

Meet your WDIGFY Student Connectors

*Tap into their knowledge
and network to identify
alums to expand your own
network.*





Maria Armillei

Translational Biomedicine

PhD Candidate



Maria is a PhD student in the Program in Translational Biomedicine (PTB) in Dr. Liza Konnikova's lab, where she studies early life intestinal homeostasis and disease in the context of infant nutrition.

Maria serves as a Yale Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) representative for PTB. On GSA, she is a member of the Academic and Professional Development (APD) Committee.



Leanna Gharbaoui

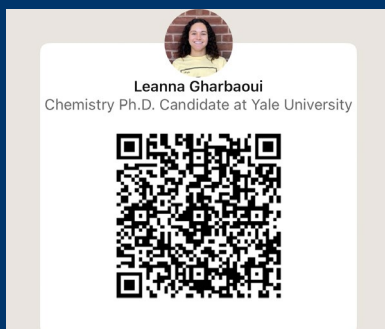
Chemistry

PhD Candidate



Leanna Gharbaoui is a 4th year PhD candidate in the Chemistry Department. Her research focuses on the synthesis of bioactive small molecules. She currently serves as the Academic and Professional Development Committee Chair in the Graduate Student Assembly.

Acting as a liaison during this event, she advises students to connect with as many alumni as possible as they are here to share their insights about career transitions.



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Colton Klein

History of Art

PhD Candidate



Colton Klein is a PhD student in the History of Art at Yale, where he studies the art of the United States. He recently curated the exhibition *The Visionary Art of Minnie Evans (2025)* at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and previously worked as a curatorial assistant at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.



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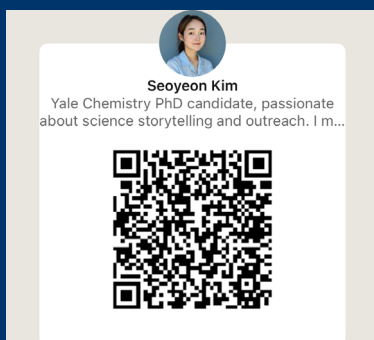
Seoyeon Kim

Chemistry

PhD Candidate



Seoyeon Kim is a third-year chemistry graduate student in the Hazari Lab, working on nickel-catalyzed cross-electrophile coupling using homogeneous reductants. She is also a GSA representative in chemistry, primarily supporting academic and professional development. She participates in the annual Chemistry Magic Show for local students and serves as a Research Request Network Assistant with the Yale Prison Education Initiative.



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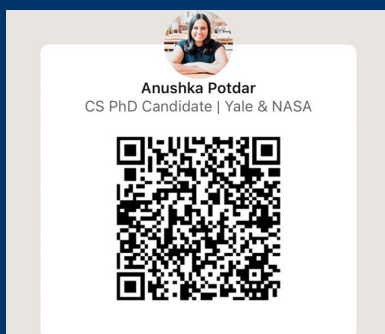
Anushka Potdar

Computer Science

PhD Candidate



Anushka Potdar is a 3rd year PhD candidate in Computer Science. Her research focuses on AI for human spaceflight, and she serves as the Vice Chair of Yale's Graduate Student Assembly. Anushka is excited to help connect students with alumni.



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Nathan Suri

Physics

PhD Candidate



As a researcher in both computational high-energy physics and AI safety, Nathan is able to discuss career pathways available to interested researchers of these fields. Additionally, Nathan is able to speak about the lessons he has learned as a leader of a student government organization. Beyond these specifics, Nathan has accrued plenty of experience seeking mentorship and collaboration opportunities both here at Yale as well as in the broader academic community.



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Akhilesh Tumu

Operations

PhD Candidate



Akhilesh Tumu is a second-year PhD Student in Operations at the School of Management. He works on topics at the intersection of computer science and economics, including online platforms and game theory. He is a Representative in the Graduate Student Assembly and a Student Liaison to the Yale GSAA Board.



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