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Education

1982-1986 B.S., Agricultural Chemistry, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
1988-1993 Ph.D. Cell and Developmental Biology, Harvard University, USA

Research and Professional Positions Held in Chronological Sequence

1994-1998 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Chicago, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, USA
1998-2005 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Center for Tissue Regeneration and Repair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of California-Davis, USA
2005-2007 Associate Professor (tenured), Center for Tissue Regeneration and Repair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of California-Davis, USA
2007-2009 Associate Professor (tenured), Center for Tissue Regeneration and Repair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, University of California-Davis
2007/5-8 Visiting scholar. Department of Molecular Medicine, Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry, Martinsreid. Germany
2009-2024 Professor (tenured), Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, University of California-Davis
2013/11-12 Visiting scholar. Institute of Biological Chemistry, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
2023/3-5 Visiting scholar. Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
2024-present Professor Emeritus, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, University of California-Davis,
2024-present YuShan Scholar, Cancer and Immunology Research Center, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, Taiwan
2024-present Distinguished Investigator & Director, Institute of Molecular and Genomic Medicine, National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan
2024-present Visiting Professor, Department of Biochemical Science and Technology, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
2025-present President, The Chinese Society of Cell and Molecular Biology, Taiwan

Research Interests

To understand the structure, function, and signaling pathways mediated by focal adhesions, and their roles in tissue development and human disease

Major Honors and Awards

1994-1998	Howard Hughes Medical Institute Postdoctoral fellowship
1998-1999	UC Davis new faculty research award
1999-2001	UC Davis health system research award
2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2010-2011	UC Cancer Research Coordinating Committee Award (3x)
2001-2002 2003-2004	UC Davis faculty research award (2x)
2003-2008	Shriners Hospitals Research Award
2005-2006	UC Davis Cancer Center Development Award
2008	Joan Oettinger Memorial Award
2021	The <i>Experimental Biology and Medicine</i> (EBM) Outstanding Reviewer Award
2024-2027	The Yu-Shan Fellow, Ministry of Education, Taiwan