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1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Present Position:

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2. PROFESSIONAL RECORD

2.1. Academic Record

2.1.1. Undergraduate

Diploma, 2005. **Electronic Engineering Technician**,
Nova Scotia Community College, Halifax/Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada.

- Technician program focused on electronics design and fabrication
- Instructors: Jim Innis and Ron Gillis
- Subjects Studied: Communications, Electronic Drafting, Analog/Digital Comm, DC/AC Theory, Digital Logic, Fabrication, Computer Hardware and Networking, Semiconductors, Electric Machines, Microcontroller programming, Business, PLC (Programmable Logic Controllers), and Applied Math

Diploma, 2006. **Electronic Engineering Technologist**,
Nova Scotia Community College, Halifax/Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada.

- Technologist program extending from technician diploma at the NSCC
- Additional Subjects: Calculus, Computer Hardware, Computer Programming (C/C++), Data Acquisition Programming, Embedded Controllers and Systems, Quality and Statistics, and Business Management

B.Sc., 2008. **Electrical Engineering**.
Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

- Thesis: *A Single Wheel Gyroscopically Stabilized Robot*
- Advisor: Krishnamoorthy Natarajan, PhD
- Subjects Studied: Engineering Mathematics, Circuit Design, Electric Machines, Electromagnetic Physics, Power Systems Analysis, Power Electronics, Robotics, Control Systems, VLSI, Numerical Methods, Digital Signal Processing and Philosophy.

2.1.2. Graduate

M.Sc., 2010. **Biomedical Engineering**.
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- Thesis: *Passive Catheter Tracking in the Carotid Artery with Accelerated Magnetic Resonance Imaging*
- Advisor: Richard Frayne, PhD
- Summary of Research: Development of real-time infrastructure for visualizing endovascular catheters with MRI. Demonstrated navigation from the femoral to the carotid artery in a canine model.

Ph.D., 2014. **Biomedical Engineering**.
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- Thesis: *Quantitative Cerebrovascular Magnetic Resonance Imaging*
- Advisor: Richard Frayne, PhD
- Summary of Research: Examined methods for acquiring angiographic images of the brain, primarily focused on the technical aspects of phase contrast velocity encoding, arterial spin labelling, and flow asymmetry.

2.1.3. Post-doctoral

P.D.F., 2019. Radiology.

University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- Project: *Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Healthy Brain Aging*
- Advisor: Bruce Pike, PhD
- Summary of Research: MRI Development, Supercomputing and Big Data Applications, Quantitative Functional MRI, Imaging of Brain Aging

2.2. Academic and Other Appointments

Full Member

February 2023 - Present

Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute
University of Calgary

Adjunct Professor

December 2020 - Present

Department of Radiology
Cumming School of Medicine
University of Calgary

Full Member

December 2020 - Present

Hotchkiss Brain Institute
University of Calgary

Assistant Professor

September 2020 - Present

Department of Biomedical Engineering
and Department of Electrical and Software Engineering
Schulich School of Engineering
University of Calgary

Research Scientist

2020

At the Hotchkiss Brain Institute under the supervision of Prof. Bruce Pike.

- MRI Development
- Supercomputing and Big Data Applications
- Quantitative Functional MRI

Consultant / Developer

2012 to 2013

QTS Capital Management, LLC

- Development of High Frequency Trading Systems
- Interfacing through Knight Capital and Interactive Brokers
- Supervisor: Ernest P. Chan, PhD | Blog

Research Assistant

Summer 2008

University of Calgary, Department of Electrical Engineering

- Investigated deconvolution algorithms for obtaining perfusion measurements
- Worked under the supervision of Michael R. Smith, PhD

Electronics Technician / Research Assistant

Summer 2005

Bedford Institute of Oceanography

- Design and fabrication of electronics for oceanographic instruments
- Development of infrared camera system for counting eels during migration
- Worked under the supervision of Brian Beanlands

2.3. Professional Certification and Memberships in Learned Societies

- Association Professional Engineers, Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) Professional Member
- The International Society for Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism (ISCBFM) Full Member
- International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART) Member
- International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) Member
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Senior Member
- Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) Member
- American Heart Association (AMA) Member
- University of Calgary Alumni Association
- Lakehead University Alumni Association
- Nova Scotia Community College Alumni Association
- Canadian Ski Patrol (CSP)

2.4. Awards, Distinctions and Fellowships

2022/01 - 2023/01	Wiley Top Downloaded Paper in NMR in Biomedicine DOI:10.1002/nbm.4564
2019/01 - 2020/01	CONP Research Scholar Award
2017/04	ISMRM Magna Cum Laude
2016/05	ISMRM Educational Stipend
2015/06	ISMRM Educational Stipend
2014/06/12	Radiology Research Day - Best Presentation by a Researcher
2014/09 - 2016/09	I3T NSERC CREATE PDF
2014/05	ISMRM Educational Stipend
2013/06	NIH Young Investigator Travel Stipend to Society for MRA
2013/05	Canadian Ski Patrol - Appreciation Award
2012/05&09	Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program Travel Award
2012/05	Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Stipend
2011/09	Society for Magnetic Resonance Angiography Trainee Stipend
2011/09 - 2014/08	T. Chen Fong Doctoral Scholarship
2010/09 - 2014/08	Alberta Innovates - PhD Student Training Program
2010/09 - 2013/04	NSERC - Post Graduate Scholarship
2010/05	Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Stipend
2010/04	University of Calgary - Diagnostic Imaging Research Award
2010/04 - 2010/08	Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship
2009/04 - 2010/04	NSERC - Graham Bell Canadian Graduate Scholarship
2009/04 - 2010/04	ICore - Graduate Scholarship in ICT
2008/08 - 2009/04	Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship
2008/04 - 2009/08	NSERC - Undergraduate Student Research Award
2008/06	Dean Braun Medal, Lakehead University
2008/06	PEO Medal for Academics (Professional Engineers of Ontario)
2006-2008	Lakehead University Award for Academics

3. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

3.1. Instruction

Biomedical Engineering 415 - Sensor Systems and Data Analytics **2020 to present**

Role: Instructor

Introduction to matrix and tensor manipulation with focus on computer programming aspects. Sensor systems and design of data collection strategies, with examples in relevant areas of biomedical engineering. Data curation and conditioning including outlier and anomaly pattern detection, noise removal and data reduction. Unsupervised clustering and association mining using machine learning techniques. Supervised classification using advanced machine learning techniques. Completion of a sensor- and data-oriented project in the area of biomedical engineering.

Biomedical Engineering 509 - Intro to Biomedical Imaging and Applications **2022 to present**

Role: Instructor

Principles of various imaging modalities used in Biomedical engineering applications, including CT, MRI, ultrasound, PET, SPECT. Image processing operations: filtering, enhancement, feature extraction, pattern recognition and image reconstruction. Image registration and integration of different imaging modalities.

Electrical Engineering 619.03 - Advanced Data Analytics **2021 to present**

Role: Instructor

Research skills course designed to expand knowledge with supercomputing clusters, numerical methods, and analyses. Introduction to version control and source management. Data curation, management, and compliance. Using schedulers for parallelization. Benchmarking computational requirements. Machine learning and numerical processing for challenging data analytics problems. Reducing high dimensionality data for interpretation. Making graphics from data.

Medical Science 689.02 Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging **2021 to present**

Role: Guest Lecturer

Principles of signals and systems in the context of operating principles of biological systems at multiple physiological scales. Concept of frequency and time domains, Fourier and Laplace transforms. Sensors and actuators. Review of circuits and introduction to basic analog signal conditioning – amplification and filtering. Noise and mitigation. Introduction to CAD tools and mechanical design.

Teaching Assistant **2008 to 2014**

Department of Radiology, Department of Electrical Engineering,
and the Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program at University of Calgary

- Imaging Theory (MDSC 689.11)
- Advanced Medical Imaging (MDSC 689.01)
- Design and Communications I & II (ENG 251/253)
- Electric Circuit Theory (BMEN 327)
- Numerical Methods (ENG 407)

3.2. Graduate and Undergraduate Supervision

3.2.1. Graduate Students (Primary Supervision)

- **Karen Ardilla Lopez**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2023 - Current
 - 2023-09-01 - Winner of the MITACS Graduate Fellowship \$15,000 per year for 1 year
 - 2023-09-01 - Winner of the NSERC CREATE BRAIN \$12,500 per year for 2 years
 - 2023-09-01 - Winner of the Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship \$11,000 per year for 1 year
 - **Mohammad Amin Moreshedi**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2023 - Current
 - **Rory Gilliland**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2022 - Current
 - 2023-05-23 - Winner of the Upper Bound Talent Award - Alberta Award \$500
 - 2023-05-01 - Winner of the the CIHR CGS-M \$17,500
 - 2023-09-01 - Winner of the Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship \$15,000 per year for 1 year
 - **Pattarawut (Pat) Charatpangoon**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2022 - Current
 - 2023-05-23 - Winner of the Upper Bound Talent Award - Alberta Award \$500
 - **Aashka Mohite**, MSc Student, Electrical and Software Engineering; September, 2022 - Current
 - 2022-09-01 - Winner of the NSERC CREATE BRAIN \$12,500 per year for 2 years
 - 2022-09-01 - Winner of the Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship \$11,000 per year for 1 year
 - 2023-03-09 - Awarded Second Place for Women in Data Science Presentation \$200
 - 2023-05-23 - Winner of the Upper Bound Talent Award - Alberta Award \$500
 - 2023-09-01 - Winner of the Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship \$11,000 per year for 1 year
 - **Fernando Vega**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2021 - Current
 - 2021-10-22 - Winner of the BME Graduate Program Entrance Prize \$1,500 one time
 - 2022-06-07 - Winner of the HBI Travel Award \$500 one time
 - 2022-06-07 - Winner of the BME Travel Award \$1000 one time
 - 2022-09-01 - Winner of the Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship \$11,000 per year for 1 year
 - 2023-03-16 - Winner of the SSE Award for Graduate Assistants
 - 2023-06-03 - Winner of the ISMRM Travel Award \$575 USD
 - **Abdoljalil (Jalil) Addeh**, PhD Student, Biomedical Engineering; May, 2021 - Current
 - 2021-09-01 - Winner of the NSERC CREATE BRAIN \$15,000 per year for 4 years
 - 2021-10-22 - Winner of the BME Graduate Program Entrance Prize \$1,500 one time
 - 2022-05-23 - Winner of the AMII Travel Award \$500
 - 2023-01-01 - Winner of the BME Research Excellence Award \$5000
 - 2023-01-26 - Winner of the Engineering Student Society TA of the Semester Award \$125
 - 2023-03-16 - Winner of the SSE Award for Graduate Assistants
 - 2023-03-23 - Winner of the ACHRI Travel Award \$500
 - 2023-05-01 - Winner of the FGS PhD Entrance Award \$20,000 for 1 year (declined)
 - 2023-05-01 - Winner of the Eyes High Doctoral Award \$30,000 per years for 4 years
 - 2023-05-23 - Winner of the Upper Bound Talent Award - Alberta Award \$500
 - 2023-05-23 - Winner of the BME Graduate Program Travel Award \$1000
 - 2023-06-03 - Winner of the ISMRM Travel Award \$575 USD
- Total Graduate Students Supervised: 7

3.2.2. Graduate Students (Co-Supervision)

- **Yousif Al-Khoury**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; Sept, 2023 - Current
 - Primary Supervisor - Sarah Manske
- **Neha Gianchandani**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2021 - Current
 - Primary Supervisor - Roberto Souza
 - 2021-09-01 - Winner of the NSERC CREATE BRAIN \$10,500/year for 2 years (declined)
 - 2021-09-01 - Winner of the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship \$26,000/year for 2 years
 - 2021-09-01 - International Tuition Award \$3000/year for 2 years
 - 2021-10-22 - Winner of the BME Graduate Program Entrance Prize \$1500 (one-time)
 - 2022-03-08 - 3rd Prize at the Women in Data Science Conference at UCalgary \$100
 - 2022-05-23 - AMII Travel bursary to attend AI Week - April 2022 - CA\$500 (one-time)
 - 2022-05-23 - Grace Hopper Conference Scholarship (to cover cost of attendance)

- **Faezeh Shahidi**, PhD Student, Electrical and Computer Engineering; July, 2021 - Current
 Primary Supervisor - Geoff Messier
 2023-04-25 - Winner of the ESE 2023 Special Scholarship Award \$1,500
 2023-08-31 - Robert B. Paugh Memorial Scholarship in Engineering \$1,250
 Total Graduate Students Co-supervised: 3

3.2.3. Graduate Supervisory Committees

- **Iskindir Weldemeskel**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September 1, 2023 - Current
 Primary Supervisor: Pierre Levan
- **Asha Thomas**, PhD Student, Electrical Eng. at AMRITA Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Jan 25, 2023 - Current
 Primary Supervisor: Nagesh Subbanna
- **Manuel Zamudio Lopez**, PhD Student, Electrical Engineering; March 10, 2022 - Current
 Primary Supervisor: Hamid Zaraqpour
- **Monisha Ghosh Srabanti**, PhD Student, Biomedical Engineering; March 1, 2022 - Current
 Primary Supervisor: Julio Garcia Flores
- **Mahshid Soleymani**, MSc Student, Biomedical Engineering; September, 2020 - Current
 Primary Supervisor: Yunyan Zhang
 Total Graduate Student Committees: 5

3.2.4. Internships

- **Daria Shumkova**, MITACS GlobalLink Internship; May, 2023 - Aug, 2023
- **Laura Garcia Mosquera**, MITACS GlobalLink Internship; May, 2023 - Aug, 2023
- **Pauline Delannoy**, MITACS GlobalLink Internship; May, 2023 - Aug, 2023
- **Soumee Mukherjee**, MITACS GlobalLink Internship; May, 2022 - Aug, 2022
- **Prathishtith Raj Medi**, MITACS GlobalLink Internship; May, 2022 - Aug, 2022
- **Karen Ardila Lopez**, MITACS GlobalLink Internship; May, 2021 - Aug, 2022
- **Baylee Cheung**, Undergraduate Level MITACS Internship; May, 2021 - Aug, 2021
 Total Internship Students Supervised: 7

3.2.5. Summer Student Mentorship

- **Artem (Tom) Spiian**, Summer Student; May, 2023 - August, 2023
 UCalgary Ukraine Refugee Resettlement Program
- **Amanda Ong**, Summer Student; May, 2023 - August, 2023
 Winner of the NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
- **Shabbir Hassan**, Summer Student; May, 2023 - August, 2023
 Winner of the Biomedical Engineering Summer Studentship Award
 Aug 22, 2023 - Best Talk at the Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate Research Symposium \$50
- **Ahmed Elmenshawi**, Summer Student; May, 2023 - August, 2022
 Winner of the Biomedical Engineering Summer Studentship Award
- **Emmi Munroe**, Summer Student; May, 2022 - August, 2022
 Winner of the Biomedical Engineering Summer Studentship Award
 Winner of the Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference Award \$250
 Winner of the UCalgary Student Union Travel Award \$200
- **Eremiahs Fikre**, Summer Student; May, 2021 - August, 2021
- **Khaled Elmalawany**, Summer Student; May, 2021 - August, 2021
 Winner of the Biomedical Engineering Summer Studentship Award
- **Branden Wong**, Summer Student; May, 2019 - August, 2019
- **Jeffery Hao**, Summer Student; May, 2018 - August, 2018
 Engineering Course Project Supervisor, September 2017 to April 2018
- **Micheal Taylor**, Summer Student; May, 2018 - August, 2018
- **Sarah Scot**, Summer Student; May, 2018 - August, 2018 & May to Dec 2019
- **Thomas Mosher**, Summer Student; May, 2017 - August, 2017

- **David Adair**, Summer Student; May, 2011 - August, 2011
- **Nolan Swailes**, Summer Student; May, 2010 - August, 2010 & 2012
- **Laura Sevick**, Summer Student; May, 2009 - August, 2009

Total Summer Students Supervised: 15

3.2.6. Undergraduate Capstone & Design Project Supervision

- **Capstone Project**, ENEL 500; Sept, 2023 - April, 2024
Ahad Ali,
Abhay Khosla,
Rachel Renegado,
Lauraine Baffot
- **Capstone Project**, ENEL 500; Sept, 2022 - April, 2023
Jessica Ritchie,
Kaitlyn Jenkins,
Matthew Ocando,
Weitao Wu,
Manpreet Singh
- **Anthony Demong**, BMEN 501; Sept, 2021 - December, 2021

Total Capstone Students Supervised: 10

3.2.7. High School Students

- **Caitlin Liang**, HYRS Student; July, 2023 - Aug, 2023
- **Shawn Wang**, HYRS Student; July, 2023 - Aug, 2023
- **Kiran Bowron**, HYRS Student; July, 2022 - Aug, 2022

Total High School Students Supervised: 3

Total Student Trainees Supervised: 50

3.2.8. Thesis Committees

- **Yanzhao (Archibald) Qian**, MSc, Mathematics and Statistics. *MSc Defense* - September 8, 2023
Role: External Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Quan Long
- **Reyna Crawford**, MSc, Biomedical Engineering. *MSc Defense* - September 6, 2023
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Darren Stefanyshyn
- **Maruthi Kumar Mutnuri**, MSc, Biomedical Engineering. *MSc Defense* - June 16, 2023
Role: External Internal, Primary Supervisor: Joon Lee
- **Ateyeh Soroush**, PhD, Neuroscience. *PhD Candidacy* - March 13, 2023
Role: External Internal, Primary Supervisor: Jeffery Dunn
- **Abhijot Sidhu**, MSc, Biomedical Engineering. *MSc Defense* - March 8, 2023
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Richard Frayne
- **Ahmed Al-Shafei**, PhD, Electrical & Software Engineering. *Candidacy Exam* - December 15, 2022
Role: External Internal, Primary Supervisor: Hamidreza Zareipour
- **Justin Butler**, MSc, Electrical & Software Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - September 2, 2022
Role: External Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Henry Leung
- **Kimberly Alejandra**, PhD, Biomedical Engineering. *Candidacy Exam* - August 31, 2022
Role: Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Nils Forkert
- **Louise Neave**, MSc, Biomedical Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - August 10, 2022
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Elena Di Martino
- **Mada Hashem**, PhD, Biomedical Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - February 25, 2022
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Jeff Dunn

- **Cao Xingdong**, MSc, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - January 17, 2022
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Svetlana Yanushkevich
- **Danielle Whittier**, PhD, Biomedical Engineering, *Thesis Defence* - August 5, 2021
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Steven Boyd
- **Zahra Kabirkhoo**, PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *PhD Candidacy Exam* - June 28, 2021
Role: Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Leonid Belostotski
- **Caleb John**, MSc, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *MSc Exam* - April 29, 2021
Role: Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Geoff Messier
- **Michidmaral Otgondavaa**, *Undergraduate Thesis* - BMEN 500 requirement. - April 19, 2021
"MRI texture analysis methods for advanced measurement of tissue pathology in Multiple Sclerosis."
Role: Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Yunyan Zhang
- **King Ma**, PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *PhD Candidacy Exam* - Feb 26, 2021
Role: Examiner, Primary Supervisor: Henry Leung
- **Dalia Abdelhamid**, PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - Feb 23, 2021
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Andrew Knight
- **Soheila Zangeneh**, MSc, Electrical and Computer Engineering *Thesis Defence* - Jan 18, 2021
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Hadi Hemmati
- **Hanchong Zhou**, MSc, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - Jan 14, 2021
Role: Examiner. Primary Supervisor: Henry Leung
- **Pratham Singh**, MSc, Biomedical Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - Dec 15, 2020
Role: Neutral Chair, Primary Supervisor: Diwakar Krishnamurthy
- **Sarah Shah**, MSc, Electrical and Computer Engineering. *Thesis Defence* - Dec 10, 2020
Role: Neutral Chair. Primary Supervisor: Darren Stefanyshyn

Total Student Committees: 21

3.3. Post Doctoral Fellows Supervision

- **Fadamiro Akinwale**, ; September, 2023 - Current
2023-09-01 - Winner of the Eyes High PDF Award \$25,000 per year for 2 years
Total Postdoctoral Fellows Supervised: 1

Total Funding Recieved by Trainees: \$480,675

Total Funding Declined to Trainees: \$40,500

Total Funding Awarded to Trainees: \$521,175

4. SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

4.1. Research Funding

4.1.1. Awarded

Total funding awarded: \$3,612,470

10. **Project Title:** Towards Building Advanced Machine Learning Image Translation Models to Estimate Amyloid-Beta and Tau PET Images from Structural MRI **Funding Organization:** Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada(NSERC) - Alliance Advance **From:** 16-01-2023 **To:** 15-01-2025 **Collaborators:** Aravind Ganesh; Eric Smith; Nils Forkert **Coapplicants:** Gias Uddin; Qingrun Zhang **Amount:** \$300,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
9. **Project Title:** Improving Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologies for the Study of Brain Aging **Funding Organization:** Natural Science and Engineering Research Council **Competition:** Discovery Grants Program - Physics - 2022 **Application Number:** RGPIN-2022-03552 **From:** 01-04-2022 **To:** 31-03-2027 **Amount:** \$157,500 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald

8. **Project Title:** Developing a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) based pH Mapping Tool for Clinical Stroke Assessment **Funding Organization:** Brain Canada Foundation; Canadian Stroke Consortium Heart; and Stroke Foundation of Canada **Competition:** 2022 Catalyst Grant Competition **From:** 15-12-2022 **To:** 14-12-2024 **Collaborators:** Aravind Ganesh; Bijoy Menon **Amount:** \$100,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
7. **Project Title:** Big Data and Machine Learning for MRI **Funding Organization:** University of Calgary; Start up funds **Amount:** \$100,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
6. **Project Title:** Image Translation Models for Neurodegeneration **Funding Organization:** Hotchkiss Brain Institute: Private Donation **Competition:** Non-Competitive **From:** 01-01-2022 **To:** 31-12-2023 **Amount:** \$50,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
5. **Project Title:** One Health Modelling Network for Emerging Infections **Funding Organization:** Natural Science and Engineering Research Council **Competition:** Emerging and Infectious Disease Modelling **Application Number:** RGPID-560520-2020 **From:** 15-03-2021 **To:** 31-03-2023 **Coapplicants:** Ethan MacDonald et al. **Amount:** \$2,500,000 **Primary Applicant:** Huaiping Zhu
4. **Project Title:** Using Artificial Intelligence Based Solutions to Facilitate Clinical Trial Enrolment **Funding Organization:** Government of Canada **Competition:** New Frontiers in Research Fund - 2021 **Application Number:** NFRFR-2021-00009 **From:** 01-03-2022 **To:** 28-02-2024 **Coapplicants:** Ethan MacDonald et al. **Amount:** \$237,970 **Primary Applicant:** Aravind Ganesh
3. **Project Title:** Big Data and Machine Learning for MRI **Funding Organization:** University of Calgary; Start up funds **Amount:** \$25,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
2. **Project Title:** Neuronavigation of Low Intensity Focused Ultrasound for Neuromodulation **Funding Organization:** INOVAIT **Competition:** Innovation Fund **From:** 01-06-2021 **To:** 30-05-2022 **Coapplicants:** Samuel Pichardo; Roch Comeau; Ethan MacDonald **Amount:** \$125,000 **Primary Applicant:** Bruce Pike
1. **Project Title:** Using Big Data and Machine Learning in the UK Biobank to Determine the Genetics Associated with Accelerated Brain Aging: A Pilot Study **Funding Organization:** UCalgary VPR Catalyst **From:** 01-07-2023 **To:** 31-12-2023 **Coapplicants:** Quinrun Zhang; Nils Forkert; Eric Smith **Amount:** \$17,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald

4.1.2. Completed

Total funding (completed awards): \$25,000

2. **Project Title:** Estimating Amyloid Beta Position Emission Tomography (PET) Images from standard Structural T1 weighted Magnetic Resonance Images (MRI): An Image Translation Project **Funding Organization:** VPR Catalyst Grant **Competition:** May 2021 Competition **Application Number:** RSO file no: 1057921 **From:** 01-10-2021 **To:** 31-12-2021 **Coapplicants:** Quinrun Zhang; Nils Forkert; Eric Smith **Amount:** \$15,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
1. **Project Title:** Developer for RemBRAINdt-Scholarship **Funding Organization:** Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS) **From:** 01-05-2021 **To:** 31-12-2021 **Amount:** \$10,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald

4.1.3. Submitted

Total funding (Submitted): \$4,894,666

8. **Project Title:** Validating Image Translation Models that Estimate Amyloid and Tau PET Images from MRI: A method for screening Alzheimer's Disease with MRI **Funding Organization:** CIHR Project Grant **From:** 01-09-2023 **To:** 31-08-2026 **Coapplicants:** Quinrun Zhang; Nils Forkert; Eric Smith; Aravind Ganesh **Amount:** \$525,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
7. **Project Title:** Laying the foundation for virulence-based diagnostics **Funding Organization:** CIHR Project Grant **From:** 01-09-2023 **To:** 31-08-2026 **Coapplicants:** Ashlee Earl; Tanis Dingle; Ethan MacDonald **Amount:** \$1,880,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ian Lewis

6. **Project Title:** Development of Advanced Machine Learning Models for Low Field MRI **Funding Organization:** Alberta Innovates **Competition:** NSERC Alliance Advance Stream 1 **From:** 01-09-2023 **To:** 31-08-2023 **Amount:** \$39,666 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
5. **Project Title:** Cone-Beam Computed Tomography as a Novel Imaging Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment Monitoring in Rheumatoid Arthritis **Funding Organization:** The Arthritis Society **Competition:** Ignite Innovation Grant 2023 **From:** 01-01-2024 **To:** 31-12-2025 **Collaborators:** Stephanie Finzel; Camille Figueiredo **Coapplicants:** Ethan MacDonald; Claire Barber; Glen Hazlewood **Amount:** \$100,000 **Primary Applicant:** Sarah Manske
4. **Project Title:** Using the UK Biobank to Characterize Brain Aging Mechanisms in Relation to Genetic Physical and Lifestyle Factors **Funding Organization:** CIHR **Competition:** Operating Grant - Mechanisms in Brain Aging and Dementia **From:** 01-01-2024 **To:** 31-12-2026 **Coapplicants:** Jolene Phelps; Philip Barber; Aravind Ganesh; Eric Smith; Nils Forkert; Quan Long; Bruce Pike; Matthias Wilms; Qingrun Zhang; Jennifer Zwicker **Amount:** \$750,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
3. **Project Title:** Development of an Artificial Intelligence Enabled Low Field Portable Magnetic Resonance Image (MRI) System for Acute Stroke **Funding Organization:** Alberta Innovates **Competition:** AICE Concepts **From:** 01-01-2024 **To:** 31-12-2026 **Coapplicants:** Elise Fear; Bruce Pike; Zahra Abbasi; Aravind Ganesh; Jonathan Sharp; Boguslaw Tomanek; Sean Karkiowsky; Jullien Müller **Amount:** \$700,000 **Primary Applicant:** Ethan MacDonald
2. **Project Title:** Role of the Simple Perfusion Reconstruction Algorithm (SPIRAL) on streamlining acute stroke diagnosis and treatment **Funding Organization:** Alberta Innovates **Competition:** AICE Concepts **From:** 01-01-2024 **To:** 31-12-2026 **Collaborators:** Ethan MacDonald; Nils Forkert **Coapplicants:** Connor McDougall; Manvir Gill; Gavin Lau; Dorothy Chacinski **Amount:** \$600,000 **Primary Applicant:** Phillip Barber
1. **Project Title:** Streamlined and Efficient Core and OcclusioN Diagnosis of Stroke (SECONDS) Study **Funding Organization:** Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada **Competition:** Heart and Stroke Foundation Grant-in-Aid **From:** 01-01-2024 **To:** 31-12-2026 **Coapplicants:** Shelagh Coutts; Ethan MacDonald; Nils Forkert **Amount:** \$300,000 **Primary Applicant:** Phillip Barber

4.2. Presentations

1. (2022). Cerebrovascular Imaging and Applications to Aging. McGill BME Seminar Series, Montreal, QC, Montreal, Canada

4.3. Publications

4.3.1. Peer Reviewed Publications (Published)

22. Williams, R, Specht, J., Mazerolle, E., Lebel, M.R., **MacDonald, M.E.**, and Pike, G.B. Correspondence between BOLD fMRI task activation and cerebrovascular reactivity across the cerebral cortex. *Frontiers in Physiology - Medical Physics and Imaging* 14 (May 2023), p. 1167148. DOI: 10.3389/fphys.2023.1167148.
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5. SKILLS

5.1. Leadership Skills

- Teaching, Pedagogy & Mentorship
- Management and Supervision
- Communication - both verbal and written English; significant experience at writing scientific documents and giving oral presentations

5.2. Computer Skills

- Proficient with Computers - both hardware and software
- Familiar with different operating systems, including: Mac OSX, Windows and Unix
- Expert use of Microsoft Office Word and Excel
- Programming Experience with: MATLAB, C++, C, EPIC (GE MR pulse sequence programming), HTML, Latex, SQL, Qt, ITK, VTK, FreeSurfer, FSL, ANTs, Python, OpenFOAM
- Version Control: CVS, SVN, GIT
- Experience with Cluster Computing, on: SLURM, Torque and PBS

5.3. Lab Skills

- Running MRI scanners (experience with GE Signa and Discovery models)
- Troubleshooting MRI systems
- Electronics Fabrication (design and high reliability soldering certificate)
- Large Animal Handling (certified through the Animal Research Committee at the University of Calgary)

6. SERVICE ACTIVITIES

6.1. University Service

6.1.1. School Service

6.1.1.1 Committees

- July 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022: SSE - Student Recruitment Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- July 1, 2022 - July 1, 2024: SSE - Academic Appeals Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- Feb 3, 2023: Chairing Academic Appeal Deliberations

6.1.2. Departmental Service

6.1.2.1 Task Forces

- Nov 15, 2020 - present: BME curriculum development Electrical Task Force
- Nov 15, 2020 - present: BME curriculum development Design Task Force
- May & June, 2021 - Seaman Centre MR Centre, Software Upgrade Task Force
- Jan 30, 2022 - Mar 15, 2023: BME MEng program development Task Force

6.1.2.2 Committees

- July 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022: Dept. of Electrical and Software Engineering - FGS Scholarship Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- July 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022: Dept. of Electrical and Software Engineering - EDI Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- July 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022: Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program - FGS Scholarship Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- July 1, 2022 - July 1, 2023: Dept. of Biomedical Engineering - EDI Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- July 1, 2023 - July 1, 2024: Dept. of Biomedical Engineering - Research Committee (15-30 hours per year)
- July 1, 2023 - July 1, 2024: Dept. of Biomedical Engineering - Adjunct Review Committee (15-30 hours per year)

6.1.2.3 Academic Search Committees

- Jan 21, 2021 - April 23, 2021 **Hiring Committee** - Electrical and Software Engineering: Next Generation Artificial Intelligence
- March 18, 2021 - April 6, 2021 **Hiring Committee** - Geomagnetic Engineering: wearable technologies
- October 11, 2021 - June 1, 2022 **Hiring Committee** - Biomedical Engineering: Canadian Research Chair in Integrative Biomechanics
- February 28, 2022 - June 1, 2022 **Search Committee** - Department Head for Biomedical Engineering
- October 1, 2022 - May 30, 2023 **Hiring Committee** - Radiology: Canadian Research Chair in Preclinical Imaging
- December 15, 2022 - May 30, 2023 **Hiring Committee** - Biomedical Engineering: Assistant Professor Teaching
- Feb 15, 2023 - May 30, 2023 **Hiring Committee** - Electrical and Software Engineering: Smart Agriculture - 2 positions

6.1.2.4 Other Assignments

- Jan 22, 2021 - present: BME Industry Liaison Officer

6.1.2.5 Internal Grant Reviews

- Sept, 2023 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Emily Rogers-Bradley
- Sept, 2023 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Steve Drew
- Sept, 2023 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Mostafa Farrokhbadi
- Sept, 2023 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Koren Roach

- Sept, 2023 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Salvatore Federico
- Sept, 2023 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Kartik Murari
- Sept, 2022 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Sayeh Bayet
- Sept, 2022 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Ignacio Galiano
- Sept, 2021 - Departmental Review of Discovery Grant: Mariana Bento
- Feb, 2022 - UCalgary Summer Studentship Adjudicator
- Feb, 2023 - UCalgary Summer Studentship Adjudicator

6.2. Professional Service

6.2.1. Grant Review Panels

- Spring, 2022 - Canadian Institutes for Health Research - Reviewer in Training - BME Panel
- 2022 to Present - Editorial Board of "Frontiers in Computational Neuroimaging"
- Fall, 2022 to Spring 2025 - Canadian Institutes for Health Research - Standing Committee Member - BME Panel
- 2022-23 Canada Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) Innovation Fund competition member of an Expert Review Committee (Medical Physics)
- 2023-05 MITACs Accelerate Reviewer

6.2.2. Journal Reviews

Total of 86 journal articles:

- NMR in Biomedicine (5)
- IJDI (2)
- Neurosurgery (3)
- Neuroimage (20)
- The American Journal of Roentgenology (5)
- Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (9)
- Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (9)
- Cerebral Cortex (10)
- Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism (7)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (12)
- Stroke (4)

6.2.3. Conference Organization

Conference Organizer

2023

University of Calgary - Transdisciplinary Scholarship - 1st Data Science Day

- Was one of five organizers who executed on the event
- Found Speakers for and moderated 25% of the event corresponding to the Schulich School of Engineering component of the event.
- Worked under the lead conference organizer: Nils Forkert

Conference Organizing Assistant

2011

Society for Magnetic Resonance Angiography

- Assisted with conference organization
- Lead social and scientific activities
- Worked under the lead conference organizer: Richard Frayne, PhD

Participated as Peer Reviewer

- Reviewed over 250 abstracts for multiple years at ISMRM meeting
- Reviewed over 100 abstracts for multiple years at OHBM meeting
- Reviewed 23 abstracts for the Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference
- Reviewed over 200 abstracts submissions for the International MRA Conference
- Named Reviewer for the International Journal of Diagnostic Imaging

6.3. Public Service

Kitchen Volunteer & Server

2019 to present

Calgary Drop in & Rehab Centre

- Preparing and serving meals for those in need at the Drop in Centre
- Organizing and working with a new team each time

Fund Raiser

2010 to present

Movember and Heart and Stroke Foundation

- Raising funds for charity
- Raising public awareness through fund raising

Director of Home Owner Association

- Board Member for association with 220 households
- Managing Operating budget of \$1.3 M per year
- Resolving conflicts between residents

Leading Fund Raising Activities

- Assisted with Calgary Zone Ski Patrol Ski Sale Fund-raiser, Revenue of: \$1.2 M in
- Organized a team for Movember fund-raising, which raised over \$5000 in 2010
- Actively learning from other experienced fund raising leaders

Scientific Outreach

- City of Calgary Science Fair Judge 2009&10
- Tours of the MR Centre for High School and Undergraduate students
- Volunteer and tour leader at Discovery Days
- Liaison for Electrical Engineering at University of Calgary Campus Fair

7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

7.1. Hobbies

Skiing, Golf, Recreational Sports, Kung Fu, Investing, Reading, Writing, Engineering, Math, Physics, Photography, Imaging

Ski Instructor

2000 to present

Martock/ Loch Lommond/C.O.P.

- Ski Instructor certified through the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance
- Taught skiing in Windsor, NS; Thunder Bay, ON; and Calgary, AB
- Lead personal development sessions for other instructors to improve pedagogy skills

Ski Patroller

2005 to present

Canadian Ski Patrol

- Patrolled in Scotia, Superior, Kootenay, Southern Alberta, and Calgary Zones
- Trained for emergency medical response in an alpine setting
- Instructor for ski improvement in the Calgary Zone