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PhD in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology — In Progress
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Trinity College — Hartford, Connecticut
BS in Molecular and Cellular Biology — May 2016
Minor in Models and Data

Honors and Awards

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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
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Research experience

PhD Student — 2020 – Present
UC San Diego, Salk Institute — La Jolla, California
Mentors: Rusty Gage and Eran Mukamel

Research Associate — 2016 – 2020
Broad Institute — Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mentors: Aviv Regev, Benjamin Izar, Pratiksha Thakore, Yaara Oren

Undergraduate Researcher — 2014 – 2016
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute — Boston, Massachusetts
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Undergraduate Researcher — 2013
Trinity College — Hartford, Connecticut
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