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

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**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

Mentors: Aviv Regev, Benjamin Izar, Pratiksha Thakore, Yaara Oren

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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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