, LatinX in AI Research Workshop Mentorship with J. Barajas, PhD (ICML 2020) 2020

Mentee, Mentored by Amal Ahmed, PhD (ICFP 2020) 2020

Mentee, Lighthouse3 AI Ethics Mentoring Externship with F. McEvoy (1 of 20 chosen) 2020

Mentee, Code2040 Fellowship with Ben Waber, PhD 2020

## ACADEMIC REVIEWER

Reviewer, Springer AI and Ethics Journal	2020 - present
Reviewer, BlackAIR Summer Research Grant Program	2021
Reviewer, ICLR Distributed and Private Machine Learning workshop	2021
Committee Reviewer, HCI Track, GHC (Grace Hopper Conference)	2021
Reviewer, PML4DC (Practical ML for Developing Countries) workshop, ICLR	2021
Reviewer, Tapia Conference (Panels and Workshops)	2021
Reviewer for AFCI workshop at NeurIPS (Fairness and Accountability)	2020, 2021
Reviewer for Black in AI at NeurIPS workshop	2020-2021
Reviewer and Programme Committee Member, LXAI@ICML Workshop	2020
Committee Reviewer, HCI Track, GHC (Grace Hopper Conference)	2020
Chair Reviewer, PML4DC (Practical ML for Developing Countries) workshop, ICLR	2020
Reviewer, Tapia Conference (Panels and Workshops)	2020
Reviewer, Travel Grant Applications, Black in AI for AAAI	2020

## ACADEMIC JOURNALS (AI/Machine Learning)

Board Member, AI and Ethics, Springer	2020
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## RESEARCH PhD INVITATIONS

Participant, <a href="#">GREPSEC V</a> :	2021
- (Graduate Students in Privacy and Security Early Career Workshop)	
Participant, Isogeny-Based Cryptography Winter School	2021
Participant, Post-Quantum Networks Workshop	2021
Participant, <a href="#">PRIMA</a> Summer School	2021
- Rational curves and moduli spaces in arithmetic geometry	
Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) Blockchain Bootcamp	2021
- Worked on group project : Fairness consensus for Miner Extractable Value ( <a href="#">MEVs</a> )	
- Implemented Aequitas protocol from <a href="#">paper</a> with authors for fairness simulation	
- One of top four winning teams chosen	
Participant, Scottish Programming Languages and Verification School	2021
Invited Participant, "Key themes for informing a Research Roadmap", The Alan Turing Institute:	2021
- Invited Participant, "Threats and Opportunities for AI in Cybersecurity"	2021
- Invited Participant, "Society-centric approaches to AI challenges in	2021
- Invited Participant, "Environmental Enables for AI challenges in	2021
Participant, Self Organizing Conference on Machine Learning ( <a href="#">SOCML</a> )	2021
- Machine Learning, and Privacy session, Moderated by U. Erlingsson	2021
- organized by I. Goodfellow (1 of 9 chosen)	
Simons Institute, Average-Case Complexity: From Cryptography to Statistical Learning	2021
Simons Institute, Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science ( <a href="#">ITCS</a> )	2021
Simons Institute, Geometric Methods in Optimization and Sampling Bootcamp	2021
Participant, Community-Driven Cryptography Seminar	2021

## MERIT-BASED GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS

Google Grace Hopper Conference (GHC) Scholarship	2021
WISP & Black Hat USA Briefings Scholarship (1 of 25)	2021

## **MERIT-BASED GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS**

Kernel Fellowship Block III via Gitcoin (Security: Zero Knowledge Proofs project)	2021
Gitcoin Scholarship for Women (for Kernel Fellowship Block III)	2021
She256 Mentorship focused on ZK Snarks (6 months)	2021
USENIX Security Conference 2021 (via USENIX Diversity Grant via GREPSEC V)	2021
TechX Social Impact / Harvard Franklin Fellowship (1 of 12)	2020
USENIX Enigma Grant	2021
NCAS Workshop participant (NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars)	2016
Who's Who/ Peggy Williams Memorial Scholarship/ Best BFA Award (Best of Major)	2008

## **OTHER GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

Upstate Number Theory Conference 2021 (lodging provided)	2021
IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (student travel grant, complimentary ticket)	2021
4th Annual ZK-Proof Workshop (complimentary ticket)	2021
WISP Privacy+Security Conference	2021
- EU Data Law / De-Identification Workshop (Scholarship via WISP)	
ICERM (Brown University) Variable Precision in Mathematical & Scientific Thinking	2020
RWC2020 (Real World Crypto: registration, flight, lodging) Grant via IACR	2020
Sage-Days-104 : To work on SageMath Software: Arithmetic Dynamics	2019
Simons Institute (Berkeley) Error-Correcting Codes and High-Dimensional Expansion Boot Camp (attendee)	2019
ICERM (Brown University) Encrypted Search Workshop Grant (Lodging provided)	2019
Cornell Number Theory Conference Grant (Lodging provided)	2019
MSRI (Mathematical Sciences Research Institute) Grants to attend:	
Optimal Transport and applications to machine learning and statistics	2020
Connections for Women:	2019
- Derived Algebraic Geometry, Birational Geometry and Moduli Spaces workshop	
- Introductory Workshop: Derived Algebraic Geometry and Birational Geometry And Moduli Spaces	
Racket Summer School (National Science Foundation Grant)	2018-2019
PLMW (Programming Languages Mentorship Workshop)	2018
ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)	
PLMW(Programming Languages Mentorship Workshop)	2018
PLDI (Programming Languages Design and Implementation)	
OPLSS (Oregon Programming Languages Summer School Grant) - declined offer	2018

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## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Panelist, PhD recruiting event (included multiple schools, sponsored by CodePath)	2020
Student Volunteer, ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)	2020
Student volunteer, ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)	2018
Student volunteer, PLDI (Programming Languages Design and Implementation)	2018
Student volunteer, POPL (Principles of Programming Languages)	2018
Student volunteer, SPLASH	2018
(Systems, Programming, Languages, and Applications) (declined offer)	

## **INDUSTRY PhD INVITATIONS**

Participant, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in AI & Quantitative Modeling Summit	2021
Participant, Facebook, Amplified: Above & Beyond Computer Science Program (PhDs)	2021
Participant, Facebook's Amplified: Virtual Vivid in Research	2021
Participant, Galois 1st Summer School on Trustworthy Machine Learning (1 of 35)	2021
Participant (via CSRMP), Google PhD Fellowship Summit	2021
Participant, Jane Street PhD Symposium (New York, remote)	2021
Participant, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in Data Science	2021
Participant, TwoSigma Mock Interview Day for Early Career Women in STEM	2021
Participant, Adobe, "The Future of Creativity" (Virtual)	2020
Participant, Microsoft Research, Frontiers in Machine Learning (Redmond, remote)	2020
Participant, Discover Bloomberg: Women in Engineering event (New York, remote)	2020
Participant, Twitter PhD ML Flock Event (New York, Boston office)	2019

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS**

Microsoft, PhD Intern, Summer 2021 (Redmond: remote)	2021
Microsoft Research, Independent Contractor, Summer 2021 (New York: remote)	
Autodesk, PhD Intern, Summer 2020 (Pier 9, San Francisco: remote)	2020

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

Mercury Banking (Haskell fintech) : Software Engineering Intern (San Francisco)	2019
Apple, Inc.: Software Engineering Intern (Sunnyvale)	2019
Google Summer of Code: Developer for Haskell.org (remote)	2018
Mozilla: Increasing Rust's Reach Developer (remote)	2018

## **NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Invited Finalist Judge, Technovation, AI for Good	2021
Participant, Git Contributors Inclusion Summit	2020
Reviewer, Code2040 Application Essays	2020
Reviewer, OpenMined Differential Privacy articles	2020
Judge, DataKind, Data.org, Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge	2020
Google Developer Student Club Lead (for University of Vermont)	2019
Reviewer, Travel Grant Applications, Clojure Conj (2 rounds)	2017

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## **OTHER (NON-INDUSTRY) TALKS**

"Isogeny Graph Cryptography", School for Poetic Computation, Re-learning to love Maths	2021
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Invited Panelist, Peer-connected Undergraduate Research Exploration in Computer and Information Science and Engineering ( <a href="#">PRE.CISE</a> )	2021
University of Vermont, CIS196, Privacy Law Research Talk	2021
PLAID Lab speaker, "What Scientists can learn from Artists"	2020
PLAID Lab Speaker, "Information Theory: from Spacecraft to Blockchain"	2021
CS Crew Project talk : contributing to Maths software (CodeWorld, SageMaths)	2019

## **CLASSES (PhD)**

Doctoral Research with advisors Joe Near and Christelle Vincent	2021-present
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## **CLASSES (PhD)**

<i>Special Topics: Focused on Elliptic Curves, taught by Christelle Vincent</i>	2022
<i>Abstract Algebra II, taught by Christelle Vincent (Fields, Rings) (Spring)</i>	2022
<i>Elementary Number Theory, taught by Christelle Vincent (Spring)</i>	2022
<i>Abstract Algebra I taught by Puck Rombach (Commutative Group theory) (Fall)</i>	2021
<i>Abstract Algebra III taught by Christelle Vincent : Prep for Maths Quals (Fall)</i>	2021
<i>(Post-quantum) Mathematical Cryptography, taught by Christelle Vincent (Spring)</i>	2021
<i>Privacy, Law and Policy, taught by Ryan Kriger (Spring)</i>	2021
<i>Secure Distributed Computation; taught by Joe Near using Python (Fall)</i>	2020
<i>Machine Learning; taught by Safwan Wshah using Python (Spring)</i>	2020
<i>Doctoral Research with advisors Joe Near and David Darais (Spring, Fall)</i>	2019-2020
<i>Data Privacy; taught by Joe Near using Python (Fall)</i>	2019
<i>Software Verification; taught by David Darais using Agda (Fall)</i>	2019
<i>Computer Human Interaction; taught by Josh Bongard (Fall)</i>	2019

## **CLASSES (AUDIT)**

<i>Stanford EE 374 : Internet-Scale Consensus in the Blockchain Era</i>	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Taught by Dr. David Tse through Stanford University</li><li>- Audited class, scribed for Lecture 11, Spring 2021</li></ul>	

## **CLASSES (RELATED)**

<i>Rewriting the Code (RTC) Blockchain Basics + Developer Workshop</i>	2021
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## **HACKATHONS**

<i>R Data Hackathon 2021, <u>First Place</u>, “Cast and Gender Roles in Movie Data”</i>	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Our group won First place at the R Data Hackathon 2021 for Best Visualization</li></ul>	

<i>Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) Blockchain Bootcamp</i>	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Worked on group project : Fairness consensus for Miner Extractable Value (<a href="#">MEVs</a>)</li><li>- Implemented Aequitas protocol from <a href="#">paper</a> with authors for fairness simulation</li><li>- One of <a href="#">top four winning teams</a> chosen</li></ul>	

**Skills:** Python, Haskell, Matlab, Sage, (learning Rust and R), LaTeX, Jupyter, SQL, AWS, PySpark, Sparklyr, Tensorflow, Git

## **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY (ACM) MEMBERSHIPS**

<i>Student Member, International Association of Cryptologic Research (IACR)</i>	2020-present
<i>SIGecom Special Interest Group on Economics and Computation</i>	2020-2021

## **NON-ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP**

<i>Member, Women in Number Theory</i>	2018-present
<i>Member, QVNTS (Quebec-Vermont Number Theory Seminar)</i>	2021-present
<i>Member, Women in Combinatorics</i>	2021-present
<i>Member, Association for Women in Mathematics</i>	2021-present
<i>Member, She256</i>	2021-present
<i>Member, Women in Security and Privacy (WISP)</i>	2020-present