William F. Li

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EDUCATION

Harvard Medical School

M.D.

Boston, MA 2024 – 2032 (expected)

Harvard/MIT M.D.-Ph.D. Program

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S. Physics and Computer Science & Engineering GPA: 5.00/5.00, Phi Beta Kappa, minor in Biology

Cambridge, MA 2020 – 2024

RESEARCH

Harvard Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology

2024 – present

Research Assistant

- Principal Investigator: Xiaowei Zhuang
- Research topic:
 - * 3D-genome imaging of the brain

Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

2022 - 2024

Undergraduate Researcher

- Principal Investigator: Manolis Kellis (Computational Biology Group)
- Research topics:
 - * Genetic basis of Alzheimer's disease heterogeneity
 - * Methods for enhancing polygenic score prediction

MIT Research Laboratory of Electronics

2020 - 2022

Undergraduate Researcher

- Principal Investigators: Marin Soljačić (Photonics and Modern Electro-Magnetics Group), Steven Johnson (Nanostructures and Computation Group)
- Research topics:
 - * X-ray imaging and detection with nanophotonic scintillators
 - * Computational imaging with compressed sensing and end-to-end inverse design

Publications

- 2. Arya G, Li WF, Roques-Carmes C, Soljačić M, Johnson SG, Lin Z. End-to-End Optimization of Metasurfaces for Imaging with Compressed Sensing. *ACS Photonics*. 2024;11(5):2077–2087.
- 1. **Li WF**, Arya G, Roques-Carmes C, Lin Z, Johnson SG, Soljačić M. Transcending shift-invariance in the paraxial regime via end-to-end inverse design of freeform nanophotonics. *Optics Express*. 2023;31(15):24260–24272. Editors' Pick.

Patents

1. Roques-Carmes C, Rivera N, Lin Z, **Li WF**, Soljačić M, inventors; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, assignee. Nanophotonic Scintillators for High-Energy Particles Detection, Imaging, and Spectroscopy. U.S. Provisional Application 63/257,611. October 2021.

Presentations

- 3. Li WF, Roques-Carmes C, Lin Z, Johnson SG, Soljačić M. X-Ray Spectroscopy With End-to-End Optimized Nanophotonic Scintillators. Extended abstract presented at: Conference of Lasers and Electro-Optics; May 10, 2023; San Jose, CA
- 2. Li WF, Tanigawa Y, Kellis M. Polygenic dissection of phenotypic heterogeneity in Alzheimer's disease. Poster presented at: Broad Institute Scientific Retreat; December 13, 2022; Boston, MA.
- 1. Li WF, Arya G, Roques-Carmes C, Lin Z, Johnson SG, Soljačić M. Angular and Spectral Sparse Sensing With End-to-End Optimized Nanophotonics. Extended abstract presented at: Conference of Lasers and Electro-Optics; May 18, 2022; San Jose, CA.

Awards

• Phi Beta Kappa	2024
• Sigma Pi Sigma	2024
\bullet Gates Cambridge Finalist, University of Cambridge Chemistry Department top 3 nomination	2024
• Optics Express Editors' Pick	2023
• Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Perfect Score (528/528)	2023
• MIT SuperUROP Outstanding Research Award (\$1,000), top 2 in cohort	2023
\bullet Eric and Wendy Schmidt Center funded Research and Innovation Scholar (\$6,000)	2022 - 2023
• USA Astronomy and Astrophysics Team, ranked 8th nationally	2020
• US Physics Team, USA Physics Olympiad Gold, top 20 nationally	2019
• Sunshine State Scholar	2019
• 2-time US National Chemistry Olympiad Qualifier	2019, 2020
• USA Computing Olympiad Gold	2018
• 2-time USA Math Olympiad Qualifier, 1-time Junior Math Olympiad Qualifier	2017,2019,2020

SERVICE AND TEACHING

- Junior reviewer for Nature Communications
- MIT Department of Physics: scribe, tutor, freshman pre-orientation program research presenter
- MIT Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science: associate advisor
- Massachusetts General Hospital: volunteer in patient transport and emergency department
- UPchieve: volunteer tutor
- MIT Students for Open and Universal Learning: course recruiter
- AwesomeMath Summer Program: teaching assistant for combinatorics
- Byrd Alzheimer's Institute: research volunteer
- Melodies for Life Assisted Living Music Group: volunteer cello, coordinator

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

- Medical/Graduate School: Chamber Music Society, Radiology Interest Group, Interventional Radiology Interest Group, Student Interest Group in Neurology
- Undergraduate: Genomics Journal Club (founder, president), MIT Premedical Society (collegiate relations co-chair)
- High School: Florida Student Association of Mathematics (state co-president), Mu Alpha Theta (president), Science National Honor Society (president), Orchestra (all-county principal cello), Swim (varsity team)