William F. Li

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EDUCATION

Harvard Medical School

Boston, MA

M.D.

2024 - 2032 (expected)

Harvard/MIT MD-PhD Program

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA 2020 – 2024

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

RESEARCH

Harvard Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology

2024 - present

Research Assistant

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

Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

2022 - 2024

Undergraduate Researcher

- PI: 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

- PIs: 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

- 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. doi:10.1021/acsphotonics.4c00259.
- 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. doi:10.1364/OE.492553. 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
• Gates Cambridge Scholarship Finalist	2024
• Optics Express Editors' Pick	2023
• MIT SuperUROP Outstanding Research Award	2023
• Eric and Wendy Schmidt Center funded Research and Innovation Scholar	2022 - 2023
• USA Astronomy and Astrophysics Team	2020
• 2-time USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) Qualifier	2019, 2020
• U.S. Physics Team	2019
• Sunshine State Scholar	2019

SERVICE AND TEACHING

- Junior Reviewer for Nature Communications
- MIT Department of Physics: Scribe, Tutor, Freshman Pre-Orientation Program research presenter
- Volunteer in patient transport and emergency department at Massachusetts General Hospital
- UPchieve Tutor
- MIT Students for Open and Universal Learning
- Combinatorics Teaching Assistant at AwesomeMath Summer Program

Leadership and Activities

- 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)