

# Rachit Sabharwal

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## Education

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<b>The University of California, Berkeley</b> <i>Certificate in Software Development and Programming</i>	<i>Berkeley, CA</i> <i>June 2023 – present</i>
<b>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b> <i>Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Advanced Certificate in Data Science</li></ul>	<i>Houston, TX</i> <i>Aug 2022 – present</i>
<b>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b> <i>Master of Science in Biostatistics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Certificate in Data Science</li></ul>	<i>Houston, TX</i> <i>Jan 2020 – May 2022</i>
<b>University of Rochester</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Minor in Psychology</li></ul>	<i>Rochester, NY</i> <i>Sept 2014 – May 2018</i>

## Experience

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<b>Biostatistics and Data Science - Graduate Research Assistant (Doctoral)</b> <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Design and implement ETL pipelines for all sizes of datasets (small, medium, and large), ensuring efficient data munging and integration</li><li>◦ Establish good DevOps practices, architect repository structures, author comprehensive documentation, and implement CI/CD pipelines to streamline development and testing processes</li><li>◦ Apply a mix of classical statistical models and advanced machine learning techniques for comprehensive data analysis on varied topics including — vaccine non-response, serostatus, pediatric comorbidities arising from Covid-19, etc.</li><li>◦ Develop a weekly report generation pipeline incorporating CI/CD, ensuring seamless integration of new data and automated report updates</li><li>◦ Plan and enact a test suite for both code and data spanning the entire data engineering and data science life-cycle from data ingestion to report generation</li><li>◦ Author and edit multiple manuscripts, contributing to the publication of at least four peer-reviewed journal articles</li><li>◦ Utilize R (tidyverse, tidymodels, data.table, gt), Python (polars, pandas, duckdb, statsmodels, scikit-learn, PyTorch, TensorFlow), Quarto, SQLite, Git, Github, and Gitlab for various projects</li></ul>	<i>Houston, TX</i> <i>Sept 2022 – Oct 2024</i>
<b>Biostatistics and Data Science - Graduate Research Assistant (Master's)</b> <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Performed data cleaning, wrangling and integration on medium-sized datasets containing PII using Microsoft Excel, Python, and R</li><li>◦ Maintained Covid-19 dashboards using Python and Tableau for the <a href="#">Texas Covid-19 Dashboard Project</a> </li><li>◦ Created, deployed, and maintained accessible and responsive web apps on multiple platforms (Streamlit and Heroku) for academic conference recommender systems</li><li>◦ Built and serviced high content ETL pipelines using Python, R, and Cron to feed recommender systems and Covid-19 dashboards</li><li>◦ Created recommendation systems models using Python and Scikit-Surprise</li><li>◦ Conducted literature reviews on research concerning Recommendation Systems, and Natural Language Processing models such as word2vec and doc2vec</li></ul>	<i>Houston, TX</i> <i>Feb 2020 – Aug 2022</i>

**Research and Early Development, Development Sciences & Informatics**  
**- Informatics Intern**  
*Genentech*

*San Francisco, CA*  
*May 2021 – Jan 2022*

- Used Deep Transfer Learning via PyTorch and Raytune to create a neural network to predict adverse events for drugs
- Created a Knowledge Graph with Neo4j and a Graph Neural Network using NetworkX and PyTorch to generate gene expression signature-likes for drugs
- Developed a framework for the tokenization of internal documents for ingestion into text-mining application
- Compared work flow management/ETL frameworks (Airflow vs. Prefect vs. Luigi) for use with all NLP pipelines and presented the results
- Conducted literature reviews on research concerning Graph Neural Networks, Transfer Learning, and Natural Language Generation
- Successfully presented literature review and experimental results to both technical and non-technical stakeholders

**Consumer & Market Knowledge - Advanced Analytics Co-Op**  
*Procter & Gamble*

*Cincinnati, OH*  
*Jan 2021 – May 2021*

- Created predictive models, analytics, and visualizations that facilitated a deep understanding of consumer and shopper behaviors
- Used parallel computing (Dask and Modin) to develop both predictive and explanatory models enabling insights into market trends and retailer behavior
- Created and serviced big data ETL pipelines utilizing the Google Cloud Platform, Python, and Apache Airflow
- Upgraded teams nascent DevOps by implementing unit-testing via Pytest and Great Expectations, containerization via Poetry and Docker/Kubernetes, and agile via Jira and Confluence
- Successfully presented experimental results and visualizations to both technical and non-technical stakeholders

**Biostatistics and Data Science - Teaching Assistant**

*The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health*

*Houston, TX*  
*Sept 2020 – Dec 2020*

- Teaching assistant for PH 1998 — Introduction to Statistical and Data Science Programming
- Assisted in instructing a class of 20 students both individually and in groups
- Provided after-class instruction, individually and in groups, including hands-on technical demonstrations for both curricular and extracurricular topics
- Topics taught included (but were not limited to) — Data Types and Structures (R & Python), Loops (R & Python), Functional Programming (R & Python), NumPy (Python), Pandas (Python), Matplotlib (Python), Tidyverse (R), GGPlot2 (R)
- Created and assessed all assignments and exams

**Data Engineering Intern**  
*Bristol Myers Squibb*

*San Francisco, CA*  
*June 2020 – Aug 2020*

- Utilized Python, HTML, CSS, and Javascript in creating a multifeatured patent recommendation app to significantly improve scientists' workflow
- Developed and serviced ETL pipelines using Python and Apache Airflow
- Performed data cleaning and data wrangling with R and Python on multiple datasets of varying sizes (small, medium, and large)
- Designed and maintained both relational and graph databases in PostgreSQL and Neo4j
- Conducted literature reviews on research concerning Recommendation Systems, Information Retrieval Systems, and BERT and BERT variations (BioBERT, SciBERT, etc.)
- Successfully presented literature review and experimental results to both technical and non-technical stakeholders

## Publications

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**Factors associated with elevated SARS-CoV-2 immune response in children and adolescents** Aug 2024

Messiah SE, Abbas R, Bergqvist E, Swartz MD, Talebi Y, **Sabharwal R**, Han H, Valerio-Shewmaker MA, DeSantis SM, Yaseen A, Gandhi HA, Amavisca XF, Ross JA, Padilla LN, Gonzalez MO, Wu L, Silberman MA, Lakey D, Shuford JA, Pont SJ, Boerwinkle E

[10.3389/fped.2024.1393321](https://doi.org/10.3389/fped.2024.1393321) [🔗](#) (Frontiers in Pediatrics)

**Baseline characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 vaccine non-responders in a large population-based sample** May 2024

Yaseen A, DeSantis SM, **Sabharwal R**, Talebi Y, Swartz MD, Zhang S, Leon Novelo L, Pinzon-Gomez CL, Messiah SE, Valerio-Shewmaker M, Kohl HW 3rd, Ross J, Lakey D, Shuford JA, Pont SJ, Boerwinkle E

[10.1371/journal.pone.0303420](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0303420) [🔗](#) (PLoS One)

**An Interactive Online Dashboard with COVID-19 Trends and Data Analysis in Northeast and South Texas** Apr 2024

Zhang Z, **Sabharwal R**, Lee M, Zhang K, McGaha P, Crum M, Bauer C, Fisher-Hoch SP, McCormick JB, Reininger BM, Thomas S, Guajardo E, Pinon D, Yaseen A

Texas Public Health Journal

**Long-term immune response to SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination in children and adolescents** Oct 2023

Messiah SE, Talebi Y, Swartz MD, **Sabharwal R**, Han H, Bergqvist E, Kohl HW 3rd, Valerio-Shewmaker M, DeSantis SM, Yaseen A, Kelder SH, Ross J, Padilla LN, Gonzalez MO, Wu L, Lakey D, Shuford JA, Pont SJ, Boerwinkle E

[10.1038/s41390-023-02857-y](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41390-023-02857-y) [🔗](#) (Pediatric Research)

**Scholarly recommendation systems: a literature survey** June 2023

Zhang Z, Patra BG, Yaseen A, Zhu J, **Sabharwal R**, Roberts K, Cao T, Wu H

[10.1007/s10115-023-01901-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10115-023-01901-x) [🔗](#) (Knowledge and Information Systems)

**Data Cleaning for eCommerce: Standardizing Data Handling Practices for eCommerce Datasets** May 2021

**Sabharwal R**

Procter & Gamble, Internal White Paper

**Recommender System for Academic Conferences** Manuscript in Progress

**Sabharwal R**, Yaseen A

## Honors and Awards

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**Delta Omega Honors Society:** Alpha Iota Chapter

**Tau Sigma Honors Society:** Beta Rho Chapter

**Rochester Innovation Grant:** University of Rochester

**Innovation and Creativity Award:** Rochester Institute of Technology

## Certifications

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**Group 1 Biomedical Researcher and Key Personnel** [🔗](#) CITI Program  
Mar 2023

**Group 2 Social and Behavioral Researchers and Key Personnel** [🔗](#) CITI Program  
Mar 2023

Data Acquisition and Management <a href="#">↗</a>	CITI Program Oct 2020
Big Data Foundations - Level 1 <a href="#">↗</a>	IBM May 2020
Big Data Foundations - Level 2 <a href="#">↗</a>	IBM May 2020
Data Science Math Skills <a href="#">↗</a>	Duke University (Coursera) May 2020
AWS Machine Learning <a href="#">↗</a>	AWS (Coursera) May 2020
Google Cloud IAM and Networking <a href="#">↗</a>	Google Cloud (Coursera) May 2020
Machine Learning <a href="#">↗</a>	Stanford University (Coursera) May 2020
Hadoop Foundations - Level 1 <a href="#">↗</a>	IBM May 2020
Spark - Level 1 <a href="#">↗</a>	IBM May 2020

## Skills

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**Languages:** English (Native/Bilingual), Hindi (Native/Bilingual), French (Intermediate)

**Work Authorization:** US Citizenship, Canadian Citizenship

## Technical Skills

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**Machine Learning:** Scikit-learn, TidyModels, Raytune, Optuna, Pytorch, Tensorflow, Huggingface, JAX

**Languages:** Python, R, SAS, MATLAB, Javascript, C, Java, HTML, CSS

**Databases:** RDBMS (PostgreSQL, SQLite, MySQL), NoSQL DBMS (MongoDB, Elasticsearch, Neo4J), Big-Query

**Cloud and Distributed Computing:** AWS (AWS HPC), GCP, Azure, Spark, Hadoop, Slurm, On-Prem HPC (UTH),

**DevOps:** Git, GitHub, GitLab, Docker, GitHub/GitLab CI/CD, Jenkins, Kubernetes, Jira, Confluence,

**Workflow Orchestration:** Airflow, Prefect, Cron, Luigi

**Frameworks and Platforms:** Streamlit, FastAPI, Django, Flask, Heroku, Replit, Great Expectations, PyTest

**Tooling:** VSCode, RStudio, Quarto, Jupyter, PyCharm, CLion, IntelliJ IDEA, Confluence, Slack, Tableau, Power BI, Stata, DBeaver

**Operating Systems:** Windows, Linux (Ubuntu, and Mint), MacOS

**General Computing:** Microsoft Office, Google Workspace