



# **Taliya Weinstein**





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EU National

**SKILLS** 

**Technical Tools** Python (PyTorch, Tensorflow, matplotlib, scikit-learn, pandas), MATLAB, SQL, Git, LaTeX, C++

**Quantitative Research** Mathematical modelling, engineering design, data analytics

Communication Technical writing, data visualization, public speaking, presentation

**EDUCATION** 

Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom

2022-2023

Master of Research in Bioengineering (Top student)

Thesis: Embroidered Electronic Interfacing for Health Monitoring University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Thesis: The Design and Implementation of a Low-Cost Hearing Aid

**Bachelor of Engineering in Information and Electrical Engineering** (Top 3 students)

2020-2021

Thesis: The Impact of Acoustic Features on the Persuasiveness of COVID-19 Lifestyle Speeches: Spectral

and Cepstral Features

**Bachelor of Engineering Science in Biomedical Engineering** (*Top student*)

2016-2018

**WORK EXPERIENCE** 

Güder Research Group, Imperial College London, United Kingdom | Research Engineer

July 2024 — Present

Assisting in the experimental design and execution of sensor pipeline projects within the G\u00fcder Research Group. This has
involved assisting with lateral flow assay integration with electronics and the construction of an AI model to classify
leaf samples as diseased based on virus load sensed from electrochemical results and photographs of the leaf.

NannyML, Belgium (Remote Position) | Data Science Writer

May 2024 — Aug 2024

Wrote for the post-deployment data science blog detailing innovation within the NannyML open-source and cloud
product library. This involves generating models, running experiments and finding creative ways to communicate these
results in visual and written form.

Think3dots Consulting, Johannesburg, South Africa | Solution Engineer

Feb 2022 — Sep 2022

- Led the **rebasing**, **data engineering**, **and statistical analysis** of a model to predict the number of doctors needed at different clinics for a large multiregional medical consult intermediary in South Africa.
- Developed a high-level **systems overview and backend design** of a hospital blood tests software platform with outputs used in the creation of a pitch deck for investors.
- Researched current AI in healthcare innovations and constructed the outline of the Investec Talk Series given by Dr Adam Pantanowitz entitled Medicine In Conversation: A[I] Healthcare Revolution.

Aerobotics, Cape Town, South Africa | Student Intern

Jan 2021 – Feb 2021

Researched the incorporation of computer vision into drones for autonomous descent. This project made use of OpenCV,
 image processing techniques, and Python analytics to accompany my project feasibility assessment.

#### **OUTREACH & LEADERSHIP**

SisonkeBiotik, Remote, South Africa | Member

Feb 2024 – Present

 Active writer and paper reviewer for a MICAAI 2024 workshop paper (medical imaging biobank for Africa) and workshop organiser, facilitator and presenter for the Deep Learning Indaba 2024

1MillionGirlsinSTEM Ambassador, Johannesburg, South Africa | Mentor, Volunteer, Organiser

Feb 2022 — Sep 2023

- Mentored girls from underprivileged backgrounds by answering questions, providing advice, and linking girls with STEMbased educational resources and contacts.
- **Organised and led a biomedical engineering-based workshop** for 30 girls which entailed finding sponsorship, developing biomedical workshop content, liaising with additional volunteers, and preparing my presentation material.

#### SUMMER SCHOOLS & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Deep Learning Indaba, Dakar, Senegal

Sep 2024

Machine learning governance and low-resourced language approaches and **co-ran the Data Science for Health Workshop**<u>McKinsey University Scholar, Remote, South Africa</u>

Sep 2021 – Dec 2021

Strategies for effective communication, quantitative analysis, and project management skills

IBRO-Simons Computational Neuroscience Imbizo, Muizenberg, South Africa

Jan 2020

Theoretical and practical concepts in cellular neuroscience, machine learning, decision-making, and reinforcement learning

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**T. Weinstein**, X. Li, J. Flauzino, A. Muhammed, L. Gonzalez-Macia, M. Yüce, H. Kurt, F. Güder, <u>'Conductive Cotton Threads for Scalable Seamless Integration of Biomedical Sensors in Wearable E-Textiles'</u>, [Manuscript in preparation]. Department of Bioengineering, Imperial College London.

L. Ismaila, H.Turki, M. Frikha, **T. Weinstein**, F. Hunja, C. Fourie, and S. Adeshina, 'AfriBiobank: Empowering Africa's Medical Imaging Research and Practice Through Data Sharing and Governance'. In: Anazodo, U., *et al.* Medical Information Computing. MImA EMERGE 2024 2024. Communications in Computer and Information Science, vol 2240. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-79103-1\_20

V. Aharonson, C. Karpasitis, **T. Weinstein**, and G. Koral, <u>'Netnography of Social Media Addresses on COVID-19'</u>, *Eur. Conf. Soc. Media*, vol. 9, no. 1, Art. no. 1, Apr. 2022, doi: 10.34190/ecsm.9.1.299.

## **SELECTED AWARDS**

Top Student in MRes for Bioengineering, Imperial College London	2023
Skye Foundation Scholarship, Skye Foundation	2022
Awarded to exceptional South Africans pursuing postgraduate degrees, nominated through their university faculty deans.	
Isazi Consulting Prize, University of the Witwatersrand	2021
Awarded to the top 5 information engineering graduates awarded an average of above 70% in their final year.	
Entelect Software Development Prize, University of the Witwatersrand	2020
Awarded to the second-best 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of electrical engineering software development course.	
Colin G. Caro Award, University of the Witwatersrand	2018
Awarded to the top biomedical engineering student.	
Dean's List, University of the Witwatersrand	2016 - 2018
SA Breweries Award, University of the Witwatersrand	2016

Awarded to the top student in Introductory Life Sciences in the entire Science cohort.