

Sho Sniderman Takeshita

EDUCATION

University of Maryland - College Park (UMD)

Expected May 2024

Majors: Computer Science and Biology

GPA: 3.925/4.000

Integrated Life Sciences Honors College

EXPERIENCE

Laboratory of Molecular and Thermodynamic Modeling, Jeffery Klauda

January 2023 - Present

Undergraduate Researcher

- Using NAMD to perform molecular dynamic simulations of protein and lipid interactions in alzheimers

Pfizer Computational Biology Group, Brent Kuenzi

June 2022 - August 2022

Computational Biology Intern

Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CBCB), Mihai Pop Lab

June 2021 - August 2021

CBCB Research Intern, UMD

- Conducted a bioinformatics research project with 1 other intern (See below: Testing Binnacle Coverage Estimation in Projects)
- Learned about De Novo Gene Assembly and Genomic Binning
- Presented research to UMD CBCB

The Catholic University of America, Justin Chung Lab

June 2019 - August 2019

Research Intern

- Analyzed genes that are co-expressed with Keratin 19 for a bioinformatics project (See below: Keratin 19 Gene Co-Expression Analysis in Projects)
- Presented my project to my lab, research class, and the Washington Junior Academy of Sciences
- Wrote a research paper on Keratin 19 gene Co-Expression Analysis project (<https://tinyurl.com/shok19>)
- Analyzed scratch assays and merged PI and DAPI stained images with Image J

PROJECTS

Enzyme Stability Regression (<https://tinyurl.com/enzymepred>), Data Science

December 2022

- Worked with a partner via Colab to determine the melting points of mutated enzymes from a Kaggle dataset
- Used Levenshtein distance to group protein sequences into wildtype groups
- Used PyRosetta library and the relative strain energy formula to determine the risk of unfolding
- Achieved a spearman correlation coefficient of .838 on split test data from the training dataset using a random forest regressor

Testing Binnacle Coverage Estimation, Mihai Pop Lab

June 2021 - August 2021

- Edited Python code to test 3 different average calculations with 1 intern to optimize Binnacle
- Tested different versions on stool sample data from Human Microbiome Project
- Discovered that using a 10% trimmed mean results in improved contiguity, completeness, and contamination of genomic bins produced

Detecting Malaria in Cells, BigTh!nk AI

November 2020

- Fine-tuned malaria parasite detection convolutional neural network (CNN) with 1 teammate using Keras and Tensorflow in Google Colab
- Measured 96% accuracy for CNN using a confusion matrix

Keratin 19 Gene Co-Expression Analysis, Chung Lab

June 2019 - December 2019

- Compiled data of genes coexpressed with K19 from Oncomine and other papers online
- Used DAVID to sort genes based on relation to pathways
- Compared genes expressed in different cell settings and genes in the 4 most significant pathways
- Discovered 124 genes exclusively co-expressed with Keratin 19
- Discovered 1 gene found in all top 4 significant pathways from DAVID analysis

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Most Experience - Python, Java, OCaml

Some Experience - R, C

Dabbled - JavaScript, MATLAB, Ruby

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Scikit-learn, PyTorch, Pandas, Numpy, SciPy, Linux, GitHub, Keras, TensorFlow, PyRosetta, Google Colab, NAMD, VMD, HTML, CSS, Slurm, Autodesk Inventor, Excel, PowerPoint, Word

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

In Progress

Computer Science	Data Structures , Machine Learning, Bioinformatic Algorithms, Data Science, Programming Language Technologies and Paradigms, Computer Systems, Organization of Programming Languages, Object-Oriented Programming 1 and 2
Science	Biochemistry, Molecular Genetics, Cell Biology Lectures, Cell Biology, Physics 1 Organic Chemistry 1 and 2, Genetics and Genomics, Organismal Biology
Mathematics	Design and Analysis of Algorithms , Algorithms, Discrete Structures, Applied Probability and Statistics, Linear Algebra, AP BC Calculus (Calculus 1 and 2)

ACTIVITIES

Internal Vice President

2020 - Present

Japanese American Student Association, University of Maryland

- Planned and lead 5 events for Big/Little Week annually
- Guided and matched 30 Little applicants to Bigs annually
- Interviewed J-rep applicants annually
- Planned and organized 2 retreats for about 20 members

Project Team

2020 - 2021

BigTh!nk AI, University of Maryland

- Learned Python syntax, basic deep learning, and supervised ML concepts
- Worked on Detecting Malaria in Cells project