



# New Faces


Name:	Eleazar Leyson
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Research Assistant
Lab/Group:	Leung Lab
	Hello, my name is Eleazar, I also go by Elea, and I am so excited to be joining and working at HLI! I come from Surrey BC, and I'm a third year at UBC studying microbiology and Immunology. I love listening to r&b, hip-hop dancing and playing variety of sports. I am excited to meet everyone at HLI.
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	I spend most of my time playing the sport of ultimate-frisbee, I am currently part of a UBC team named "B-birds"
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	I need to go to Japan, especially Kyoto for the views.
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Salmon Sashimi

Name:	Janeni Jeevanathan
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Visiting International Research Student (VIRS) MD/PhD-student, University of Oslo, Norway
Lab/Group:	Brunham Lab
	Hi, my name is Janeni, and I am very excited to be working at HLI. I am a 4th-year medical student, and I'm also conducting research on the side. In my free time, I enjoy singing, running, and going on walks by the water or in nature. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at HLI!


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What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	Singing Running Volunteering in student organizations, such as the Student Association for Medical Innovation
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	The Maldives
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Pizza

Name:	Lucas Qian
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	GRA Student
Lab/Group:	Yao Lab
	Hello, my name is Lucas and I'm excited to start working at HLI. I am a first-year MECH master's student at UBC. I love skiing! Looking forward to getting to meet everyone at HLI!
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Switzerland
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Texas
Who is the most famous person you have met, or who would you like to meet?	Bill Nye "The Science Guy"

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Name:	Omid Assadinia
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	GRA Student
Lab/Group:	Hackett Lab
	Hi, my name is Omid. Super excited to be here at HLI. I am a Master student at UBC and I am studying Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Originally from Iran, I also have a background in Computer Engineering. Can't wait to meet everyone at HLI!
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	like playing sports and any fun Games!
Name one movie you think deserves a sequel?	Inception
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Los Angeles
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Lasagna

Name:	Raj Dhillon
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Directed Studies Student
Lab/Group:	Laksman Lab
	Hey, my name is Raj Dhillon, and I am excited to get started at HLI. I am a 4 <sup>th</sup> year student at UBC and I am studying cellular and molecular biology. I love hiking and backcountry backpacking. My favourite trip of 2024 was completing the Juan De Fuca trail.

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What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	Outside of work, I enjoy working out, hiking/camping, and spending time with my partner
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	I want to visit Alaska to see the bus from 'into the wild'
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	My favourite restaurant is the shawarma place underneath McDonald's on campus. They have the best chicken/rice ratio.

Name:	Ruiqi Zang
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Research Assistant
Lab/Group:	Yao Lab/Bio printing
	Hi, my name is Ricky, and I am very excited to be working at HLI. I am a last year student at UBC and I am studying Elec with bio-option. I like eating ice cream and swimming. Looking forward to getting to meet everyone at HLI!
Name one movie you think deserves a sequel?	Smile
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Alaska
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	sushi