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Retrotransposon activity in the developing, aging, and diseased human brain.

Education

**University of California, San Diego** La Jolla, California

PhD in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology In Progress

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- Fred H. Gage, PhD (Chair)
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**Trinity College** Hartford, Connecticut

BS in Molecular and Cellular Biology May 2016

Minor in Models and Data

Honors and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 2022

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

Spot Award 2017

*Broad Institute*

Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honors Society 2014

*Trinity College*

NESCAC Winter All-Academic Team 2014

*Trinity College*

Research experience

**PhD Student** 2020 – Present

*Gage Lab, Salk Institute for Biological Studies* La Jolla, California

*Mukamel Lab, UC San Diego* La Jolla, California

Mentors: Fred H. Gage and Eran A. Mukamel

**Research Associate** 2016 – 2020

*Regev Lab, Broad Institute* Cambridge, Massachusetts

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## Undergraduate Researcher

2014 – 2016

*Meyerson Lab, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*

Boston, Massachusetts

Mentors: Matthew Meyerson and Alison Taylor

## Undergraduate Researcher

2013

*Trinity College*

Hartford, Connecticut

HHMI Science Education Alliance-Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science program. (SEA-PHAGES: seaphages.org)

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