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Education & Work Experience

Franko Trading Enterprise - Ghana, Financial Auditor
University of Missouri - Columbia Biochemistry PhD Program

Fisk University, B.Sc. Biology

October 2019 - January 2020
August 2018 - January 2019
August 2014 - May 2018

Opoku Ware High School, WASSCE Cert. in General Science August 2010 – May 2013

Relevant Coursework and Skills

Computational Coursework		
University:	Online:	
Java (A), Data Structures & Algorithms (A), Bioinformatics (A)	Python (MIT), R, Github, Machine Learning, Bioinformatics III	
Quantitative Coursework		
University:	Online:	
Single-Variable Calculus (A), Physics (A)	Probability & Statistics, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations	

Awards & Honors

UCLA-HBCU Bruins in Genomics Summer Research Fellowship

MIT Biology Gould Summer Research Fellowship

June – August 2017

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Dean's List, Fisk University

August 2015

Erastus Milo Cravath Presidential Scholarship, Fisk University

August 2014 – May 2018

Overall Best Student in Social Studies, Opoku Ware High School 2012

Research and Relevant Experiences

Independent work on TCGA Breast Cancer Classifier

August 2021

- Developed k-Nearest Neighbor and Elastic Net models for classifying TCGA Breast Cancer samples using DNA Methylation data.
- Published TCGA Breast Cancer Classifier on Github

Participant, African Society of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Omics Codeathon

June 2021

 Worked on machine learning models for classifying breast cancer subtypes using TCGA multi-omic data.

Research Intern in Bioinformatics

June – August 2018

UCLA Bruins in Genomics Summer Research Program

Mentor: Dr. Stan Nelson

 Developed an efficient computational method to verify the identity of DNA and RNA specimen for quality control purposes.

Research Intern in Biochemistry

June – August 2017

MIT Biology Summer Research Program

Mentor: Dr. Tom Schwartz

• Tested the utility of a nanobody suite for performing high resolution in vivo and in vitro Nuclear Pore Complex structural studies.

Undergraduate Research Assistant in Biochemistry/Bioinformatics

June 2015 – August 2017

Meharry Medical College

Mentor: Dr. Jamaine Davis

- Performed sequence alignments of BRCT-domain proteins for homology-based inference of protein function.
- Expressed and purified BRCT domain proteins for testing protein-protein interactions involved in DNA damage repair.

Undergraduate Research Assistant in Molecular Biology

August 2014 – April 2015

Fisk University

Mentor: Dr. Brian Nelms

Performed SWIP assays to discover the role of the FKH-8 transcription factor in *C.elegans* neurodegeneration.

Publications

Preprint

Nkrumah, Samuel. Protein Folding from the Perspective of Chaperone Action (2019). arXiv

Presentations

"Verifying Identity of DNA and RNA specimen through SNP analysis"

Institute for Quant. Biosciences, UCLA: Summer Program Showcase August 2018

"Characterization of Nucleoporin Nanobodies"

Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students October 2017

Department of Biology, MIT: Summer Program Showcase August 2017

Teaching

Peer Tutor, Chemistry and Math, Fisk University.

August 2014 – August 2017

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Algebra, Fisk University. August 2015

Leadership & Community Service

Volunteer, MLK Day of Service, Fisk University.	
Representative, Clinton Global Initiative University, Fisk University.	2016
Volunteer, Clinton Global Initiative University Day of Action	2016
Commitment Maker, MiCode, Clinton Global Initiative University	2016
Student Leader, First-Love Bible Studies Group, Fisk University	2016