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### Curriculum vitae

- Since 2014 Co-coordinator, Collaborative Research Grant 'Towards a better understanding and diagnosis of congenital disease', Berlin Institute of Health (BIH)
- Since 2007 Member, board of directors, NeuroCure – Cluster of Excellence, Berlin
- 2005 – 2017 Deputy spokesperson, Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 665 'Developmental disturbances in the nervous system', German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Since 2002 Coordinator/chair, MDC Neuroscience Program
- Since 2002 Full professor (W3-S), Charité, Berlin
- Since 1995 Research group leader, MDC, Berlin
- 1989 – 1995 Junior research group leader, Max Delbrück Laboratory, Max Planck Society (MPG), Cologne
- 1986 – 1989 Staff scientist, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, US
- 1984 – 1986 Postdoctoral fellow, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, US
- 1979 – 1984 PhD thesis, Universität Zürich, CH
- 1974 – 1979 Studies in Chemistry/Biochemistry, Universität Konstanz; University of California, San Diego, US; Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich, CH

### Research fields

Our group is active in the field of developmental biology and mouse genetics currently focusing on development of the nervous system and muscle.

### Activities in the scientific community, honors, awards

- Since 2016 Member, board of directors, Einstein Center for Neurosciences Berlin
- Since 2015 Member, scientific advisory board, Development, The Company of Biologists
- Since 2012 Member, Academia Europaea
- 2011 – 2017 Member, scientific advisory board, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen
- 2011 – 2015 Member, Fachkollegium 'Grundlagen der Biologie und Medizin', German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2010 – 2017 Member, scientific advisory board, Leibniz Institute on Aging – Fritz Lipmann Institute, Jena
- 2006 – 2010 Member, scientific advisory board, Cell Networks – Cluster of Excellence, Heidelberg
- 2005 – 2009 Member, scientific advisory board, BioInterfaces in Technology and Medicine, Karlsruhe
- 2002 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize, German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Since 2002 Member, European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO)
- 1989 Bennigsen Förderpreis des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen

## Selected publications

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