

Alumni Networking Night 2023



Adjoa Quainoo

BSc in Geophysics

Adjoa Quainoo graduated from UBC in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in geophysics. After graduation, she went on to work at a geophysics consulting company in a role that involved a combination of field work and data processing. This job took her to many remote and interesting sites across BC to conduct a variety of challenging geophysical surveys for geotechnical and environmental purposes. Finding that she had more of an interest in the data analysis aspect of her work, she recently decided to make a slight pivot in her career, taking on a new challenge as a business analyst at a geoscience technology company. Her current role mainly involves analysing software usage and assisting the marketing team with targeted campaigns to maximise on opportunities for growth. Outside of work, Adjoa enjoys going for walks and runs around False Creek, playing tennis and volunteering.



Ales Skala

BSc in Biochemistry, BSc in Behavioural Neuroscience

Ales graduated with a B.Sc. Major in Biochemistry in 2017 and B.Sc. Major in Behavioural Neuroscience in 2019. Ales is the Graduation Lead at UBC Science Advising, where he started as a student worker through the Work Learn program. While a student, Ales was involved with UBC Peer Programs through the Reading Week program and as a Science Peer Academic Coach. He also worked a variety of on-campus jobs including with Conferences and Accommodations, as a residence advisor with Student Housing, and as a teaching assistant in the Departments of Chemistry and Psychology. In the community, Ales has worked at Science World and volunteered with Genome BC.



Aminollah Sabzevari

BSc (Honours) in Biophysics

Aminollah is a lawyer practicing bankruptcy and insolvency, tax, administrative, and immigration law at the Department of Justice Canada. He also teaches as an adjunct professor at the Allard School of Law. He has volunteered for fifteen years as a judge for regional science fairs. He is a mentor for law students via the Canadian Bar Association and the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers. During his studies at UBC, Aminollah was involved in residence life, intramurals, volunteering, and mentorship.



Andy Hong

BSc in Physics

After graduating with a BSc. in Physics (minor in Mathematics) back in 2018/2019, I joined a quickly growing tech start-up working with data. In the quickly growing start-up, I had the opportunities and was driven to experience many roles involving data within the organization, from Business and Data Analytics to Data Science and now Machine Learning Engineering. As a Data Scientist, my BSc. has shaped a lot of my core skills and competencies in the workplace, namely asking questions and solving problems scientifically and technical communication. Always open to chat

more about: Working in growing companies and start-ups, Career and different paths in data, My experiences at UBC and life after a BSc, and really anything else I could help with.



Anisa Salmi

BSc in Biology



Antony Wang

BSc in Integrated Sciences

Antony Wang graduated from UBC in May 2018 with a BSc, majoring in Integrated Sciences and minoring in Commerce. Antony is currently an Assistant Branch Manager of a flagship branch at RBC Royal Bank – Canada's largest bank and one of the largest banks in the world, based on market capitalization. At RBC, Antony volunteers as a B.C. Pride Employee Resource Group Steering Committee Member, Wellness Champion, and Employee Giving Campaign Market Champion. He is passionate about community leadership and engagement so that we can help clients thrive and communities prosper. Prior to joining RBC, Antony worked at TD Bank and was winner of the 2020 Regional Champions Club, which celebrates the top Canadian retail branch banking performers at TD. Outside of work, Antony serves on the board of directors for a non-profit organization, Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives, in Richmond, B.C.



Armandeep Sidhu

BSc in Chemistry

Armandeep grew up in the Okanagan and decided to move to Vancouver to complete her BSc degree, majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Commerce. During her time at UBC, she was involved with the Science Undergraduate Society, Faculty of Science, UBC Orientations, UBC Cancer Association & SCI Team. She also completed a co-op term as the Science Student Development Associate and supported the planning of Imagine Day at UBC for science students. After completing her undergrad, Armandeep decided to pursue the commerce side of her degree and moved on to the Diploma in Accounting program at UBC. She worked at PwC to gain accounting experience and obtained her CPA designation. Currently, Armandeep is a Finance Manager at Fraser Health and has been able to combine her passion for healthcare and finance.



Carmen Wong

BSc in Integrated Sciences

Carmen graduated from UBC in 2015 with a bachelor's in Integrated Sciences, combining physiology, microbiology and public health. During her undergraduate time, she was involved with numerous organizations including SCI Team, the Science Undergraduate Society, Orientations, and Collegia where she created many positive memories. She completed her medical degree at UBC in 2019 and stayed for her Internal Medicine residency. She is now completing her respirology fellowship in Vancouver.



Carling Gerlinsky

BSc in Biology

Research Assistant/Technician in the Dept. of Zoology, UBC

Carling completed undergrad in Biology (Hons) at UBC in 2009, including an honours thesis with the Marine Mammal Research Unit. After working in a lab for a year, she then did a Master's in Zoology, on Steller sea lion diving physiology, completed in 2013. Since then, she has worked as a research assistant/technician in the department of Zoology, first with the Marine Mammal research unit, assisting with studies on Marine Mammal physiology. Then as a technician with the Schluter Lab and Fisheries and Oceans Canada studying evolutionary biology of fishes. She helps manage their aquatics facility. She now also works with the O'Connor Lab in Zoology, where they study ecology and the effects of climate change on biodiversity. She is a lab manager and technician, helping graduate students and post-docs with their research and is responsible for training new students and undergraduates.



Chris Oatman

BSc in Environmental Sciences

Chris Oatman (he/him) is an Academic Advisor and Recruiter for UBC Science undergraduates, and also a UBC Science alumni who studied Environmental Science. He has worked in Student Affairs in a number of different roles since 2008 at both Simon Fraser University and UBC. In addition to academic advising, he has managed orientation and student leadership programs. He is a member of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and has presented at conferences at UBC and the University of Victoria. After graduating, Chris started a three-month contract at SFU as a “summer job before figuring out the rest of my life”, and he has worked with undergraduate students ever since.



Christina Wong

BSc in Chemistry

Christina graduated in 2016 with a BSc Major in Chemistry. After working in the UBC Chemistry teaching labs for several years, she realized that her true passion was with student service and is now working as an Associate Academic Advisor in the Faculty of Science. Though she handles way fewer lab chemicals now, she still is thankful for the analytical, problem-solving, and research skills she learned as a chemist and uses them today to help students navigate their BSc degrees. When she isn't advising, you might spot Christina either at the bouldering gym or at the curling rink!



Evan Warner

BSc in Integrated Sciences

Hello! My name is Evan, and I am a UBC Science alumni. I recently graduated with my PhD in Genome Science and Technology, but I originally started at UBC in 2012 (more than 10 years ago now!) in the Science One program. I always felt a greater draw to biology than the other sciences, and enrolled in the Integrated Sciences program to combine my interests in evolutionary biology and disease pathogenesis. This led me to a co-op position studying prostate cancer genomics, where I learned much about the wealth of information that could be gleaned from sequencing tiny fragments of DNA floating in our bloodstreams. I followed this research for another five years of graduate studies, and now work as a senior bioinformatics scientist at the Vancouver-based biotech company Boreal Genomics.



Hebah Hussaina

BSc in Integrated Sciences

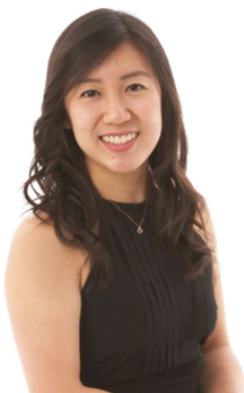
Hebah Hussaina is a current MSc. student at the University of British Columbia and BC Children's Hospital, in the Women+ and Children's Health Sciences Program. She graduated from the Integrated Sciences program in May 2021, having studied Neurobiology, Psychology, and Public Health with a minor in Anthropology. Hebah has a strong background in pediatric health sciences research in a variety of settings and is passionate about supporting healthy child development. She is involved with Science World's Community Engagement initiatives as she is excited about supporting youth STEAM education and advocates for equal opportunities for youth to pursue STEAM careers. You can otherwise find Hebah at the gym, or baking treats for her friends and families!



Lisa Frey

BSc in Mathematics

Lisa is an associate in the Vancouver office of Lawson Lundell LLP. Her practice is focused on real estate and condominium law. Lisa assists clients with a wide variety of real property matters including acquisitions and dispositions of commercial properties, real estate development and commercial leasing. She also has experience in various strata corporation matters, such as drafting bylaws, policies and resolutions, and providing practical advice to numerous condominium owner, section and strata corporation clients. Lisa received a B.Sc. in Mathematics (2007) and a J.D. (2012) from the University of British Columbia and practiced at a large international law firm immediately prior to joining Lawson Lundell LLP. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking with fresh, local produce, and volcano tourism.



Leslie Chan

BSc in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Leslie Chan graduated from UBC with a BSc in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and with a minor in Commerce in 2017. She previously completed her co-op terms in Cancer research at VCHRI and vaccine research at Sanofi Pasteur limited in Toronto. She was actively involved with Science Undergraduate Society and UBC Orientation, participated in UBC Rec, and competed in ultimate frisbee during her time at UBC. Through her academic studies and extracurricular involvements, she realized her passion lies in healthcare and business. Post graduation, Leslie worked at BC Patient Safety and Quality Council to build capacity and capability in the system and promote public and patient engagement at the policy and provider level across BC. She was able to apply the skills which she had developed through her undergraduate degree in healthcare quality improvement at the provincial level. She completed her certificate in project management in 2022 and is currently working at Vancouver Coastal Health implementing the Clinical & Systems Transformation (CST) project – the largest healthcare system transformation in Canadian history – at Vancouver General Hospital – the largest implementation site. Leslie felt fortunate to have found a career

which she is excited about and is eager to share with others about her journey of navigating her time as a fresh grad.



Louie Dinh

BSc in Computer Science

Louie Dinh has worked as both a software engineer and data scientist in a variety of industry. He has previously worked in social mobile games (A Thinking Ape), Social Networking (LinkedIn), Media (Flipboard). Currently, he is at AbCellera working as a Data Scientist in antibody discovery. He spends his day coding up data analysis pipelines, exploring and visualizing experimental data, and helping other scientists draw conclusions about their experiments.



Mary Arakelyan

BSc in Integrated Sciences

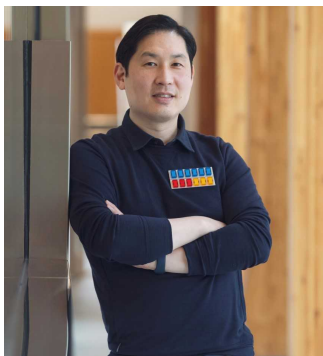
Mary completed a BSc in Integrated Sciences and minor in Psychology at UBC (2020). Pursuing her interests in population health, health services research, and improving equitable access to care, Mary went on to earn her MPH from The Dartmouth Institute (Dartmouth College, USA) where she completed an internship with the OECD. In her current role as a research project manager at Dartmouth Health Children's, Mary focuses her research efforts on urban-rural disparities in health among children with medical complexity, and pediatric hospitalizations for mental health. During her time at UBC, Mary was involved with SCI Team, worked as a Student Engagement Assistant in the Faculty of Science, and conducted student-directed research with Neuroethics Canada, Faculty of Medicine.



Nishal Kumar

BSc in Geophysics

Nishal Kumar is the Founder and CEO of No Days Wasted – a wellness brand that creates science-backed products that help people maximize life's moments. He's also founder/lead designer of EVitems.com, an aftermarket accessory brand for Tesla vehicles. Nishal has also worked for Tesla, as one of the original 8 employees in Western Canada – spearheading expansion efforts, education and customer acquisition. Additionally, Nishal has worked as the lead Geophysicist for a local Geotechnical engineering firm prior to starting his companies. He also serves as an advisor for Rocky Health, a Canadian men's health ecommerce pharmacy. Nishal is passionate about problem solving using a first principles approach, and enjoys staying active playing basketball, working out and running. Nishal graduated from UBC with a BSc. in Geophysics and minor in Commerce.



Rob Kim

BSc in Biophysiology

Rob is a proud Biopsychology and UBC Science alumnus. Rob's career has involved many roles, but they are all connected to education and Rob's love of facilitation and motivating people to take action. His many roles include: high school science teacher (chemistry/biology), adult education instructor at Capilano University, Student engagement advisor at UBC Centre for Student Involvement & Careers and Career Strategist for the Faculty of Land and Food Systems. Rob loves supporting students and alumni in their careers through relationships and a genuine curiosity for people's strengths and interests. Current career projects include a podcast (Career Carrots) and overseeing a large mentorship program for LFS students and alumni. Rob was also named a LinkedIn Top Voice for Job Search and Careers. Rob is a continual learner—he recently added an International Coaching Federation professional coaching certification to go along with his CliftonStrengths certification. Rob loves Star Wars and can talk about sports and pop culture all day long.



Roy Chen

BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics

Roy is an alumnus from UBC with a BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics, and a MSc in Experimental Medicine. He went through BCIT in the Medical Laboratory Science Program and became certified as a registered Medical Laboratory Technologist. He currently works at Vancouver General Hospital in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine as a Research Coordinator. He has been volunteering as a mentor for the past few years, and he enjoys sharing his career stories with everyone. So, come chat with him if you are curious about how he survived through school, work, and life!



Sandra Wan

BSc in Biochemistry

Sandra completed her BSc in 2015 (majoring in Biochemistry and a minor in Commerce) and most recently, completed her Master of Education in Adult Learning and Education in 2020. After graduating from her undergraduate degree, she has been working at UBC in different student affair roles ranging from academic advising and program management, to implementing large scale events, to facilitating work and undergraduate research opportunities that contribute towards career learning and the overall student experience. Currently, she is working as the Manager, Scheduling Services, at Enrolment Services, responsible for the day-to-day operations of course scheduling, academic examinations, and management of general teaching space room bookings at the UBC Vancouver campus.



Tania Karan

BSc in Physics

Tania Karan graduated from UBC with a BSc in Physics with a minor in Mathematics in 2011. After a few months of wayfinding and working as a research associate, she enrolled in an MSc of Medical Physics, an awesome program that helps physicists translate and apply technical knowledge to produce and improve tools that image and treat cancer patients. The MSc program was followed by a 2-year residency that aims to introduce the physicist into a clinical setting and continue their education. Since 2015, Tania has been a staff physicist at BC Cancer, working alongside radiation oncologists and therapists in an interdisciplinary team that ensures cancer patients get the best possible radiation therapy treatment. Tania's clinical research interests include advancements in breast radiation therapy and motion management techniques for novel treatments such as cardiac radiosurgery. On a non-career related note, Tania enjoys running and trying to re-create 'The Great Canadian Baking Show' desserts.



Tamara Lottering

BSc in Cognitive Systems

Tamara is a Senior Design Researcher at Level Access, the largest company in the world focused on digital accessibility. She works at the intersection of Design Research and Data Science, using various qualitative and quantitative methods to understand user perceptions, needs & behaviours. She studied BSc. in Cognitive Systems at UBC and graduated in 2017. She also completed a MSc. in Design Informatics in 2021 at the University of Edinburgh, where she researched, designed and built systems for better human-data interaction in the areas of HCI, Explainable AI and Natural Language Processing.



Taus Noor

BSc in Computer Science

Taus currently leads and manages a software engineering team at Amazon. Prior to this, he was a startup founder who appeared on the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2021, before which he worked at NVIDIA, IBM and other tech startups in software engineering and research roles. He is a co-inventor of an object localization system for autonomous vehicles (patent pending by IBM Research). He studied Computer Science at UBC and has a background in distributed systems, computer vision / deep learning and frontend/mobile applications.