

# SEO-YOON MOON

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## EDUCATION

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**Carnegie Mellon University**, *School of Computer Science* Aug 2024 - Present  
*Joint CMU-Pitt Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology* Pittsburgh, PA  
*Ph.D. Student*

**Seoul National University**, *College of Liberal Studies* Mar 2019 - Aug 2024  
*B.S. in Computer Science & Engineering* Seoul, Korea  
*B.S. in Cognitive Neural Computation (self-designed major)*  
*Thesis: Zero-Shot Prediction of Task Activation from Resting-State fMRI using 4D Swin Transformer*

**University of Washington** Mar 2023 - Jun 2023  
*Exchange Student* Seattle, WA

## PUBLICATIONS

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**S. Moon**, E. Weinberger, S. Lee, **Towards scalable embedding models for spatial transcriptomics data**, *Machine Learning in Computational Biology*, 2023. [\[paper\]](#)[\[video\]](#)

**S. Moon\***, H. Wang\*, H. Kim, K. Kim, W. Ahn, Y. Y. Joo, J. Cha, **Early Life Stress Modulates the Genetic Influence on Brain Structure and Cognitive Function in Children**, *Heliyon*, 2023. [\[paper\]](#)

Y. Y. Joo, **S. Moon**, H. Wang, H. Kim, E. Lee, J. H. Kim, J. Posner, W. Ahn, I. Choi, J. Kim, J. Cha, **Association of genome-wide polygenic scores for multiple psychiatric and common traits in preadolescent youths at risk of suicide**, *JAMA network open*, 2022. [\[paper\]](#)

K. Kim, Y. Y. Joo, G. Ahn, H. Wang, **S. Moon**, H. Kim, W. Ahn, J. Cha, **The sexual brain, genes, and cognition: A machine-predicted brain sex score explains individual differences in cognitive intelligence and genetic influence in young children**, *Human Brain Mapping*, 2022. [\[paper\]](#)

J. Suh, J. Kim, E. Lee, J. Kim, D. Hwang, J. Park, J. Lee, J. Park, **S. Moon**, Y. Kim, M. Kang, S. Kwon, E. Choi, W. Rhee, **Learning ECG Representations for Multi-Label Classification of Cardiac Abnormalities**, *Computing in Cardiology*, 2021. [\[paper\]](#)

\* : equal contribution

## POSTER & ABSTRACTS

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**S. Moon**, E. Weinberger, S. Lee, **Scalable embedding model for spatially-resolved transcriptomics data**, *Allen School Undergraduate and Master's Research Showcase*, 2023, Poster Presentation. [\[poster\]](#)

H. Wang, **S. Moon**, Y. Y. Joo, E. Lee, J. Cha, **Genes, Early Life Stress, Brains, and Cognition: A Moderated Mediation Analysis**, *Biological Psychiatry*, 2021, Poster Presentation. [\[abstract\]](#)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**AI for Biomedical Sciences Lab**, School of Computer Science and Engineering, UW Mar 2023 - Oct 2023  
*Undergraduate Researcher (Advisor: Su-In Lee)* Seattle, WA

- Developed scalable graph neural network for spatial transcriptomics

**Connectome Lab**, Department of Psychology, SNU Jun 2020 - Dec 2022  
*Undergraduate Researcher (Advisor: Jiook Cha)* Seoul, Korea

- Developed 4D Swin Transformer for predicting task activation map from resting state fMRI.
- Designed and conducted a moderated mediation analysis to investigate the impact of early life stress on children's genes, brain, and cognitive function. Generated genome-wide polygenic score via PRSice-2 for 25 phenotypes.
- Designed and conducted machine learning experiments to investigate the correlation between DNA and suicidality

**Artificial Society**, Startup Company  
*AI Researcher (Part-time)*

Mar 2022 - Jul 2022  
*Seoul, Korea*

- Trained deep learning model for detecting facial landmarks on mobile devices, created metric for evaluating attention levels while reading, as a part of developing a mobile application for dyslexic people.

**Applied Data Science Lab**, Department of Intelligence and Information, SNU  
*Undergraduate Researcher (Advisor: Wonjong Rhee)*

Jul 2021 - Aug 2021  
*Seoul, Korea*

- Extracted features using Fourier transformations to catch peaks and calculate the entropy from biosignal data
- Conducted deep learning experiments using Transformers and CNNs to predict cardiovascular disease from ECG data

## PROJECTS

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### Digital Barrier Free

Jan 2023 - Present

- Led developing Chrome extension for blinded and low-vision people
- Employed optical character recognition (OCR) and image captioning to accommodate enhanced web accessibility to visually impaired people

### Data Augmentation Using Feature Attribution in NLP

Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- Refined Cutoff algorithm (Shen, 2020) using Layer-wise Relevance Propagation (LRP) based feature attribution

### Web Project for Real-time Weather Tweets (NowSee)

Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- Developed an idea of a real-time weather community
- Designed UI & UX and developed front-end (React) and back-end (Django) features

### SNU Fast MRI Challenge

Jul 2021 - Aug 2021

- Preprocessed fMRI k-space data and developed MRI super-resolution model using U-Net, CNN, and Vision Transformer to generate full MRI images from under-sampled MRI

## SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

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### Forest of Talent, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

Mar 2022 - Feb 2024

- Training program for future leaders (\$4,000 for scholarship and \$8,000 for the 1-year project)

### Undergraduate Scholarship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

Sep 2020 - Feb 2022

- Total \$6,000 of scholarship

## SKILLS

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### Computer Languages

Python, R, C, Java, JavaScript

### Frameworks

Pytorch, Scikit-learn, Huggingface, PyTorch Geometric, React, Django

### Data Processing

ECG, Spatial Transcriptomics, fMRI, Natural Language, Image, GWAS

### Mathematics

Multivariate Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations