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Education

Harvard University **Boston, USA**
Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics PhD Program, Harvard Medical School Aug. 2017–present

Keio University **Yokohama, Japan**
B.S. in Bioinformatics, Department of Biosciences and Informatics Apr. 2013–Mar. 2017

Research Experience

Massachusetts General Hospital & Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard **Boston, USA**
Graduate Student, Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit Jan. 2018–present

Advisors: Drs. Mark Daly & Hilary Finucane

Research theme: Trans-ethnic analysis of complex human diseases and traits.

Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine **Osaka, Japan**
Research Student, Department of Statistical Genetics Apr. 2017–present

Advisor: Dr. Yukinori Okada

Research themes:

- Genetic analysis of complex human diseases and traits in the Japanese population.
- Efficient visualization of high-dimensional multi-omics data.

RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences **Yokohama, Japan**
Research Assistant, Laboratory for Statistical Analysis May 2015–Jul. 2019

Advisors: Drs. Yoichiro Kamatani & Yukinori Okada

Research themes:

- Genome-wide association study (GWAS) of ~200,000 individuals in the BioBank Japan Project.
- Interpretation of GWAS polygenic signals using epigenomic data.
- Population genetics analysis of 1,037 Japanese whole-genome sequences.

Keio University **Yokohama, Japan**
Undergraduate Researcher, Laboratory for Bioinformatics Apr. 2016–Mar. 2017

Advisor: Dr. Yasubumi Sakakibara

Bachelor thesis: Integrative multi-omics analysis of renal cell carcinoma.

Tokyo Medical and Dental University **Tokyo, Japan**
Technical Assistant, Department of Human Genetics and Disease Diversity Apr. 2014–Mar. 2016

Advisors: Drs. Yukinori Okada & Toshihiro Tanaka

Research themes:

- Empirical estimation of genome-wide significance thresholds based on GWAS simulations.
- HLA imputation analysis using the Japanese-specific reference panel.

Certification

The Certification for Bioinformatics Engineers
certificated by the Japanese Society of Bioinformatics 2015

Awards and Fellowships

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| Masason Foundation Fellowship | Tokyo, Japan |
| Research grant for trans-ethnic analysis of complex human diseases and traits. | 2018- |
| Nakajima Foundation Fellowship | Tokyo, Japan |
| Predoctoral fellowship which covers up to ~\$50,000/year for tuition and stipend. | 2017-2019+ |
| The 3rd place, Worldwide Finals | New York, USA |
| Microsoft Imagine Cup 2011 Windows 7 Touch Challenge | 2011 |
| The 1st place, National Finals & Worldwide Finalist | Japan & Poland |
| Microsoft Imagine Cup 2010 Software Design Competition | 2010 |

Publications

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 8. **Kanai, M.**, Maeda, Y. & Okada, Y. Grimon: graphical interface to visualize multi-omics networks. *Bioinformatics* **34**, 3934–3936 (2018).
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 10. Okada, Y., Momozawa, Y., Sakaue, S., **Kanai, M.**, Ishigaki, K., Akiyama, M., Kishikawa, T., Arai, Y., Sasaki, T., Kosaki, K., Suematsu, M., Matsuda, K., Yamamoto, K., Kubo, M., Hirose, N. & Kamatani, Y. Deep whole-genome sequencing reveals recent selection signatures linked to evolution and disease risk of Japanese. *Nature Communications* **9**, 1631 (2018).
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Presentations

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