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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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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

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Trinity College

Hartford, Connecticut

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