ROBERTO OLAYO ALARCON

Most of my education has been as a student of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM for its name in Spanish). Currently, I am a seventh semester student of the Undergraduate Program in Genomic Sciences from this university. My background consists mainly of a combination of biology, mathematics and computer science.

Most of my research experience has been in bioinformatics and biological data analysis. I believe it is important to tackle one of the most important challenges of our time: Antibiotic Resistance.

Currently, I am searching for postgraduate opportunities to progress my career as a researcher. I would like to do research that aims to solve questions dealing with antibiotic resistance through a quantitative/computational approach.



EDUCATION

2020 2016

Bs.C Genomic Sciences

National Autonomous Univeristy of Mexico

Q Cuernavaca, Mexico

- · Current general grade: 9.83/10
- · Four-year bachelor's program. Combined background of biology, mathematics and informatics.



■ PUBLICATIONS

2019

GeDex: A consensus Gene-disease Event Extraction System based on frequency patterns and supervised learning

Currently under review.

- Pre-print available https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/839704v2
- · co-First Author.
- · This project was developed under Dr. Carlos Mendez-Cruz.



Q AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 2018

Beca Excelencia Academica Olimpiadas

Mexican Academy of Sciences

· This scholarship is awarded by the Mexican Academy of Sciences to bachelor students with high academic achievement and that were awarded a medal at one the National Science Olympiads

2016

Programa de Capacitacion en Metodos de Investigacion

Secretariat of Public Education and National Autonomous University of Mexico

· This scholarship finances international internships for students, of any level, with high academic achievement.

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PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Most experience with:

- Python
- R
- Bash

Basic experience with:

- Perl
- HTMI
- PHP
- -SOL

BIOINFORMATIC SKILLS

RNA-Seq CHiP-Seq Metagenomics **Phylogenomics** Sequence Scanning

Last updated on 2019-12-09.

2016

National Biology Olympiad

Third Place

- · The National Biology Olympiad is organized by the Mexican Academy of Sciences.
- · Students that were previously selected by their respective state competitions, take a written and practical exam in hopes of reaching first place, and the chance to represent Mexico in international competitions.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native

English: Native

German: Beginner

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020 2019

Dr. Robert Schneider

Institute of Functional Epigenetics

• Helmholtz Zentrum Muenchen

- · Describing mechanisms behind transcriptional memory.
- · Used predictive models to relate enhancers to regulated genes.
- Describing possible roles of Histone 1 subtypes during cell differentiation.

2020 2018

Dr. Carlos Medez Cruz

Center for Genomic Sciences UNAM

Q UNAM

- · Supervised learning approaches in Natural Language Processing
- · Developed GeDEx; an automatic tool that captures consensus relationships between genes and diseases from a collection of abstracts.
- · Benchmarked performance of Deep Learning models to predict antibiotic resistance from genomic sequences.

2019 2017

Dr. Julio Freyre

Center for Genomic Sciences UNAM

Q UNAM

- · Participated in Systems Biology Workshop
- · Implemented and reviewed tools that predict gene regulatory networks in bacteria (manuscript in preparation)

2019 2018

Dr. Alejandro Sanchez Flores

Institute of Biotechnology

Q UNAM

- · Participated in metagenomics workshop
- · Uncovered changes in the microbiome of pigs during the first months of life, as a result of consumption of different diets
- · Uncovered differentially expressed genes in intestinal tissues as a result of consumption of different diets

2018

Dr. Robert Schneider

Institute of Functional Epigenetics

PHelmholtz Zentrum Muenchen

- · Uncovered genes that show transcriptional memory after repeated exposure to stress.
- · Summer internship

I have mainly worked in the areas of Epigenomics, Machine Learning and Metagenomics; almost always involved in the computational aspects of the projects I participate in.

2017

Dr. Santiago Castillo

Center for Genomic Sciences



- · Detection of insertion sequences conferring antibiotic resistance in A. baumanii strains.
- · Phylogenomics and comparative genomics.
- · Fall semester internship



♣■ TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019

Seminar in Statistics

Center for Genomic Sciences



- · Teaching Assistant. Also lectured on basics of R
- · This class is offered to undergraduates and postgraduates working at the Center for Genomic Sciences
- · Organized by Dr. Ayari Fuentes and Dr. Diego Cortez

2019

Introduction to Machine Learning

Center for Genomic Sciences

Q UNAM

- Teaching Assistant. Lectured session on backpropagation
- · Course offered to students interested in Machine Learning and Deep Learning at the Center for Genomic Sciences
- · Course organized by Dr. Carlos Mendez Cruz

♣■ SPECIAL COURSES

2019

Antibiotic Resistance: Mechanisms and Perspectives

Center for Genomic Sciences

Q UNAM

- · Graduate course offered to students at the Center for Genomic Sciences.
- · Organized by Dr. Miguel Cevallos Gaos

2018

Worskhop: Introduction to Deep Learning

Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos



- · Workshop offered to anybody interested in deep learning
- · Lectured by Dr. Edgar F. Román Rangel

2018

Basics of Applied Machine Learning

Center for Genomic Sciences

Q UNAM

- · Optional undergraduate course.
- · Organized by Dr. Carlos Mendez Cruz

I really like being involved in teaching and science communication. I believe that teachers have allowed me to reach my goals, and I would like to help others do the same.



PRESS (ABOUT)

2016

Tres medallas para preparatorianos en la Olimpiada Nacional de **Biologia**

Gaceta Universitaria de la ENP

- · Brief piece about my experiences during the National Biology Olympiad
- · Available at http://dgenp.unam.mx/gaceta/2016/14-2015-2016-348.pdf



REFERENCES

Dr. Robert Schneider

Head of the Institute of Functional Epigenetics

• Helmholtz Zentrum Muenchen

- · email: robert.schneider@helmholtz-muenchen.de
- · I have worked with Dr. Schneider for 13 months, acting as a main data analyst in various projects.

Dr. Carlos Medez Cruz

Researcher at the Center for Genomic Sciences

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- · email: cmendezc@ccg.unam.mx
- · I have worked with Dr. Mendez for two years. During this time, I developed a project that is currently under review. I have also acted as an assistant in some of his courses

Dr. Julio Freyre

Researcher at the Center for Genomic Sciences

Q UNAM

- · email: jfreyre@ccg.unam.mx
- · I have worked with Dr. Freyre for almost 2 years. While not often under his direct supervision, I participated in his systems biology research