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Research of the Rohs Lab established the field of DNA shape analysis in protein-DNA binding and transcription factor binding specificity. To achieve this, the Rohs Lab successfully integrated the fields of structural biology and genomics. Many tools and papers in both areas of research now use the approaches pioneered by the Rohs Lab. The Rohs Lab has expanded their work on deciphering molecular mechanisms and interactions based on the three-dimensional shapes of molecules to proteins, RNA, and drug design. The Rohs Lab currently develops machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) methods and other computational and experimental approaches to reveal molecular mechanisms of binding. Dr. Rohs is an Alfred P. Sloan Research Scholar. He was elected a Fellow of three major professional organizations, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association (AAIA), and the leading organization of his field, the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB), and was elected a Member of the National Academy of Artificial Intelligence (NAAI). Dornsife College of the University of Southern California awarded Dr. Rohs the Alfred S. Raubenheimer Award for Senior Faculty recognizing outstanding scholarship, teaching, and university service.

EDUCATION, ACADEMIC DEGREES, AND TRAINING

01/2006-08/2010	Postdoctoral Training in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
12/2009	Professional Achievement Certificate in Business (Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing), Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
03/2003-12/2005	Postdoctoral Training in Computational Structural Biology, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
01/2003	Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Department of Biology, Chemistry and Pharmacy, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
09/1997	M.Sc. in Physics, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Humboldt Universität Berlin, Germany

POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

01/2025- present	Joint appointment, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
01/2025- present	Joint appointment, Division of Medical Oncology, Department of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
01/2021-present	Full Professor (with Tenure) and Founding Chair of the newly established Department of Quantitative and Computational Biology (18 core and 23 joint faculty, 60 Ph.D., 20 M.Sc., and more than 120 undergraduate students) University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
08/2016-12/2020	Full Professor (with Tenure), Quantitative and Computational Biology Section, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
01/2016-08/2016	Associate Professor (with Tenure), Molecular and Computational Biology Section, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2013-present	Joint appointment, Department of Computer Science, Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2012-present	Joint appointment, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2011-present	Member, Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2011-present	Joint appointment, Department of Chemistry, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
08/2010-01/2016	Tenure-track appointment, Molecular and Computational Biology Section, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2009-2010	Associate Research Scientist (Advisor: Barry Honig), Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
2006-2008	Research Associate (Advisor: Barry Honig), Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
2003-2005	Postdoctoral Fellow (Advisor: Zippora Shakked), Department of Structural Biology, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

HONORS AND AWARDS

Personal Awards and Fellowships

2026	Albert S. Raubenheimer Award for Senior Faculty recognizing outstanding scholarship, teaching, and service to the university
2025	Elected Member, National Academy of Artificial Intelligence (NAAI)
2025	Elected Fellow, International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)
2024	Elected Fellow, Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association (AAIA), Hongkong
2022	Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Biological Sciences Section
2016	USC Mentoring Award in the category Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2016	American Chemical Society OpenEye Outstanding Junior Faculty Award in Computational Chemistry presented at the ACS Spring 2016 National Meeting, San Diego, CA
2013	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York, NY
2012	Certificate of Appreciation from LCUSD Governing Board for dedication to students of La Cañada High School and supporting the field of science
2011	Selected by GenomeWeb as Annual Young Investigator
2010	Keynote Address, 2 nd India-Japan Symposium on Bioinformatics, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India
2005	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure and Assembly, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
2003	Minerva Fellowship, Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science, Munich, Germany
1998	Humboldt Prize for M.Sc. Thesis, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, Germany

Paper Awards

2024	Weller <i>et al.</i> J. Chem. Inf. Model. paper on drug design is featured on the journal cover
2024	Mitra <i>et al.</i> Nucleic Acids Res. paper on RNA structure is featured on the journal cover

2017	Yang <i>et al.</i> Mol. Syst. Biol. paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2016/17
2016	Dror <i>et al.</i> Genome Res. paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2015/16
2016	Zhou <i>et al.</i> PNAS paper was selected for a Highlight presentation at the RECOMB 2016 conference
2015	Zhou <i>et al.</i> PNAS paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2014/15
2015	Abe <i>et al.</i> Cell paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2014/15
2014	Yang <i>et al.</i> Nucleic Acids Res. paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2013/14
2014	Slattery <i>et al.</i> Trends Biochem. Sci. review paper was featured on the journal cover
2014	Yang <i>et al.</i> Nucleic Acids Res. paper was selected as NAR Breakthrough Article, a designation received by < 1% of articles published in NAR
2014	Yang <i>et al.</i> Nucleic Acids Res. paper was featured on the journal cover
2014	Barozzi <i>et al.</i> Mol. Cell paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2013/14
2013	Gordân <i>et al.</i> Cell Rep. paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2012/13
2013	Lazarovici <i>et al.</i> PNAS paper received a RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2012/13
2012	Slattery <i>et al.</i> Cell paper received the RECOMB/ISCB Top-10 Paper Award for being one of the ten most influential publications in the fields of regulatory and systems genomics in 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of Editorial and Professional Boards

2023-present	Member, Board of Directors, Center for Applied Mathematical Sciences (CAMS), Department of Mathematics, University of Southern California
2014-2017	Member, Editorial Board, Proteopedia, Israel Structural Proteomics Center, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
2012-2014	Member, Academic Advisory Board, zSpace Inc., Sunnyvale, CA
2011-2016	Faculty Member, Faculty of 1000 in Biology (Structural Biology, Section Structure: Transcription and Translation), London, UK
2011	Guest Editor, PLOS Computational Biology, Public Library of Science
2010-present	Associate Editor, BMC Bioinformatics, BioMed Central, London, UK
2010-present	Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Biomolecular Structure & Dynamics, Taylor & Francis, Albany, NY

Meeting Organizer, Session Chair, Program and Poster Awards Committee Member

2022	Co-organizer of RECOMB Satellite Meeting for Dr. Michael Waterman's birthday and establishment of QCB as new USC department celebration
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2022	Co-organizer of ACS Meeting Symposium for Dr. Barry Honig's birthday celebration, American Chemical Society National Meeting Spring 2022
2017	Program Committee Member, 25 th Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology (ISMB)/16 th European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB), Prague, Czech Republic
2015	Co-organizer of Workshop "Rules of protein-DNA recognition: computational and experimental advances", funded by Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery, Banff, Canada, and held at Casa Matemática Oaxaca, Mexico
2015	Invited session chair, Keystone Symposia on DNA Methylation and Epigenomics, Keystone, CO, USA
2014	Invited session chair, Symposium "Modeling the effects of water and solvation in biological systems: Developments and applications" at 248 th National Meeting, American Chemical Society, San Francisco, CA, USA
2013	Program Committee Member, 21 st Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology (ISMB)/12 th European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB), Berlin, Germany
2013	Invited session chair, 18 th Conversation on Biomolecular Structure & Dynamics, Albany, NY, USA
2011	Co-organizer of Professor Barry Honig's Birthday Symposium, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
2009	Co-organizer of symposium "Computer Simulation of Biological Macromolecules", Berlin, Germany
2005	Co-organizer of symposium "New Horizons in Computational Biology", Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
2000	Chair of organization committee, "Berlin Humboldt School on Structural Biology", Berlin, Germany

Member of Review Panels, Reviewer of Grants and Manuscripts

2024	Member, Review panel, NIH Director's Transformative Research Award, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA
2023-2025	Grant reviewer, European Research Council, ERC grant proposals, Brussels, Belgium
2022	Member, External review panel, Department of Mathematics, University Committee of Academic Review (UCAR), University of Southern California
2022	Grant reviewer, Minerva Weizmann Foundation and Max Planck Society, Munich, Germany
2015	Grant reviewer, Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP), Strasbourg, France
2015	Grant reviewer, Canada First Research Excellence Fund, NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR granting agencies, Ottawa, Canada
2015	Grant reviewer, Division of Molecular and Cellular Bioscience, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, USA
2014	Ad hoc member, NIH study section "Genome, Computational Biology and Technology (GCAT)", National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA
2014	Ad hoc reviewer, NSF CAREER awards, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, USA
2014-2016	Grant reviewer, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBRC), London, UK
2014	Grant reviewer, Medical Research Council (MRC), London, UK
2014	Grant reviewer, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, USA
2013-2016	Member, Standing Committee of External Evaluators, Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), Genova, Italy
2012-2015	Member, HHMI Fellowship Review Panel, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, USA (reviewed >100 proposals in 4 years)

2012-2017	Grant reviewer, Israel Science Foundation (ISF), Jerusalem, Israel
2011	Reviewer, Banff International Research Station (BIRS), Banff, Canada
2010	Grant reviewer, Wellcome Trust, London, UK
2004-present	Manuscript reviewer for (among others) Nature, Cell, Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol., Nat. Methods, Nat. Commun., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, Genome Res., Dev. Cell, Cell Syst., Cell Rep., Epigenetics & Chromatin, PLOS Comput. Biol., Nucleic Acids Res., J. Mol. Biol., Bioinformatics, Protein Sci., BMC Bioinform., FEBS Letters, J. Struct. Biol., Biophys. J., Biochemistry, Biopolymers, Photochem. Photobiol., J. Chem. Theor. Comput., J. Chem. Inf. Model., J. Biomol. Struct. Dyn., Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol. (multiple for all journals)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021-present	Founding Department Chair of the newly established Department of Quantitative and Computational Biology (18 core and 32 joint faculty members, 60 Ph.D., 30 M.Sc., more than 130 undergraduate major and 20 undergraduate minor students), University of Southern California
2026-present	Member, Dornsife AI Committee, University of Southern California
2018-2020	Section Head (Department Chair equivalent position), newly established Quantitative and Computational Biology section (14 core and 15 joint faculty members, 60 Ph.D., 10 M.Sc., and 60 undergraduate students), University of Southern California
2019-2020	Chair, Tenure-track Faculty Search Committee, Computational Structural, Synthetic, or Systems Biology, University of Southern California
2016-2020	Member, Executive Committee of Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
2016-2019	Vice Chair of Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
2016-2018	Head of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics group (prior to establishment of Quantitative and Computational Biology section; 10 faculty members), University of Southern California
2018-2026	Ad hoc member, Dornsife Committee for Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure (DCAPT) for multiple tenure evaluation meetings, Dornsife College for Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California
2017-2018	Member, RTPC Faculty Search Committee (hiring 3 new teaching faculty), Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
2017-present	Program Director, Quantitative Biology (B.Sc.) and Quantitative and Computational Biology (M.Sc.), University of Southern California
2016-present	Chair, Executive Committee, then Curriculum Committee for Quantitative Biology Undergraduate Major and Quantitative and Computational Biology Master's Program, University of Southern California
2016-2019	Co-chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
2016-2017	Member, Science and Engineering Subcommittee of University Committee on Curriculum, University of Southern California
2016-2017	Member, Faculty Search Committee, Multi-scale modeling and data-intensive computing for biology, University of Southern California
2016	Member, Data Science Advisory Board, Michelson Center for Convergent Biosciences, University of Southern California
2015	Member, Dean's advisory committee for department chair selection, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
2015	Member, Dean's self-study steering/"uber" committee, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
2015	Member, Self-study subcommittee "undergraduate programs", Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California

2015-2018	Member, Advisory Board, Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) Program, University of Southern California
2015-2018	Member, Executive Committee for NIH training grant at Chemistry/Biology Interface, University of Southern California
2015-2016	Chair, High-performance Computing Committee, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics section, University of Southern California
2015-2018	Member, Building Committee, Ray R. Irani Hall, Molecular and Computational Biology section University of Southern California
2014-2018	Chair, Space Committee, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics section, University of Southern California
2014-2018	Member, Retreat Committee, Molecular and Computational Biology section, University of Southern California
2011-2016	Member, Screening Committee, Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Southern California
2011-2013	Organizer, Seminar Series in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Southern California
2010-2016	Member, Admissions Committee, Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Southern California

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Course and Curriculum Development

2026	Developed new Dornsife Intensive Program 'AI for Molecular Biology'
2021-2026	Redesigned undergraduate, Master's, and Ph.D. programs of the Department of Quantitative and Computational Biology; established new courses; introduced and received university approval for new curriculum
2018-2019	Developed new Master's program (M.Sc. and Progressive Master's) in Quantitative and Computational Biology
2018-2019	Developed new Honors program for B.Sc. in Quantitative Biology (QBIO), including Honors Seminar and Thesis courses, QBIO 493 and QBIO 494
2016-2017	Developed new Major (B.Sc.) in Quantitative Biology (QBIO), including a new course QBIO 105 "Introduction in Quantitative Biology"
2016	Developed new content for and restructured undergraduate course BISC 321 "Science, Technology, and Society"
2014	Co-developed course proposal for new general education course (with F. Sun and M. Waterman)
2012-2016	Co-developed new undergraduate level course BISC/QBIO 481 "Structural Bioinformatics from Atoms to Cells" (with F. Alber)
2011-2014	Initiated and taught "Bioinformatics Institute" at La Cañada High School, La Cañada Flintridge, CA

Placements of Trainees, Honors and Awards Received by Graduate Students in Rohs Lab

Tianyin Zhou: graduated in 09/2014, was hired by Google as Software Engineer, and was promoted to Senior Software Engineer, Staff Software Engineer, and Senior Staff Software Engineer/Tech Lead Manager

2014	Ph.D. Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding academic research, Graduate School, University of Southern California (Rohs as advisor received a Graduate School Mentoring Award)
2014	Harrison M. Kurtz Award given to the most outstanding Ph.D. student in the Biological Sciences, University of Southern California

Iris Dror: graduated in 09/2015 at Technion, Haifa, Israel; joined UCLA as Postdoctoral Associate in 11/2015; currently Senior Lecturer and Research Group Leader at MIGDAL Galilee Research Institute, Kiryat Shmona, Israel

- 2014 Women in Science Fellowship, Israeli Ministry of Science
 2013 Paper of the Month Award (with Dror as first and Rohs as last author),
 Department of Biology, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
 2012 Irwin and Joan Jacobs Fellowship, Graduate School, Technion – Israel
 Institute of Technology

Lin Yang: graduated in 06/2016; joined Google as Software Engineer, was promoted to Senior Software Engineer

- 2016 Ph.D. Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding academic
 research, Graduate School, University of Southern California
 (Rohs as advisor received a Graduate School Mentoring Award)
 2015 Dan David Prize Scholarship in the “Future” category Bioinformatics, Dan
 David Foundation and Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
 2015 Harrison M. Kurtz Award given to the most outstanding Ph.D. student in
 the Biological Sciences, University of Southern California

Ana Carolina Dantas Machado: graduated in 08/2016; joined the University of California San Diego in 01/2019 as Postdoctoral Associate and was promoted to Assistant Project Scientist, then Research Scientist at Gilead Sciences, Inc.

- 2016 Harrison M. Kurtz Award given to the most outstanding Ph.D. student in
 the Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
 2015 William E. Trusten Award given to the most outstanding Ph.D. student in
 the Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
 2014 WiSE Merit Fellowship given to Ph.D. students who demonstrate
 exceptional work in their field, Women in Science and Engineering
 Program, University of Southern California

Tsu-Pei Chiu: graduated in 06/2018; was Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer at USC and promoted in 2024 to Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Quantitative and Computational Biology

- 2018-2020 USC-Taiwan Postdoctoral Fellowship
 2017-2018 Manning Endowed Fellowship of the USC Graduate School
 2016-2017 Research Enhancement Fellowship of the USC Graduate School
 2016 William E. Trusten Award given to the most outstanding Ph.D. student in
 the Biological Sciences, University of Southern California

Satyanarayan Rao: graduated in 06/2018; joined the University of Colorado at Denver as Postdoctoral Associate in 11/2018; now tenure-track Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee as of 08/2023

Beibei Xin: graduated in 06/2018; joined China Agricultural University in Beijing as Faculty Member in 10/2019 where she is currently an Associate Professor

- 2018 William E. Trusten Award given to the most outstanding Ph.D. student in
 the Biological Sciences, University of Southern California
 2018 WiSE Merit Fellowship given to Ph.D. students who demonstrate
 exceptional work in their field, Women in Science and Engineering
 Program, University of Southern California
 2017-2018 Research Enhancement Fellowship of the USC Graduate School

Xiaofei Wang: graduated in 06/2018; joined Fujifilm Biosciences, Inc. as Data Scientist, was promoted to Senior Data Scientist

Richard Li: graduated in 05/2019; joined Wuxi NextCode Genomics, Inc. as Senior Computational Associate; currently AI/ML Engineer at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) plc.

Jared Sagendorf: graduated in 06/2020; joined the University of California San Francisco as Academic Coordinator in 04/2023 after a period as Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer at USC

Jinsen Li: graduated in 09/2021; currently Research Specialist and Instructor at USC

2019-2020 Research Enhancement Fellowship of the USC Graduate School

Brendon Cooper: *graduated in 07/2022; joined Beckman Coulter as Development Scientist in 04/2023 after a short period as Postdoctoral Associate at USC*

2021-2022 Inaugural Michael S. Waterman Awardee in Computational Biology

Raktim Mitra: *graduated in 10/2024; joined 01/2025 Nobel Laureate Dr. David Baker's laboratory at the University of Washington, Seattle, as Postdoctoral Associate*

2023-2024 Michael S. Waterman Award in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Southern California

2024-2025 Phi Kappa Phi Student Achievement Award, University of Southern California

2024-2025 Graduate Student Prize for excellence in research with a substantial mathematical component, Center for Applied Mathematical Sciences

Yibei Jiang: *graduated in 10/2025; joined Illumina, Inc. in 08/2025 as Support Scientist*

2023-2024 Inaugural Award for Excellence in Teaching in Computational Biology

2025-2026 Michael S. Waterman Award in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Southern California

Yingfei Wang: *graduated in 11/2025; remained at USC for transitional period*

2025-2026 Award for Excellence in Teaching in Computational Biology

George Wang: *graduated in 12/2025; joined Frontage Laboratories, Inc. as Product Manager*

Jesse Weller: *graduated in 4/2026; joined Dyno Therapeutics, Inc. in 06/2025 as ML Scientist*

2025 Selected for talk, American Chemical Society Meeting, San Diego, CA

2025 Selected for talk, Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology, Liverpool, UK

TALKS AND SEMINARS

Invited talks at international conferences (08/2010-present; since joining USC)

1. **President's Meeting, International Society of Quantum Biology & Pharmacology**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, June 15-18, 2026.
2. **Keynote Speaker, 2nd Next Gen Conversations in Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics**, Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA, USA, June 9-13, 2026.
3. **Conference on Rules of Protein-DNA Recognition 2025**, Cancun, Mexico, October 13-17, 2025.
4. **Visualizing Biological Data (VIZBI) Conference 2024**, Los Angeles, CA, USA, March 13-15, 2024.
5. **APS Meeting Symposium** "Harnessing the Power of Machine Learning in Studying Biomolecular Dynamics", **American Physical Society Meeting**, Minneapolis, MN, March 3-8, 2024.
6. **Multiscale Genome Organization Symposium** at the **Biophysical Society Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA, USA, February 10-14, 2024.
7. **Keynote Speaker, RECOMB-ISCB Conference on Regulatory Genomics & Systems Genomics 2023**, Los Angeles, CA, USA, November 28-30, 2023.
8. **Conference on Rules of Protein-DNA Recognition 2023**, Cancun, Mexico, October 9-13, 2023.
9. **Conference on Modeling Protein Interactions 2023**, Lawrence, KS, USA, May 25-27, 2023.
10. **Joint CECAM-CSF Conference on Multiscale simulations of DNA from electrons to nucleosomes: 22 years of the Ascona B-DNA Consortium**, Ascona, Switzerland, April 16-21, 2023.

11. **Workshop on Protein-DNA Interactions: from Biophysics to Cell Biology**, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, October 18-20, 2022.
12. Symposium in the Honor of Dr. Tom Tullius' 70th Birthday, **Bioinformatics Program, Boston University**, Boston, MA, USA, September 30, 2022.
13. **11th Annual Southern California Systems Biology Symposium**, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA, April 2, 2022.
14. Symposium in the Honor of Dr. Barry Honig's 80th Birthday, **American Chemical Society Spring 2022 Meeting**, San Diego, CA, USA, March 20-24, 2022.
15. **1st International Conference on Mathematical Multiscale Modeling in Biology**, Guanacaste, Costa Rica, October 21-25, 2019.
16. **2nd Molecular Biosystems Conference on Eukaryotic Gene Regulation & Functional Genomics**, Puerto Varas, Chile, September 30 – October 4, 2019.
17. **Howard Hughes Medical Institute Think Tank** discussing new future research directions for their **Janelia Farm Research Campus**, Ashburn, VA, September 23-25, 2019.
18. Mann-tastic 30 years of Excellence and Beyond, **Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute, Columbia University**, New York, NY, USA, June 14, 2019.
19. **Keynote Evening Talk, Retreat of the Graduate School of Quantitative Biosciences Munich**, Ludwig Maximilians University, Technical University Munich, Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, and Helmholtz Center Munich, Tutzing, Germany, June 12-14, 2019.
20. **Colloque 60 ans du Laboratoire de Biochimie Théorique, Institut de Biologie Physico-Chimique**, Paris, France, April 9-11, 2019.
21. **4th International Conference on Mathematical and Computational Medicine**, Cancun, Mexico, December 3-7, 2018.
22. **Keynote and Opening Talk. Regulatory and Systems Genomics COSI Track**, 26th **International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)**, Chicago, IL, USA, July 6-10, 2018.
23. 3rd Workshop on Rules of Protein-DNA Recognition: Computational & Experimental Advances, **Casa Matemática Oaxaca** and **Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery**, Oaxaca, Mexico, June 4-8, 2018.
24. **4th International Conference on Protein and RNA Structure Prediction**, Montego Bay, Jamaica, December 4-8, 2017.
25. **1st Molecular Biosystems Conference on Eukaryotic Gene Regulation & Functional Genomics**, Puerto Varas, Chile, September 23-26, 2017.
26. Symposium on Molecular Recognition: Revealing the Effects Associated with Receptor-Ligand Binding, **254th National Meeting, American Chemical Society**, Washington, DC, USA, August 20-24, 2017.
27. Symposium on Modeling Water & Solvation in Biochemistry: Developments & Applications, **252nd National Meeting, American Chemical Society**, Philadelphia, PA, USA, August 21-25, 2016.
28. Workshop on Measuring and Modeling Quantitative Sequence-Function Relationships, Banbury Center, **Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory**, NY, USA, July 5-8, 2016.
29. Workshop on Healthy Aging, **Japan Science and Technology Agency and Leibniz Association**, Tokyo, Japan, June 20-22, 2016.
30. Workshop on Regulatory Genomics and Epigenomics, **Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, University of California at Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA, USA, March 7-10, 2016.
31. 2nd Workshop on Rules of Protein-DNA Recognition: Computational & Experimental Advances, **Casa Matemática Oaxaca** and **Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery**, Oaxaca, Mexico, June 21-25, 2015.
32. **19th Conversation on Biomolecular Structure & Dynamics**, Albany, NY, USA, June 9-13, 2015.
33. Symposium on Modeling the Effects of Water and Solvation in Biological Systems: Developments and Applications, **248th National Meeting, American Chemical Society**, San Francisco, CA, USA, August 10-14, 2014.
34. **Zing Conference on Protein Folding**, organized by Zing Conferences, Cambridge, UK; held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, July 16-19, 2014.

35. 1st Workshop on Rules of Protein-DNA Recognition: Computational & Experimental Advances, **Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery**, Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 16-21, 2013.
36. **DNA@60, The 60th Anniversary of the Discovery of the DNA Double Helix**, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, May 26-29, 2013.
37. **International Conference on Biomolecular Forms and Functions, A Celebration of 50 Years of the Ramachandran Map**, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, January 8-11, 2013.
38. **243rd National Meeting, American Chemical Society, Symposium in honor of Professor Andrew McCammon**, San Diego, CA, USA, March 25-28, 2012.
39. **Keystone Symposium, Nucleic Acid Therapeutics: From Base Pairs to Bedsides**, Santa Fe, NM, USA, January 10-15, 2012.
40. **Symposium in honor of Professor Barry Honig, Columbia University**, New York, NY, USA, December 15-16, 2011.
41. **17th Conversation on Biomolecular Structure & Dynamics**, Albany, NY, USA, June 14-18, 2011.
42. **Conference on Modeling Electrostatics in Molecular Biology**, Clemson, SC, USA, April 4-6, 2011.
43. **6th Congress of the Federation of the Israel Societies for Experimental Biology**, Eilat, Israel, February 7-11, 2011.
44. **1st Annual Southern California Systems Biology Conference**, Irvine, CA, USA, January 29-30, 2011.
45. **4th India-Japan Symposium on Cell Engineering and Bioinformatics, Indian Institute of Technology**, New Delhi, India, December 13-14, 2010.
46. **2nd India-Japan Symposium on Bioinformatics, Indian Institute of Technology**, New Delhi, India, December 10-11, 2010.

Contributed talks at international conferences (08/2010-present; since joining USC)

47. **Bioinformatics in the USA, International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)**, Washington, DC, July 12-16, 2026.
48. **International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)/European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB)**, Liverpool, UK, July 20-24, 2025.
49. **Highlight Talk RECOMB 2016 Conference**, Santa Monica, CA, USA, April 17-21, 2016.
50. **Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on Systems Biology: Global Regulation of Gene Expression**, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, USA, March 15-19, 2016.
51. **Epigenomics 2016 Meeting**, Rio Mar, Puerto Rico, USA, January 31-February 5, 2016.
52. **Keystone Symposia on DNA Methylation and Epigenomics**, Keystone, CO, USA, March 29-April 2, 2015.
53. **Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on Systems Biology: Global Regulation of Gene Regulation**, held in Rio Mar, Puerto Rico, USA, January 28-February 1, 2015.
54. **4th Zing Nucleic Acids Conference**, organized by Zing Conferences, Cambridge, UK; held in Cancun, Mexico, December 5-9, 2014.
55. **7th Annual RECOMB/ISCB Conference on Regulatory and Systems Genomics**, San Diego, CA, USA, November 9-14, 2014.
56. **Regulatory Genomics Special Interest Group, 22nd Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)**, Boston, MA, USA, July 12, 2014.
57. **5th Annual RECOMB Conference on Regulatory and Systems Genomics**, San Francisco, CA, USA, November 12-15, 2012.
58. **Regulatory Genomics Special Interest Group, 20th Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)**, Long Beach, CA, USA, July 14, 2012.
59. **3DSIG, Structural Bioinformatics and Computational Biophysics Satellite Meeting, ISMB**, Long Beach, CA, USA, July 13-14, 2012.

Invited departmental seminars (08/2010-present; since joining USC)

60. **Berlin Institute for Medical Systems Biology, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine**, Berlin, Germany, February 11, 2026.
61. **Center for Theoretical Biological Physics, Northeastern University**, Boston, MA, September 16, 2025.
62. **Max Planck Institute for Molecular Plant Physiology**, Potsdam, Germany, August 20, 2025.
63. **Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry**, Munich, Germany, July 9, 2025.
64. **Dahlem Colloquium, Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics**, Berlin, Germany, July 2, 2025.
65. **Genomics and Bioinformatics Cluster, University of Central Florida**, Orlando, FL, April 3, 2025.
66. **Department of Physics, Freie Universität Berlin**, Germany, February 14, 2025.
67. **Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics**, Berlin, Germany, October 27, 2022.
68. **Distinguished Speaker Series, Edmond J. Safra Center for Bioinformatics, Tel Aviv University**, Tel Aviv, Israel, October 24, 2022.
69. Joint Seminar, **Institute of Mathematics and School of Life Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)**, Lausanne, Switzerland, April 26, 2022.
70. **Department of Chemical and Structural Biology, Weizmann Institute of Science**, Rehovot, Israel, June 14, 2022.
71. **Fulgent Genetics**, Temple City, CA, May 26, 2021.
72. **European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)**, Heidelberg, Germany, February 5-6, 2020.
73. **Computational Biology Department, Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, January 21-22, 2020.
74. **Berlin Institute of Medical Systems Biology, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine**, Berlin, Germany, June 11, 2019.
75. Faculty of Biological Sciences, **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile**, Santiago, Chile, September 28, 2017.
76. Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, **University of North Carolina, Charlotte**, NC, USA, April 28, 2017.
77. Department of Chemistry, **University of Utah, Salt Lake City**, UT, USA, April 13, 2017.
78. Chemical and Structural Biology Division, College of Biological Sciences, **University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minneapolis**, MN, USA, March 22, 2017.
79. Program in Quantitative and Computational Biology, **Lewis Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics, Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ, USA, March 9, 2017.
80. **Keynote Seminar**, Biozentrum, Faculty of Biology, **Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich**, Germany, December 16, 2016.
81. Institute Colloquium, **Leibniz Institute on Aging - Fritz Lipmann Institute**, Jena, Germany, July 21, 2016.
82. Institute of Systems Genetics, **New York University School of Medicine**, New York, NY, USA, June 9, 2016.
83. Scientific **Symposium "Computational Biology of Aging"**, **Leibniz Institute on Aging - Fritz Lipmann Institute**, Jena, Germany, March 23, 2016.
84. Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Research Center, **Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**, Los Angeles, CA, USA, January 19, 2016.
85. Special Guest Lecture, Azrieli Institute for Systems Biology, **Weizmann Institute of Science**, Rehovot, Israel, May 20, 2015.
86. Lecture in Bioinformatics, **Tel Aviv University**, Ramat Aviv, Israel, May 19, 2015.
87. Systems Biology Seminar, Program in Bioinformatics, **Boston University**, Boston, MA, USA, April 9, 2015.
88. Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Program, **Iowa State University**, Ames, IA, USA, March 25, 2015.
89. Dept. of Biochemistry, **New York University School of Medicine**, New York, NY, USA, March 5, 2015.

90. Joint Program in Computational Biology, Dept. of Computational and Systems Biology, University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, February, 27, 2015.
91. Dept. of Computational Molecular Biology **Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics**, Berlin, Germany, February 9, 2015.
92. Duke Center for Genomic and Computational Biology, **Duke University**, Durham, NC, USA, November 17, 2014.
93. Dept. of Systems Biology, **Columbia University Medical Center**, New York, NY, USA, June 9, 2014.
94. Dept. of Systems Biology, **Harvard Medical School**, Boston, USA, May 22, 2014.
95. Center for Computational Molecular Biology, **Brown University**, Providence, RI, USA, May 20, 2014.
96. Dept. of Biochemistry, **University of Wisconsin – Madison**, WI, USA, May 5, 2014.
97. **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute**, Seattle, WA, USA, April 24, 2014.
98. Dept. of Genome Sciences, **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA, USA, April 23, 2014.
99. Center for Nonlinear Studies, **Los Alamos National Laboratory**, Los Alamos, NM, USA, April 7, 2014.
100. Dept. of Genetics, **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO, USA, March 20, 2014.
101. Bioinformatics Program, **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**, CA, USA, January 23, 2012.
102. Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology Program, **University of California, Riverside**, CA, USA, November 16, 2011.
103. Center for Theoretical Biological Physics, **University of California, San Diego (UCSD)**, CA, USA, October 7, 2011.
104. Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, **Tel Aviv University**, Tel Aviv, Israel, February 20, 2011.
105. Faculty of Biology, **Technion – Israel Institute of Technology**, Haifa, Israel, February 16, 2011.
106. Dept. of Structural Biology, **Weizmann Institute of Science**, Rehovot, Israel, February 15, 2011.
107. Dept. of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel, February 14, 2011.
108. **Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute**, San Diego, CA, USA, January 10, 2011.
109. Dept. of Computational Molecular Biology **Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics**, Berlin, Germany, December 7, 2010.
110. **Accelrys, Inc.**, San Diego, CA, USA, November 14, 2010.

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111. **USC Age Tech Symposium**, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, April 17, 2026.
112. **Viterbi School of Engineering Dean's Retreat**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, September 4, 2025.
113. **Department of Biomedical Engineering**, Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, November 1, 2024.
114. **Division of Medical Oncology, Department of Medicine**, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, October 22, 2024.
115. **Workshop on Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention**, Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, April 6-7, 2023.]
116. **Genetic and Epigenetic Regulation Program Retreat, Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center**, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, May 23, 2019. Quantitative modeling of transcriptional regulation.

117. **Workshop “Mathematical Oncology: Modeling Clinical Data for Maximum Patient Benefit”**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, May 24, 2017. Computational opportunities in biological datasets.
118. **Keck School of Medicine**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, November 21, 2016.
119. **Bridge@USC Science Faculty Luncheon**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, November 16, 2016.
120. **Bridge@USC and Michelson Center for Convergent Biosciences Retreat**, Catalina Island, CA, February 5-7, 2016.
121. **The Bridge Institute**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, February 25, 2015.
122. **Department of Biological Sciences Intersection Seminar**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, September 18, 2014.
123. **Symposium “30 Years of Computational Biology at USC”**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, March 29 - April 1, 2012.
124. **Department of Physics and Astronomy**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, February 24, 2012.
125. **Department of Chemistry**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, October 6, 2011.
126. **Bioinformatics Workshop, USC Keck School of Medicine**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, August 31, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles (08/2010-present, since joining USC)

1. **J.A. Weller, J. Li, Y. Jiang, and R. Rohs***. Circumventing the synthesizability problem in generative molecular design. **J. Chem. Inf. Model.** 66, 8295-8303 (2026).
2. **Y. Jiang, A.M. Shewchuk, T.P. Chiu, J. Li, J.F. Kribelbauer-Swietek, N. Gompel, and R. Rohs***. Readout of intrinsic and induced DNA shape by homeodomain transcription factor complexes. **Biophys. J.** 125, 1-12 (2026).
3. **Y. Wang[#], J. Li[#], T.P. Chiu, B. Xin, and R. Rohs***. Sequence-based modeling of low-affinity transcription factor-DNA binding using deep learning. **NAR Genom. Bioinform.** 8, lqag027 (2026).
4. C. Fallon, L. Ling, **B.H. Cooper**, S. Ceolin, **T.P. Chiu, R. Mitra**, B. Mühling, V. Srinivasan, A.D. Durmaz, D. Veselinovic, M. Kothari, A.P. Fylaktakis, W.J. Glassford, J.F. Kribelbauer-Swietek, D.K. Papadopoulos*, R.S. Mann*, **R. Rohs***, and N. Gompel*. Quantitative modulation of a spatial enhancer through the biophysical properties of a transcription factor binding site. **Sci. Adv.** 12, eadz5902 (2026).
5. **G.L. Wang[#], Y. Jiang[#], Y. Sun[#], F. Nasertorabi[#], J.A. Weller, R. Mitra**, A. Batyuk, O.M. Aparicio, V. Cherezov, and **R. Rohs***. Novel fold and wing structure of Forkhead transcription factor facilitate DNA binding. **Nucleic Acids Res.** 53, gkaf946 (2025).
6. **R. Mitra[#], A.S. Cohen[#], W.Y. Tang[#], H. Hosseini, Y. Hong**, B.M. Berman, and **R. Rohs***. RNAproDB: a webserver and interactive database for analyzing protein-RNA interactions. **J. Mol. Biol.** 437, 169012 (2025).
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8. A. Allen, **B.H. Cooper**, J. Singh, **R. Rohs**, and P.Z. Qin*. PAM-adjacent DNA flexibility tunes CRISPR-Cas12a off-target binding. **Sci. Rep.** 15, 4930 (2025).
9. **R. Mitra[#], A.S. Cohen[#], J.M. Sagendorf**, H.M. Berman, and **R. Rohs***. DNAProDB: an updated database for the automated and interactive analysis of protein-DNA complexes. **Nucleic Acids Res.** 53, D396-D402 (2025).
10. **R. Mitra, J. Li, J.M. Sagendorf, Y. Jiang, A.S. Cohen, T.P. Chiu**, C.J. Glasscock, and **R. Rohs***. Geometric deep learning for interpretable prediction of protein-DNA binding specificity. **Nat. Methods** 21, 1674-1683 (2024).

11. **J. A. Weller** and **R. Rohs***. Structure-based drug design with a deep hierarchical generative model. **J. Chem. Inf. Model.** 64, 6450-6463 (2024).
12. **J.M. Sagendorf**, **R. Mitra**, **J. Huang**, X.S. Chen, and **R. Rohs***. Structure-based prediction of protein-nucleic acid binding using graph neural networks. **Biophys. Rev.** 16, 297-314 (2024).
13. V.A. Bonnell, Y. Zhang, A.S. Brown, J. Horton, G.A. Josling, **T.P. Chiu**, **R. Rohs**, S. Mahony, R. Gordân, M. Llinás*. DNA sequence and chromatin differentiate sequence-specific transcription factor binding in the human malaria parasite *Plasmodium falciparum*. **Nucleic Acids Res.** 52, 10161-10179 (2024).
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15. **R. Mitra**[#], **A.S. Cohen**[#], and **R. Rohs***. RNAscape: geometric mapping and customizable visualization of RNA structure. **Nucleic Acids Res.** 52, W354-W361 (2024).
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17. **Y. Jiang**, **T.P. Chiu**, **R. Mitra**, and **R. Rohs***. Probing the role of the protonation state of a minor groove-linker histidine in Exd-Hox-DNA binding. **Biophys. J.** 123, 248-259 (2024).
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21. **B.H. Cooper**, **T.P. Chiu**, and **R. Rohs***. Top-Down-Crawl: a method for the ultra-rapid and motif-free alignment of sequences with associated binding metrics. **Bioinformatics** 38, 5121-5123 (2022).
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GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

Current research support

Role: PI

Project/Proposal Title: Quantitative modeling of protein-nucleic acid binding

Source of Support: NIH/NIGMS (R35 MIRA)

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,811,515

Total Award Period Covered: 07/01/2026 – 03/31/2031

Role: PI (with Kay)

Project/Proposal Title: AI-driven discovery of novel BMAL1 modulators for the treatment of Circadian dysregulation and cancer

Source of Support: Office of Research and Innovation SBIR/STTR Planning Award Program

Total Amount Awarded: \$350,000

Total Award Period Covered: 12/04/2024– 12/31/2026

Previous Research Support (since joining USC)

Role: PI

Project/Proposal Title: Quantitative modeling of transcription factor-DNA binding

Source of Support: NIH/NIGMS (R35 MIRA)

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,657,022

Total Award Period Covered: 07/09/2019 – 06/30/2026

Role: Co-PI (with Gompel and Preibisch)
Project/Proposal Title: Quantitative dissection of molecular determinants of enhancer function
Source of Support: HFSP
Total Amount Awarded: \$900,000 (\$325,000 for Rohs)
Total Award Period Covered: 10/01/2018-09/30/2022

Role: co-I (PI Bussemaker)
Project/Proposal Title: Inferring gene regulatory circuitry from functional genomics data
Source of Support: NIH/NHGRI (R01)
Total Amount Awarded: \$444,972 (for Rohs)
Total Award Period Covered: 07/01/2017 – 06/30/2022

Role: PI
Project/Proposal Title: Genome analysis based on the integration of DNA sequence and shape
Source of Support: NIH/NIGMS (R01)
Total Amount Awarded: \$1,255,884
Total Award Period Covered: 02/01/2014 – 01/31/2020

Role: co-I (PI XJ Chen)
Project/Proposal Title: Structural Basis of APOBEC Functions and Interactions with HIV-Vif
Source of Support: NIH/NIGMS (R01)
Total Amount Awarded: \$75,000
Total Award Period Covered: 09/15/2016 – 06/30/2019

Role: PI
Project/Proposal Title: Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
Source of Support: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Total Amount Awarded: \$50,000
Total Award Period Covered: 09/15/2013 – 09/14/2017

Role: PI (multi-PI)
Project/Proposal Title: Multi-scale modeling of genetic variation in a developmental network
Source of Support: NIH/NIGMS (U01)
Total Amount Awarded: \$1,978,533
Total Award Period Covered: 09/30/2013 – 06/30/2017

Role: co-I (PI Bussemaker)
Project/Proposal Title: Inferring gene regulatory circuitry from functional genomics data
Source of Support: NIH/NHGRI (R01)
Total Amount Awarded: \$358,836 (for Rohs)
Total Award Period Covered: 07/15/2013 – 06/30/2017

Role: PI
Project/Proposal Title: Collaborative Research: Experimental and computational studies of DNA binding by human paralogous transcription factors
Source of Support: NSF/MCB
Total Amount Awarded: \$102,637
Total Award Period Covered: 09/15/2014 – 08/31/2017

Role: PI (multi-PI with Fraser and Roberts)
Project/Proposal Title: Bridging gene regulation from molecules to organisms
Source of Support: Bridge@USC Institute
Total Amount Awarded: \$33,333 (for Rohs)
Total Award Period Covered: 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017

Role: PI

Project/Proposal Title: Deciphering molecular mechanisms of p53-DNA recognition

Source of Support: American Cancer Society

Total Amount Awarded: \$30,000

Total Award Period Covered: 07/01/2012 – 06/30/2013