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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dual master's graduate with hands-on experience in bacteriology, mycology and phage biology. Keenly looking for opportunities in industries.

EDUCATION

Amrita School of Biotechnology	M.Sc Microbiology GPA : 8.73/10.00	September 2021 – June 2023
University of Arizona	MS Cellular and Molecular Medicine GPA : 3.83/4.00	September 2021 – June 2023
Amrita School of Biotechnology	B.Sc Biotechnology GPA : 8.25/10.00	July 2018 – June 2021

EXPERIENCE

- Project Fellow** | *Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham/Hindustan Unilever Limited* | September 2023 – Present
- Currently working on a project titled "Targeting textile malodor through bacteriophages" in collaboration with Hindustan Unilever Limited.
 - A key aspect of the work involves a comprehensive process of isolating, purifying and characterising specific bacteriophages, conducting stability studies to assess their viability, and determining their host specificity.

LAB SKILLS

Molecular Techniques : qPCR, Plasmid isolation, competent cell preparation, Gel electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, Sanger Sequencing, ELISA, Western Blotting, RFLP

Microbiological Techniques : Microscopy, Pure Culture techniques, Staining(Simple, Endospore, Gram), Biochemical Testing, Antibacterial Sensitivity Testing(Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method), Antifungal susceptibility testing (Broth microdilution method, Gradient diffusion method), Bacteriophage detection, isolation, enumeration, purification, characterisation

INTERNSHIPS AND PROJECTS

- Masters Dissertation** | June 2023
- Worked at Vision Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya on a project titled "Antifungal resistance of ocular isolated of *Fusarium* species".
 - Carried out antifungal susceptibility testing of *Fusarium* species obtained from corneal scrapings of infected patients.
 - Work involved Fungal culturing, Microscopy, Broth microdilution(CLSI-M38A), Epsilometer test, Sanger sequencing, Fungal DNA extraction, qPCR, Combinatorial drug studies.
- Student Intern** | June 2022
- Interned at Agilus Diagnostics (previously known as SRL Diagnostics), India's Largest pathology lab chain.
 - Worked with the Microbiology/Serology division.
 - Gained comprehensive, practical experience in the techniques and methodologies employed for processing and analyzing samples derived from patient specimens.
- Bio Science Intern** | June 2021 - October 2021
- Did an online internship with the Proteomics division in Nference, a Science Software Company
 - Contributed to an app development project by processing and organizing raw data files associated with research publications. This involved meticulously reviewing unstructured data sources and transforming them into structured, usable formats to facilitate efficient data utilization within the app.
- Bachelor's dissertation** | June 2021
- Prepared and presented an exhaustive report elucidating COVID-19's virulence strategies, evaluating the array of diagnostic tests employed, examining the therapeutic drugs under investigation, and providing into the progress and challenges of vaccine candidates.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Proteomics Advanced Winter School IIT Bombay	November 2021
Machine Learning Workshop Lema Labs-IITM Research Park	June 2019
The Science of Stem Cells American Museum of Natural History - Coursera	May 2020
Understanding Cancer Metastasis Johns Hopkins University - Coursera	April 2020
Introduction to the Biology of Cancer Johns Hopkins University - Coursera	March 2020

REFERENCES

- Dr. Sanjay Pal** | Associate Professor, Amrita School of Biotechnology
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- Dr. AR Anand** | Senior Associate Professor and In-charge microbiology, Medical Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya
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- Dr. Vidhya Prakash** | Assistant Professor, Amrita School of Biotechnology
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