

# Phu T. Van, PhD

*Machine Learning Specialist*

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## SUMMARY

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I'm seeking a scientific or technical position on collaborative teams working to solve data-intensive problems. I'm particularly interested in projects that utilize statistical modeling or machine learning.

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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<b>Programming</b>	R, Python, Matlab, C/C++, bash, JavaScript, Perl
<b>Data Analysis</b>	dimension reduction, clustering, regression/classification
<b>Statistics</b>	linear models, variable selection, hypothesis testing
<b>Databases</b>	MySQL/MariaDB, PostgreSQL, SQLServer
<b>Workflows</b>	Nextflow, WDL, Slurm, Docker, GitHub
<b>Markup/Interfaces</b>	LaTeX, Markdown, Shiny, HTML
<b>Bioinformatics</b>	STAR, RSEM, BLAST, SAMtools/BCFtools, DEG, GSEA, KEGG, STRING

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center</b> <i>Systems Analyst, Bioinformatics Analyst Group Leader</i>	October 2015 - Present <i>Seattle, WA</i>
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- Performed differential gene expression and geneset enrichment analysis on transcriptomic datasets.
- Performed variable selection and sensitivity analyses on flow cytometry datasets.
- Led the lab's PhD-level analysts in brainstorming sessions and journal club.
- Coordinated analyses on projects with external collaborators.
- Authored Statistical Analysis Plans and peer-reviewed manuscripts.
- Created bioinformatic analysis pipelines using R, Nextflow and WDL.
- Created interactive data visualizations using RMarkdown, igrph and leaflet.
- Mentored PhD students and bench scientists on statistics, advised hiring and performed reviews of junior analysts' code.

<b>Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center</b> <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>	October 2014 - October 2015 <i>Seattle, WA</i>
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- Developed R code to normalize mass cytometry data across experiments using multi-mixture models.
- Worked with engineers from FlowJo Inc. (Ashland, OR) to develop parsing in of XML-encoded flow cytometry data in FlowJo v10.
- Performed dimension reduction on mass cytometry data and identified correlates of disease.

<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> <i>PhD Student</i>	August 2009 - May 2014 <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
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- Designed and built a patented high-dynamic-range protein gel imager with robotic gel cutting arm for capturing rare proteins.
- Developed **SIGILab**, a C++ GUI application controlling gel imager's acquisition of high-dynamic-range images.
- Developed processes that improved reduction and alkylation of complex protein samples in preparation for mass spectrometric sequencing.
- Developed workflows to quantify protein abundances in 2DE gel images using bash.

- Identified factors that affect peptide detectability in mass spectrometry experiments using R.
- Constructed a SQLServer database with web frontend for exploring mass spectrometry data and planning proteomic experiments.
- Developed a regression algorithm in R to model regulators of stress response in microarray data.

## EDUCATION

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**Carnegie Mellon University**  
PhD, Biological Sciences

2014

**University of Washington**

BS, Biology (Physiology specialization), BS, Wildlife Sciences

2007

## CONFERENCES, PATENTS AND REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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11. A. K. Schmid, D. J. Reiss, A. Kaur, M. Pan, N. King, P. T. Van, L. Hohmann, D. B. Martin, and N. S. Baliga. The anatomy of microbial cell state transitions in response to oxygen. *Genome Res.*, 17(10):1399–1413, Oct 2007
12. M. Blundon, V. Ganesan, B. Redler, P. T. Van, and J. S. Minden. Two-Dimensional Difference Gel Electrophoresis. *Methods Mol. Biol.*, 1855:229–247, 2019