

# New Faces

## Technician

Sean La

I'm Sean and I'm a research technician in Dr. Keith Walley's lab. I'm a recently graduated SFU student, where I studied for my Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. Despite my unrelated coursework, I've been doing research in bioinformatics for the last three years. I'm planning on going to graduate school to do research in developing computational and statistical methods to solve problems in genomics, infectious disease epidemiology, and medical genetics. Other than research, I enjoy reading, writing, hiking, weight lifting, kayaking, among other things. I'm very excited to working with you all!"



## Postdoctoral Fellows

Shou-Jin Dong



Hi, everyone, my name is Shou-Jin Dong, a post-doctoral fellow from China working at Seow's lab. I am a pulmonary physician in Chengdu First People's Hospital, China. To expand my horizon and gain international experience, I moved to HLI, UBC. I will be working with Dr. Chun Y. Seow for the next two years, I'd like to share a good memory of life in Vancouver with all of you. Thank you.

Stephen Milne

"G'day, HLI! I am a Respiratory and Sleep Physician from Sydney, Australia. I have recently completed my PhD in COPD physiology, and I have come to Vancouver for a postdoctoral fellowship under Dr Don Sin. I'm a big nerd, and love learning all about science and medicine - you can expect me to want to know all the details of your research! Outside of work, my interests are good coffee, good wine, travel, fitness and being outdoors. Feel free to pass on any hot tips for a new Vancouverite!"



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**Sana Vahidy**



Hi, my name is Sana Vahidy. I completed my medical school, Internal Medicine residency and Respiriology training in Edmonton, Alberta. I have moved to Vancouver to pursue additional clinical and research training in Interstitial Lung Disease with Dr. Ryerson. I hope to complete a Master's degree at UBC during my 18 months here. Looking forward to meeting everyone soon!

## Graduate Students

**Graham Donen**



Hi everyone! My name is Graham and I am a new grad student in Dr. Bernatchez's lab doing pharmacological research. I finished my undergrad at Western University and I am very excited to be back home in Vancouver! I look forward to meeting all of you.

**Olubayo Kolawole**

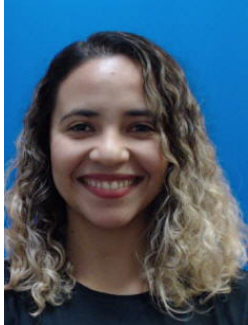
Hi I'm Bayo. After my training and qualification as an Ophthalmologist in Nigeria, I completed my Master's in Epidemiology and Medical Statistics. I recently completed a fellowship in Inherited Retinal Diseases at UCSF, San Francisco. I would be working in Dr. Daley's Lab while I pursue my PhD program in Experimental Medicine. I'm glad to be in Vancouver and I'm ready to work with and learn from everyone.



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**Jacqueline Mota da Silva**



Jacqueline is a Visiting Graduate Student working in the lab of Dr. Liam Brunham.

**Ferheen Saleem**

Hi I'm Ferhan Saleem. I grew up in Calgary. After completing my medical degree internationally, I decided to continue to be a student and pursue my MSc. in Experimental Medicine at UBC under the supervision of Dr. Chris Ryerson. My research focuses on the management of interstitial lung disease. I hope to continue with this interest at the Ph.D level. My hobbies include web design and digital art.



**Simran Samra**



Simran is a Graduate Student working in the lab of Dr. Scott Tebbutt.

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## Students

**Olivia Campbell**

"Hello! My name is Olivia Campbell and I am a co-op student working for Dr. Paul Hanson at the Cardiovascular Registry. I am currently a fourth year undergraduate student at UBC doing a Combined Major in Life Science, Physics, and Computer Science. I'm really looking forward to advancing my technical skills, meeting new people, and learning lots at HLI over the next few months. In my free time, I train on the UBC Track and Field team and enjoy hiking, going to the beach, and traveling. "



**William Chen**



Hello there! My name is William and I am a second year student at UBC! I was born in Taiwan but immigrated to Vancouver at the age of 3. My leisure activities include binge-watching Brooklyn 99, gulping down copious amounts of coffee, and hosting private karaokes in the shower. I am an avid fan of sports, including American football, swimming, water polo, and skiing! You can find me in the Bernatchez Laboratory working under the supervision of Dr. Zoe White. Apart from St. Paul's, I also hop between UBCH and VGH while volunteering; feel free to say hi when we pass each other!

**Althea Lai**

Hi everyone, I'm Althea. I'm currently in my fourth year at UBC, in the major of Biology. I've been a part of various plant labs throughout my university life and thought it would be a good change to be involved in something other than plants! I am working with Dr. Sellers and Dr. Leipsic and I'm extremely excited to learn about heart valves. A fun fact about me: I'm from a small country called Brunei and in my spare time, I like to rock climb.



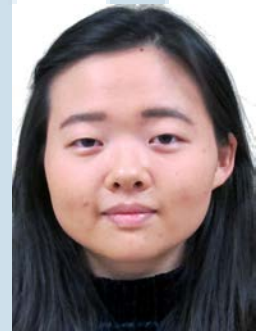
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**Sidney Lu**



Hi, my name is Sidney and I'm currently in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at UBC studying Statistics. This is my first coop work term, and I'm working in Dr. Daley's lab. In my spare time, I like to go on bike rides, hikes, or play sports. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and saying hello.

**Taylor Minato**



Hi there! I'm Taylor, a new co-op student working in the HLI's registry/biobank. I'm here because I love biology (from plants and fungi to evolution and cells) and am intrigued by the ins and outs of new and exciting workplaces. I also love coffee (along with my oxygen), playing the piano, selective classic rock music, moderate weight lifting and getting lost in the world of fantasy and sci-fi. I'll be here for the next 8 months, so I'm looking forward to hopefully meeting you all!

**JiJie Xi**



Hi, Everyone! My name is Jason, I am a new member of Dr. Tan CanCOLD team and I am responsible for the CanCOLD data management, I previously studied at Simon Fraser University. My major is Environmental Sciences and Statistics, and I also like the Mathematics.

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**Prisca Youma**

My name is Prisca! I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate engineering science student at SFU and I am from Burkina Faso. I am a new member at HLI and I am working in Hogg's lab as a co-op student helping with image processing and analysis software. It is a great opportunity for me to learn and connect. In my free time I enjoy reading and cooking food from different cultures and countries. I am looking forward to meet everyone!



**Yahui Zhan**



My name is Yahui Zhan, a Co-op student in Walley lab. I am a third year Computer Science student at UBC. I previously graduated with a Bsc degree in biochemistry from UBC. I am interested in bioinformatics and I see this opportunity working at HLI as a great start to explore the field. I spend my spare time learning singing, and playing strings. I joined the computational team in January 2019 for an eight-month internship, and will be working under the supervision of Dr. Ukor.

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