Student Testimonials

Brianna Mordkin, *Class of 2016*

"The NIIN program was helpful to me in so many ways. I got to know each professor and made great connections with each of them. Through my professors, I was able to connect with other clinicians and professors where I gained valuable research and clinical experience. Additionally, I feel like a much better applicant for PA school after completing the NIIN program. The rigorous classes and high expectations of students will absolutely aid me in graduate school. The professors and people involved in LONI were always very supportive, and have offered me letters of recommendation and advice. There were even some days after class where the professors would stay and talk with us and answer questions about graduate school. These talks were valuable to me and provided me with an insight that I needed to be ready to apply to PA school. I very much appreciate my experience in the NIIN program and hope that it continues to grow."

Xiaoxiao Lei, *Class of 2016*

"My passion and love have always been in the investigation of clinical psychology. In order to unveil the myth and the complexity of the mind, it is important to master various kinds of brain science technologies as well as analytical methods. NIIN, Masters of Science in Neuroimaging and Informatics program has given me such opportunities so as to: 1) familiarize myself with functional neuroanatomy as well as terminologies and features of various imaging techniques, algorithms and analyses, 2) learn about the principles of neuroimaging and gain hands-on experiences in processing multiple kinds of brain data (e.g., fMRI, DTI), and 3) gain a more in-depth understanding of scientific investigations through those seminar talks given by great scientists from different psychological domains. In addition, professors in this program are truly helpful, and they obviously know their medical and/or scientific specialties very well and are passionate about their careers. Accordingly, after the completion of this program, I now have a better and much more detailed view regarding how to do my own research and processing brain data in my interested science topics. Meanwhile, due to the significant gain of neuro-informatics related knowledge, this program helped me get into the place I hope to further learn."

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Avnish Bhattrai, *Class of 2016*

"I came to this program following my search for a PhD program at multiple schools across the world and noticed that neuroimaging is a field that was becoming highly important in understanding the function and aberrations of the human brain. With an interest in pursuing further education in the field of neuroscience and realizing that this program is the best opportunity to learn about neuroimaging from professors who excel in this field, I decided to join this program. My faith has been rewarded by the fact that I have learned so many practical skills which have brought me close to being a comprehensive neuroscience researcher. This program gave me not only the knowledge on how data is acquired but also how it is processed, which is everything that could ask from a well-rounded program. The faculty was very approachable, knowledgeable and challenged me to expand my horizons and enhance my critical thinking abilities. The coursework design replicated how data is acquired and processed in a real world scenario hence this program prepares to take up a research position as soon as you graduate along with giving you an edge over other researchers. Now working at the Lab of Neuro Imaging, I get to use my education to carry out analyses to understand structural and functional changes, providing a deeper insight into the functional connectivity between different regions of the brain."

Maria Ashna, *Class of 2016*

"The NIIN program has been an education in every sense of the word. This program has combined my two loves of neuroscience and technology to help me learn and grow to be a better researcher. The knowledge that I gained from this program has been immensely useful in my current position as a research programmer analyst. This program has also provided me with a glimpse of life in academia, which, coming from industry, I found to be valuable. Overall, this program has challenged me, molded me, and shaped me in more ways than I can count or describe, and my time here has prepared me to be successful in any path that I choose in this field."

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Franklin Feingold, *Class of 2016*

"The knowledge I gained through the Neuroimaging and Informatics Masters program allowed for a smooth transition into my research assistant position at the Imaging Genetics Center. This program taught me how to think about processing pipelines, analyze brain images, and interpret the results. In addition, this program gave me a thorough understanding of the different MR modalities and how each of these different modalities can be applied to understand more about the brain. We also learned how these different brain measures can be used in conjunction with genetic and phenomic information, which is exactly what I am doing now! This program really set me up for a future in Neuroimaging!"