

About Me

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EDUCATION

UMBC at the Universities at Shady Grove

B.S., Applied Biotech (TLST) - Bioinformatics; GPA: 4.0

B.S./M.P.S. in Data Science: Introduction to Data Science

University at Maryland - College Park

Microbiology - Credits: 32

Montgomery College

A.S., Life Sciences; GPA: 3.83

College Park, MD

Rockville, MD

Expected: Fall 2023

Jan 2018 - May 2019

Rockville, MD

Dec 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE AREAS

- Programming Language: Python, R, Bash/Shell, HTML/CSS, Latex
- Bioinformatics Softwares/Tools: Edirect API/SRA-toolkit, BLAST/NCBI, fastqc/trimmomatic, BWA, Samtools/BCFtools, Mummer4, SnpEff, GATK, BV-BRC CLI, ClustalX2, Jalview, ImageJ
- Related softwares: R-Shiny, AWS Services (EC2, S3, RDS, Nextflow, Appflow), Docker, Scikit-Learn, Cloud Computing/HPC in Ubuntu/Redhat, Databases (MongoDB, SQL), REST APIs, GitHub
- **Laboratory/Instrumentation**: NGS/WGS Sequencing (DNA extraction, PCR, Gel electrophoresis), Cell culture, Immunostaining, Spectrophotometry (Nanodrop), HPLC

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Universities at Shady Grove

ExtremeBiome Research - Bioinformatics Pipeline

Rockville, MD

08/2022- Present

- Merck Fellowship: Designed and developed a user-friendly Genome browser using R/R-Shiny, incorporating an automated back-end annotation workflow to analyze NCBI genomes and generate comparative genome visualizations (Circos)
- Pending research publication: Experimental Neutral Theory of Evolution on Genetics Adaptations and Mutation Rates of Ionizing Radiation Resistance in Halobacterium salinarum
- Led the processing of annotated VCF files, generating statistical charts, facilitating insightful data visualization and analysis in support of the research manuscript
- Develop genomics tools and automate variant calling workflow on Illumina/PacBio NGS data (*OmicsVM-configure: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7641805*)

Student Projects - Data Analysis

04/2022- Present

- Develop small projects and final project workshop for the TLST Bioinformatics course, with an emphasis on NGS annotation pipeline to analyze and interpret genomic data with cutting-edge bioinformatics tools and methodologies
- Construct phylogenetic trees and analyze bacterial taxonomy based on different molecular markers using NCBI/BLAST and alignment tools (ClustalX2, Jalview, iTOL)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Adaptive Phage Therapeutics, Inc. Genomic Products Development Intern

Gaithersburg, MD

04/2023-08/2023

- Created a user-friendly R-Shiny dashboard for seamless communication and task tracking of bioinformatics pipelines across five departments by integrating SharePoint files with AWS services
- Enhanced phage genome accuracy and quality for FDA-regulated analysis by integrating BV-BRC databases and Mummer4 annotation into existing Docker and Nextflow scripts on AWS
- Acquired 20-hour training on phage and bacterial genome sequencing monitored by the APT Genomics Team, utilizing industry-standard DNA sequencing technologies (Qbit, Illumina RNA-Seq)

Phage Hunting Intern

08/2022-04/2023

- Utilized aseptic microbiology techniques to enrich, isolate, and purify targeted phages against multi-drug resistant bacterial strains, providing critical support for on-demand clinical trial patients
- Demonstrated meticulous adherence to cGMP and GDP standards in a BSL-2 laboratory, ensuring safe and efficient utilization of lab procedures, instruments, and tools