

# KASIA KEDZIERSKA

For my PhD @ **University of Oxford**, I studied cancer of the uterus and chromatin organisation in disease progression. Over the summer, I joined the **bioML team** at the **Microsoft Research New England** as an intern where I worked on **Foundation Models** in single-cell biology. Previously, I worked with **NLP methods** and knowledge graphs during my internship @ **Novo Nordisk Research Centre in Oxford**. Using **Transfer Learning** and **YOLO model** I built a framework to identify sea pens from a video footage of an ocean floor @ **Turing Data Study Group**.

With extensive domain knowledge in **Computational Biology** complemented by my experience in **Data Science & Machine Learning** I am eager to drive advancements at the crossroads of these disciplines.



## SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023
- Intern @ Microsoft Research New England, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA**  
During the summer I investigated the potential of the **Foundation Models** in the space of single cell biology. I was mentored by **Alex Lu**, **Ava Amini**, and **Lorin Crawford**.
- 2021
- Intern @ Novo Nordisk Research Centre Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom**  
I worked with **NLP and knowledge graphs** to screen **biomedical articles** to identify and prioritise therapeutic targets. To increase the impact of the analysis and increase reach I built and deployed an **interactive dashboard** (using **R Shiny**) to allow colleagues within the company to investigate and visualise the results directly in real-time.
- present | 2018
- DPhil Researcher @ Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics, Big Data Institute, University of Oxford, UK**  
In my PhD project I'm looking at how **chromatin organisation** influences **disease initiation and progression** in uterine cancer using multimodal data. Currently, I'm working on building and refining ML models of **cancer evolution**, specifically identifying evolutionary trajectories in the cancer of the uterus.
- 2018 | 2017
- Visiting Graduate Student @ Ratan group, University of Virginia, USA**  
I carried out the research for my Master thesis *Analysis of the mutational burden across gene sets in cancer* in which I modeled **somatic mutations** background distribution using **germline variation**. I also developed **SONICS** - algorithm to genotype Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) using dense forward simulations of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR).



## EDUCATION

- present | 2018
- DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics @ Nuffield Department of Medicine, Brasenose College**  
PhD fully funded by the **Wellcome Trust Four-year PhD Studentships in Science**
- 2018 | 2015
- M. Sc. Eng., Biotechnology @ Warsaw University of Technology**  
Master thesis *Analysis of the mutational burden across gene sets in cancer* awarded the title of **The Best Master Thesis in Bioinformatics** defended in 2018.



## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023
- JXTX + CSHL 2023 Biology of Genomes Scholarship @ JXTX Foundation, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory**  
Awarded to outstanding graduate students in genomics and data sciences.
- 2022
- Graduate Prize in the 'Outstanding work outside degree' category @ Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford**  
Each year Nuffield Department of Medicine, based on nominations, awards selected PhD students based on their performance within and outside of their degree.
- 2023 | 2021
- Senior Hulme Scholarship @ Brasenose College, University of Oxford**  
Senior Hulme Scholarship is awarded by Brasenose College, University of Oxford to DPhil students whose academic performance is deemed to be exceptional.



## SUMMER SCHOOLS & HACKATHONS

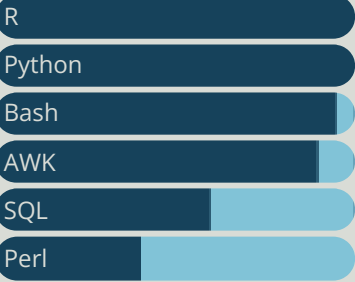
- 2022
- Sea pen identification from video footage challenge @ Turing Data Study Group @ The Alan Turing Institute, London, UK**
- 2019
- Machine Learning Summer School @ Imperial College London, University College London, London, UK**

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## CODING SKILLS



R: tidyverse, data.table, Shiny, plotly, tidymodels, caret and others  
Python: NumPy, Pandas, SciPy, scikit-learn, keras\Tensorflow, PyTorch, Seaborn, matplotlib and more

## LANGUAGES





## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Full list of publication is available through my Google Scholar profile [scholar.google.com/citations?user=Yv6poTwAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Yv6poTwAAAAJ).

- 2023 • **Functional analysis reveals driver cooperativity and novel mechanisms in endometrial carcinogenesis @ EMBO Molecular Medicine**  
M. Brown, A. Leon, K. Kedzierska, C. Moore, H. L. Belnoue-Davis, S. Flach, J. P. Lydon, F. J. DeMayo, A. Lewis, T. Bosse, I. Tomlinson, D. N. Church
- 2021 • **Multi-omics analyses of early liver injury reveals cell-type-specific transcriptional and epigenomic shift @ BMC Genomics**  
M. Migdal, E. Tralle, K. A. Nahia, L. Bugajski, K. Z. Kedzierska, F. Garbicz, K. Piwocka, C. L. Winata, M. Pawlak
- 2020 • **The *MLH1* polymorphism rs1800734 and risk of endometrial cancer with microsatellite instability @ Clinical Epigenetics**  
H. Russell, K. Kedzierska, D. D. Buchanan, R. Thomas, E. Tham, M. Mints, A. Keränen, G. G. Giles, M. C. Southey, R. L. Milne, I. Tomlinson, D. Church, A. B. Spurdle, T. A. O'Mara and A. Lewis
- 2019 • **Dynamics of cardiomyocyte transcriptome and chromatin landscape demarcates key events of heart development @ Genome Research**  
M. Pawlak, K. Z. Kedzierska, M. Migdal, K. A. Nahia, J. A. Ramilowski, L. Bugajski, K. Hashimoto, A. Marconi, K. Piwocka, P. Carninci and C. L. Winata
- 2018 • **SONiCS: PCR stutter noise correction in genome-scale microsatellites @ Bioinformatics**  
K. Z. Kedzierska, L. Gerber, D. Cagnazzi, M. Krützen, A. Ratan, L. Kistler



## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 • Chromatin modifiers in endometrial cancer, **Poster @ Biology of Genomes 2023**, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, USA
- 2022 • Systematic characterisation of chromatin modifiers in endometrial cancer, **Poster @ European Association for Cancer Research 2022 Congress**, Seville, Spain
- 2019 • Analysis of the mutational burden across gene sets in cancer, **Invited talk @ Polish Bioinformatics Society Symposium**, Cracow, Poland



## SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 • **Unsupervised learning @ NGSchool2022: Machine Learning in Computational Biology**, Jablonna, Poland  
I co-led, with [Kaspar Märtens](#), lecture and tutorial sessions on unsupervised learning and its use cases in computational biology. All materials are available at [github.com/kzkedzierska/ngs22\\_unsupervised](https://github.com/kzkedzierska/ngs22_unsupervised).
- 2021 • **Data visualization in bioinformatics - hackathon mentor @ Online hackathon NGSprint**, Discord  
I led the hackathon in data visualisation with emphasis on computational biology. Teaching materials are available at [github.com/kzkedzierska/NGSprint\\_data\\_viz](https://github.com/kzkedzierska/NGSprint_data_viz).
- 2020 • **Online tutorials: Python for Data Science and Introduction to Python @ NGSeminars**, YouTube  
I led two Python tutorials: **Introduction to Python** [kasia.codes/talk/intro\\_to\\_python/](https://kasia.codes/talk/intro_to_python/) and **Python for Data Science** [kasia.codes/talk/py4ds/](https://kasia.codes/talk/py4ds/).
- 2019 • **Introduction to R @ Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics**, Oxford, UK  
8 week course in Introduction to R, Data Manipulation, Data Visualisation and RNA-seq data analysis.
- 2019 • **Introduction to Managing Code with Git @ Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics**, Oxford, UK  
I led a 2-hour introduction to working with Git. Materials, including slides and exercises are available at [kasia.codes/talk/into\\_to\\_git/](https://kasia.codes/talk/into_to_git/).



## SELECTED GRANTS

- 2022  
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2020 • **Visegrad Grant to organise NGSchool2022 @ Visegrad Fund**  
32,190 EUR awarded towards organising affordable training and conference focusing on ML application in Computational Biology. During this project I managed an international team of volunteers and led the organisation of [summer school](#), [conference](#), online [seminars](#) and [hackathon](#).



## NON-PROFIT WORK

- 2022  
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2018 • **President @ NGSchool Society**  
The goal of the Society is to promote and support science, with emphasis on computational biology.