

# Krystal Maughan

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Research Interests: Supersingular Isogeny Cryptography, Mathematical Cryptography

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**University of Vermont, PhD candidate**

**2019-present**

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

**Research Assistant (Vermont)**

**2021-2024**

Supervisors: J. Near, C. Vincent: Research on Isogeny Graph Cryptography, Mathematical Cryptography

**Research Assistant (Vermont)**

**2019-2021**

Supervisor: Joe Near: Research on Provable Fairness and Privacy

Using Machine Learning. Funded via Amazon Research Award (2020-2022 PI: J. Near, D. Darais)

**Graduate Teacher's Assistant, Fall/Spring 2019-2020 (Vermont)**

**2019-2020**

Compiler Construction with Haskell (taught by Joe Near)

2020

Advanced Web Design (taught by Bob Erickson)

Programming with Matlab (taught by Radhakrishna Dasari)

2019

Data Privacy with Jupyter, Python (taught by Joe Near)

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## GRANT WRITING / PROPOSALS

- ❖ COST Action Proposal OC-2021-1-25315 "Mathematics and Algorithmics of Group actions and Isogenies for Cryptography" (Secondary Proposer) 2021
- ❖ Microsoft Research, Reinforcement Learning Open Source Festival Proposal (Awarded \$10,000) 2021
- ❖ CDS&E Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering Database Grant Proposal for SageMaths (as Key Personnel) (PI Ben Hutz, PhD) (not awarded) 2020
- ❖ Google Summer of Code, Proposal to Haskell.org (Awarded \$6,000) 2018
- ❖ Helium Grant, (for exploring questions on the edge of mainstream thinking) (Awarded \$1000) 2018

## MERIT-BASED MENTORSHIPS / RESEARCH MENTORSHIPS

Mentee, Google's CS Research Mentorship Program (CSRMP) with A. Lees, PhD 2021

Mentee, AiC Connectors Program with Facebook with O. Dalleleau, PhD 2021

Mentee, She256 Blockchain Group with P. Mishra, PhD 2021

Mentee, Women in Privacy and Security (WISP), D. Sharma, PhD 2021

Mentee, Global Outreach Mentorship with S. Gupta, PhD (EC 2020) 2020

Mentee, LatinX in AI Research Workshop Mentorship, Prof C. White (NeurIPS 2021) 2021

Mentee, LatinX in AI Research Workshop Mentorship with J. Barajas, PhD (ICML 2020) 2020

Mentee, Mentored by Amal Ahmed, PhD (ICFP 2020) 2020

## **MERIT-BASED MENTORSHIPS / RESEARCH MENTORSHIPS**

Mentee, Lighthouse3 AI Ethics Mentoring Externship with F. McEvoy (1 of 20 chosen) 2020  
Mentee, Code2040 Fellowship with Ben Waber, PhD 2020

## **ACADEMIC REVIEWER**

Reviewer, Springer AI and Ethics Journal 2020 - present  
Reviewer, BlackAIR Summer Research Grant Program 2021  
Reviewer, ICLR Distributed and Private Machine Learning workshop 2021  
Committee Reviewer, HCI Track, GHC (Grace Hopper Conference) 2021  
Reviewer, PML4DC (Practical ML for Developing Countries) workshop, ICLR 2021  
Reviewer, Tapia Conference (Panels and Workshops) 2021  
Reviewer for AFCR workshop at NeurIPS (Fairness, Accountability, Robustness) 2021  
Reviewer for AFCI workshop at NeurIPS (Fairness and Accountability) 2020  
Reviewer for Black in AI at NeurIPS workshop 2020, 2021  
Reviewer and Programme Committee Member, LXAI@ICML Workshop 2020  
Committee Reviewer, HCI Track, GHC (Grace Hopper Conference) 2020  
Chair Reviewer, PML4DC (Practical ML for Developing Countries) workshop, ICLR 2020  
Reviewer, Tapia Conference (Panels and Workshops) 2020  
Reviewer, Travel Grant Applications, Black in AI for AAAI 2020

## **ACADEMIC JOURNALS (AI/Machine Learning)**

Board Member, AI and Ethics, Springer 2020

## **RESEARCH PhD INVITATIONS**

Participant, [GREPSEC V](#): 2021  
- (Graduate Students in Privacy and Security Early Career Workshop)  
Participant, Isogeny-Based Cryptography Winter School 2021  
Participant, Post-Quantum Networks Workshop 2021  
Participant, [PRIMA](#) Summer School 2021  
- Rational curves and moduli spaces in arithmetic geometry  
Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) Blockchain Bootcamp 2021  
- Worked on group project : Fairness consensus for Miner Extractable Value ([MEVs](#))  
- Implemented Aequitas protocol from [paper](#) with authors for fairness simulation  
- One of top four winning teams chosen  
Participant, Scottish Programming Languages and Verification School 2021  
Invited Participant, "Key themes for informing a Research Roadmap", 2021  
The Alan Turing Institute:  
- Invited Participant, "Threats and Opportunities for AI in Cybersecurity" 2021  
- Invited Participant, "Society-centric approaches to AI challenges in 2021  
- Invited Participant, "Environmental Enables for AI challenges in 2021  
Participant, Self Organizing Conference on Machine Learning ([SOCML](#)) 2021  
- Machine Learning, and Privacy session, Moderated by U. Erlingsson 2021  
- organized by I. Goodfellow (1 of 9 chosen)  
Simons Institute, Average-Case Complexity: From Cryptography to Statistical Learning 2021  
Simons Institute, Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science ([ITCS](#)) 2021  
Simons Institute, Geometric Methods in Optimization and Sampling Bootcamp 2021

## **RESEARCH PhD INVITATIONS**

*Participant, Community-Driven Cryptography Seminar* 2021

## **MERIT-BASED GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Google Grace Hopper Conference (GHC) Scholarship* 2021  
*WISP & Black Hat USA Briefings Scholarship (1 of 25)* 2021  
*Kernel Fellowship Block III via Gitcoin (Security: Zero Knowledge Proofs project)* 2021  
*Gitcoin Scholarship for Women (for Kernel Fellowship Block III)* 2021  
*She256 Mentorship focused on ZK Snarks (6 months)* 2021  
*USENIX Security Conference 2021 (via USENIX Diversity Grant via GREPSEC V)* 2021  
*TechX Social Impact / Harvard Franklin Fellowship (1 of 12)* 2020  
*USENIX Enigma Grant* 2021  
*NCAS Workshop participant (NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars)* 2016  
*Who's Who/ Peggy Williams Memorial Scholarship/ Best BFA Award (Best of Major)* 2008

## **OTHER GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

*Upstate Number Theory Conference 2021 (lodging provided)* 2021  
*IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (student travel grant, complimentary ticket)* 2021  
*4th Annual ZK-Proof Workshop (complimentary ticket)* 2021  
*WISP Privacy+Security Conference* 2021  
- *EU Data Law / De-Identification Workshop (Scholarship via WISP)*  
*ICERM (Brown University) Variable Precision in Mathematical & Scientific Thinking* 2020  
*RWC2020 (Real World Crypto: registration, flight, lodging) Grant via IACR* 2020  
*Sage-Days-104 : To work on SageMath Software: Arithmetic Dynamics* 2019  
*Simons Institute (Berkeley) Error-Correcting Codes and High-Dimensional Expansion Boot Camp (attendee)* 2019  
*ICERM (Brown University) Encrypted Search Workshop Grant (Lodging provided)* 2019  
*Cornell Number Theory Conference Grant (Lodging provided)* 2019  
*MSRI (Mathematical Sciences Research Institute) Grants to attend:*  
    *Optimal Transport and applications to machine learning and statistics* 2020  
*Connections for Women:* 2019  
- *Derived Algebraic Geometry, Birational Geometry and Moduli Spaces workshop*  
- *Introductory Workshop: Derived Algebraic Geometry and Birational Geometry And Moduli Spaces*  
*Racket Summer School (National Science Foundation Grant)* 2018-2019  
*PLMW (Programming Languages Mentorship Workshop)* 2018  
*ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)*  
*PLMW(Programming Languages Mentorship Workshop)* 2018  
*PLDI (Programming Languages Design and Implementation)*  
*OPLSS (Oregon Programming Languages Summer School Grant) - declined offer* 2018

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## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

*Panelist, PhD recruiting event (included multiple schools, sponsored by CodePath)* 2020  
*Student Volunteer, ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)* 2020  
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*Student volunteer, PLDI (Programming Languages Design and Implementation)* 2018

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Student volunteer, POPL (Principles of Programming Languages)	2018
Student volunteer, SPLASH	2018
(Systems, Programming, Languages, and Applications) (declined offer)	

## INDUSTRY PhD INVITATIONS

Participant, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in AI & Quantitative Modeling Summit	2021
Participant, Facebook, Amplified: Above & Beyond Computer Science Program (PhDs)	2021
Participant, Facebook's Amplified: Virtual Vivid in Research	2021
Participant, Galois 1st Summer School on Trustworthy Machine Learning (1 of 35)	2021
Participant (via CSRMP), Google PhD Fellowship Summit	2021
Participant, Jane Street PhD Symposium (New York, remote)	2021
Participant, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in Data Science	2021
Participant, TwoSigma Mock Interview Day for Early Career Women in STEM	2021
Participant, Adobe, "The Future of Creativity" (Virtual)	2020
Participant, Microsoft Research, Frontiers in Machine Learning (Redmond, remote)	2020
Participant, Discover Bloomberg: Women in Engineering event (New York, remote)	2020
Participant, Twitter PhD ML Flock Event (New York, Boston office)	2019

## GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS

Microsoft, PhD Intern, Summer 2021 (Redmond: remote)	2021
Microsoft Research, Independent Contractor, Summer 2021 (New York: remote)	
Autodesk, PhD Intern, Summer 2020 (Pier 9, San Francisco: remote)	2020

## RELEVANT WORK / INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Mercury Banking (Haskell fintech) : Software Engineering Intern (San Francisco)	2019
Apple, Inc.: Software Engineering Intern (Sunnyvale)	2019
Google Summer of Code: Developer for Haskell.org (remote)	2018
Mozilla: Increasing Rust's Reach Developer (remote)	2018

## NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

Invited Finalist Judge, Technovation, AI for Good	2021
Participant, Git Contributors Inclusion Summit	2020
Reviewer, Code2040 Application Essays	2020
Reviewer, OpenMined Differential Privacy articles	2020
Judge, DataKind, Data.org, Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge	2020
Google Developer Student Club Lead (for University of Vermont)	2019
Reviewer, Travel Grant Applications, Clojure Conj (2 rounds)	2017

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## OTHER (NON-INDUSTRY) TALKS

"Isogeny Graph Cryptography", School for Poetic Computation, Re-learning to love Maths	2021
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Invited Panelist, Peer-connected Undergraduate Research Exploration in Computer and Information Science and Engineering ( <a href="#">PRE.CISE</a> )	2021
University of Vermont, CIS196, Privacy Law Research Talk	2021
PLAID Lab speaker, "What Scientists can learn from Artists"	2020

## **OTHER (NON-INDUSTRY) TALKS**

PLAID Lab Speaker, "Information Theory: from Spacecraft to Blockchain"	2021
CS Crew Project talk : contributing to Maths software (CodeWorld, SageMaths)	2019

## **CLASSES (PhD)**

Doctoral Research with advisors Joe Near and Christelle Vincent	2021-present
Abstract Algebra IV: Special Topics (Elliptic Curves), taught by Christelle Vincent	2022
Abstract Algebra II, taught by Christelle Vincent (Fields, Rings) (Spring)	2022
Random Probabilistic Graphs, taught by Puck Rombach (Spring)	2022
Abstract Algebra I taught by Puck Rombach (Commutative Group theory) (Fall)	2021
Abstract Algebra III taught by Christelle Vincent : Prep for Maths Quals (Fall)	2021
(Post-quantum) Mathematical Cryptography, taught by Christelle Vincent (Spring)	2021
Privacy, Law and Policy, taught by Ryan Kriger (Spring)	2021
Secure Distributed Computation; taught by Joe Near using Python (Fall)	2020
Machine Learning; taught by Safwan Wshah using Python (Spring)	2020
Doctoral Research with advisors Joe Near and David Darais (Spring, Fall)	2019-2020
Data Privacy; taught by Joe Near using Python (Fall)	2019
Software Verification; taught by David Darais using Agda (Fall)	2019
Computer Human Interaction; taught by Josh Bongard (Fall)	2019

## **CLASSES (AUDIT)**

Stanford EE 374 : Internet-Scale Consensus in the Blockchain Era	2021
- Taught by Dr. David Tse through Stanford University	
- Audited class, scribed for Lecture 11, Spring 2021	

## **CLASSES (RELATED)**

Rewriting the Code (RTC) Blockchain Basics + Developer Workshop	2021
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## **HACKATHONS**

R Data Hackathon 2021, <u>First Place</u> , "Cast and Gender Roles in Movie Data"	2021
- Our group won First place at the R Data Hackathon 2021 for Best Visualization	

Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) Blockchain Bootcamp	2021
- Worked on group project : Fairness consensus for Miner Extractable Value ( <a href="#">MEVs</a> )	
- Implemented Aequitas protocol from <a href="#">paper</a> with authors for fairness simulation	
- One of <a href="#">top four winning teams</a> chosen	

**Skills:** Python, Haskell, Matlab, Sage, (learning Rust and R), LaTeX, Jupyter, SQL, AWS, PySpark, Sparklyr, Tensorflow, Git

## **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY (ACM) MEMBERSHIPS**

Student Member, International Association of Cryptologic Research (IACR)	2020-present
SIGecom Special Interest Group on Economics and Computation	2020-2021

## **NON-ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP**

Member, Women in Number Theory	2018-present
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<i>Member, QVNTS (Quebec-Vermont Number Theory Seminar)</i>	<i>2021-present</i>
<i>Member, Women in Combinatorics</i>	<i>2021-present</i>
<i>Member, Association for Women in Mathematics</i>	<i>2021-present</i>
<i>Member, She256</i>	<i>2021-present</i>
<i>Member, Women in Security and Privacy (WISP)</i>	<i>2020-present</i>