Education University of Pittsburgh Honors College Pittsburgh, PA

Major: Bioinformatics | Minor: Chemistry | GPA: 3.93

Relevant Coursework Molecular Biology | Metabolic Pathways & Regulation | Macromolecular Structure & Function Computational Biology | Genetics (Honors) | Virology | Microbiology

Algorithm Implementation (Java) | Data Structures (Java) | Discrete Structures for Computer Science

Applied Regression | Applied Statistical Methods

Research Experience Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Program

Summer 2016

- Department of Pharmacological Sciences | Principal Investigator: Dr. Avner Schlessinger

 Parsed and validated tumor entries from the Catalogue of Somatic Mutations in Cancer (COSMIC),
 - constructed mutational database, and analyzed protein structural features of ~500,000 mutations
 - Presented research to faculty and at Mount Sinai research symposium

University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Research

Spring 2015 – Current

101 N Dithridge Street, Apartment 722

Expected Graduation: 04/2017

Department of Biological Sciences | Principal Investigator: Dr. James Pipas

- Identified novel subtypes of head & neck cancer based on genetic expression patterns and the presence of human papillomavirus (genomic/transcriptomic/proteomic data from The Cancer Genome Atlas)
- Presented research in interdisciplinary setting and at University of Pittsburgh research symposium

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Program Department of Pathology | Principal Investigator: Dr. Nahed Ismail

Summer 2014

- Analyzed Type 1 IFN and its role in detrimental inflammasome activation during fatal infection of Ehrlichia, an LPS-negative Gram-negative bacterium
- Presented research to peers and faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

University of Pittsburgh First Experiences in Research

Spring 2014

Department of Biomedical Informatics | Principal Investigator: Dr. Madhavi Ganapathiraju

- Created a treemap visualization involving gene ontology to carry out interactome analysis of human genes
- Presented research to the Department of Biomedical Informatics and at a university poster symposium

Skills

Computational

Proficient in Java and R; familiar with PostgreSQL, bash, perl, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, JSON, PHP

Laboratory

Proficient in techniques of ELISA, PCR, culturing cells, stimulating cells; familiar with protocols of Next-Generation Sequencing, Southern/Northern/Western blot, co-immunoprecipitation

Leadership Experience

University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2015 & Spring 2016

BIOSC 0350 Genetics | Dr. Lewis Jacobson

• Held weekly office hours and exam review sessions for a class of 100+ students. Led recitations, presented problems and fostered discussion on concepts. Created and managed a Facebook page for the class to encourage discussion among the students outside the classroom.

Math Tutor

• Taught full-length geometry course to 8th grade student over the course of 2 months

Summer 2014

• Tutored high school student in algebra and pre-calculus

2015-2016

Awards

University of Pittsburgh Honors College Brackenridge Summer Research Fellowship

Summer 2015

 Awarded financial aid to carry out independent research project under the guidance of a University of Pittsburgh faculty mentor and present research to students and faculty in an interdisciplinary setting

National AP Scholar 2013

Bryn Mawr College President's Book Award

May 2012

 Presented in recognition of an intense intellectual commitment, a purposeful vision of life, and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world

References

James Pipas, PhD | University of Pittsburgh | pipas@pitt.edu
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Lewis Jacobson, PhD | University of Pittsburgh | lipac@pitt.edu