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Education

McGill University

Montreal, Canada

Honours BSc in Computer Science and Biology

2017 – 2020 (expected)

- GPA: 3.98/4.00 | Dean's Honour List (Top 10% in the Faculty) | Teaching Assistant for MATH 324
- James McGill Scholarship | Faculty of Science Scholarship | Science Undergraduate Research Award

Centennial Secondary School

Coquitlam, Canada

British Columbia Dogwood Diploma

2015 - 2017

- Governor General's Academic Medal | Top 1 in the Graduating Class | AP Scholar with Honour
- National Biology Scholar with Distinction | Science Club Co-President | Indian Umbrella President

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Gerhold Lab

Montreal, Canada

May '19 – present

- Designs automated algorithms for centrosome pairing in cells that undergo mitosis
- Conducts *in situ* live-cell imaging experiments of *C. elegans* germline stem cells (GSCs)
- Characterizes mitotic spindle assembly in GSCs under various environmental conditions
- Training in spinning disk confocal microscopy, MetaMorph & worm mounting techniques

Research Assistant, Yamanaka Lab

Montreal, Canada

Dec '18 - Apr '19

- Created MiSeq-Analyzer, a tool that streamlines dynamic MiSeq sequencing data analyses
- Quantified and classified Cas9 RNA-guided endonucleases off-target sites to identify the clonal selection patterns during cancer progression in mice models of ovarian cancer

Research Student (BIOC396 Project), Akavia Lab

Montreal, Canada

Jan '19 – Apr '19

- Assessed protein localization prediction in a human genome-scale metabolic model
- Cross-validated against datasets from multiple biochemistry experimental studies
- Identified possible causes of inaccurate model predictions

Summer Research Intern, Canada's Digital Health Hub

Surrey, Canada

Jul '18 – Aug '18

- Reviewed extensive literature on stress paradigm and memory consolidation
- Tested a variety of biosensors to design stress stimulation experiments
- Operated electroencephlography (EEG) tests for control and autistic children
- Assisted with EEG data pre-processing using MATLAB FieldTrip Toolbox

Extracurricular Activities & Volunteering

VP of Student Affairs, Canadian Organization for Undergraduate Health Research

Montreal, Canada

Jul '18 – present

- Initiates and maintains contact with Principal Investigators
- Develops of a comprehensive database of PIs with matched students
- Promotes positive student relations and advocated for co-corricular needs of the students

Media Relations Volunteer, Canadian Cancer Society (BC & Yukon Division)

VANCOUVER, CANADA

Nov 16 – Aug 18

- Translated and reviewed promotion and education materials on cancer prevention
- Composed wellness-related articles for publication in Herald Monthly, a Vancouver-based not-forprofit monthly Chinese newspaper

Proficiencies

- Natural Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, French
- **Programing Languages and Technologies**: Python (*Bioython, Matplotlib, scikit-learn*), MATLAB (*FieldTrip*), Java, C++, Jupyter Notebook, Languages, Linux, git, bash, gdb, ImageJ (*TrackMate, CSBDeep*), MetaMorph
- C. elegans Care and Husbandry: Bleaching, worm picking, strain maintenance, whole-mounting
- **Confocal Spinning Disk Microscopy:** Visualization of fluorescent molecules in *C. elegans* germline stem cells, time-lapse photography of *C. elegans* dividing cells