Disha Jain

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EDUCATION

George Washington University | Masters in Biomedical Engineering | 3.8

SRM Institute of Science and Technology | Bachelor of Technology in Biomedical Engineering | 3.8

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May 2021

SKILLS

Lab techniques: Confocal Microscopy, Transfection, Primary culture, Animal handling, Western blotting, Cell culture, Immunofluorescence Software: ImageJ, Pirsm, Fusion 360, COMSOL, Figma, Advanced capabilities in MS Office Suite

Programming: Python, R, MATLAB, Image Processing, Microbit

Business & Operations: Market research, customer discovery, Lean Six Sigma methodologies, and healthcare operations.

Project Management & Leadership: Strategic project design and execution, resource allocation, and cross-functional team coordination.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Publication: 3D Printing for PMMA in Polymers Journal, 2023. Link to paper

Authored a technical manual for the **Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy using CNN**.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mount Sinai Health System

Research Assistant I

New York, NY

02/2025 - Present

- Conduct primary and immortalized human corneal endothelial cell (HCEnC) culture, and perform Western blotting to study the molecular mechanisms of Fuchs' endothelial corneal dystrophy, with a focus on disease initiation and progression.
- Investigate mitophagy and mitochondrial dysfunction in ocular cells, analyzing how cellular stress responses contribute to disease phenotypes that are highly relevant to phenotype regulation and nutrient signaling pathways.
- Maintain and manage multiple transgenic mouse colonies, perform genotyping, and assist in phenotyping studies to explore genetic influences on ocular pathology, demonstrating proficiency in in vivo model systems.
- Collaborate on cross-functional research initiatives involving primary cell isolation, tissue processing, and molecular assays, contributing to publications aimed at uncovering early pathogenic mechanisms, skills transferrable to transcription factor and beta cell proliferation research.

Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

04/2022 - 09/2022

Research Scholar - Infectious Diseases

- Developed a polymer-based cross-linking protocol for site-directed conjugation of biological molecules, enhancing the analytical performance of the point-of-care (POC) diagnostic systems.
- Achieved a 10-fold increase in antibody coupling efficiency using bi-functional thiol-polyethylene glycol (PEG)-hydrazide polymer compared to standard NHS-based conjugation methods.
- Demonstrated effective capture (>94%) of Klebsiella pneumonia carbapenemase-2 (KPC-2) enzyme antigen, improving the diagnostic accuracy of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) testing.

Refracto Eye Hospitals

Operations Head

Hyderabad, India

10/2020 - 09/2021

- Worked closely with the CEO to manage daily schedules, prioritize tasks, and ensure timely execution of critical projects, enabling streamlined decision-making and organizational efficiency.
- Coordinated cross-functional meetings and communications, ensuring alignment between the CEO's vision and departmental goals, while maintaining a clear flow of information.
- Optimized supply chain processes and vendor negotiations, reducing procurement costs and ensuring compliance with the CEO's cost-saving initiatives and operational priorities.
- Played a key role in coordinating surgical schedules, managing insurance claims, and ensuring seamless execution of day-to-day operations under the CEO's directive.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research Intern at Inali Foundations | Myoelectric Prosthetic Hand Design

02/2021 - 05/2021

- Worked closely with the CEO to design and manage the development of a cost-effective myoelectric prosthetic hand, ensuring alignment with organizational goals and timely project execution.
- Played a key role in project planning and management, using structured approaches to track progress, allocate resources, and meet deadlines efficiently.
- Contributed to the foundation's CSR initiatives by developing strategies to enhance outreach and accessibility of prosthetics for underserved communities.