

# Chemical Machinery of the Cell

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## Objectives

Engage in dialogue with the goal of accelerating high-risk/high-reward research.

Identify and analyze bottlenecks to advancing understanding of the chemical machinery of the cell and develop approaches for breakthroughs.

Build a creative, better-networked community that is more likely to produce breakthroughs.

Form teams to write proposals to seed novel projects based on highly innovative ideas that emerge at the conference.

Most importantly, enjoy the discussions about where this field should go and how we can work together to get there.

## Process

Brainstorming is welcome; don't be afraid to say what comes to mind.

Consider the possibility of unorthodox or unusual ideas without immediately dismissing them.

Discuss, build upon and even constructively criticize each other's ideas—in a spirit of cooperative give and take.

Make comments concise to avoid monopolizing the dialogue.

## Diversity, Inclusion and No Harassment

Research Corporation for Science Advancement fosters an environment for listening and considering new ideas from a diverse group, with respect for all participants without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age or any other aspect of how we identify ourselves other than as fellow scientists.

RCSA does not tolerate any form of harassment, which could include verbal or physical conduct that has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with anyone else's participation or performance at this conference, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; any such harassment may result in dismissal from the conference.

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# Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell

## From the President

Welcome to the 2021 *Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell* meeting, cosponsored by Research Corporation and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. This is the third of three full-length Scialog meetings on this theme.

The goal of this Scialog is to catalyze theorists, computational and data scientists, and experimentalists across multiple disciplines to collaborate on developing new and innovative projects to accelerate fundamental science to drive advances in understanding the myriad reactions that are happening simultaneously in close proximity in the extremely dense and complex cellular environment.

Scialog's overarching purpose is to advance cutting-edge science of great significance to humanity by catalyzing innovative, basic research leading to fundamental discoveries. Our focus is on scientists in the early years of their independent careers. Through the unique Scialog process, we seek to lay the foundation for an ongoing, highly creative, cross-disciplinary community of scientists that will prove adept at identifying exciting areas for research advances for decades to come.

To that end, under the guidance of Program Directors **Richard Wiener**, **Andrew Feig**, and **Silvia Ronco** (Research Corporation) and **Gary Greenburg** (Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation), we hope you will be engaged in passionate discussions with colleagues, many of whom you will have met for the first time at Scialog. The process may even push you out of your comfort zone with the goal of stimulating new and better ideas. The result, we expect, will be a meeting unlike others that you attend. We are confident that you will find the next two days to be extremely worthwhile.

This is your opportunity to air that wild idea you have been reluctant to share with others, to discuss a nagging hunch that does not yet have sufficient supporting data, or to take a leap on a high-impact/high-risk project instead of concentrating all your effort on somewhat more "incremental" studies. This is the time to come up with, and be open to, completely new ideas that may truly change the world.

We hope this third full meeting on this topic yields a crop of outstanding team proposals, which will make our job of determining who receives funding very challenging. I wish you every success in exploring new and compelling ideas over the next few days.

Have a terrific meeting!

**Daniel Linzer**

President

Research Corporation for Science Advancement

## From the Program Director

This year Research Corporation and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation are cosponsoring the final meeting of *Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell*. Research Corporation's highly interactive Scialog meetings have the goal of catalyzing new collaborations based on blue-sky ideas among Scialog Fellows who constitute a highly select group of exemplary early career U.S. and Canadian scientists. The emphasis is on dialogue, networking, and building new collaborations to pursue novel, high-risk discovery research.

We have an outstanding keynote speaker to set the stage for breakout discussions:

**Rigoberto Hernandez**, Johns Hopkins University

We have a team of terrific discussion facilitators: **Rommie Amaro** (University of California, San Diego), **Holly Goodson** (University of Notre Dame), **Martin Gruebele** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), **Rigoberto Hernandez** (Johns Hopkins University), **Neil Kelleher** (Northwestern University), **Gang-yu Liu** (University of California, Davis), **Andreas Matouschek** (University of Texas at Austin), **Erika Matunis** (Johns Hopkins University), **Cathy Murphy** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and **Paul Selvin** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

Program representatives from our cosponsor **Gary Greenburg** (Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation), along with **Daren Ginete** (Science Philanthropy Alliance), **Jim Mitchell** (The Shurl and Kay Curci Foundation), **Sandra J. Laney** (Walder Foundation), and **Sandra Schmid** (Chan Zuckerberg Biohub) are looking forward to interacting with Fellows and Facilitators.

Scialog meetings focus on dialogue and team building with the goal of creating novel strategies and collaborative approaches. An important feature is the opportunity for Scialog Fellows to form teams and write proposals to pursue particularly creative ideas that emerge through the discussions. We hope this competition is exciting, but regardless of which proposals are funded, the primary purpose is to catalyze a deeper and more meaningful exchange of ideas than ordinarily occurs at scientific conferences. Our intent is for this process to help participants gain new insights and connections that significantly advance fundamental science toward a deeper understanding of chemical machinery and reactions in the intact cell. We believe these breakthroughs can be accelerated by chemists, biologists, engineers, and physicists working collaboratively on novel, high-risk projects, particularly when theorists and experimentalists are combining efforts.

We hope each participant finds the Scialog experience of great value. Please do not hesitate to provide feedback on how to make the conference better. My fellow Senior Program Directors, **Andrew Feig** and **Silvia Ronco**, the RCSA staff, and I are here to help make the meeting a great experience!

**Richard Wiener**

Senior Program Director

Research Corporation for Science Advancement

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## Conference Agenda (Optional activities in green) October 7–8, 2021

### Thursday, October 7 (all times listed in Pacific time zone)

8:00 – 8:30 am	<b>Early login, Informal dialog, BYO breakfast/lunch</b>	Zoom Main Room & Breakout Rooms
8:30 – 8:40 am	<b>Welcome</b> Richard Wiener, <i>RCSA</i> Gary Greenburg, <i>Moore Foundation</i>	Zoom Main Room
8:40 – 8:55 am	<b>Conference Overview &amp; Desired Outcomes</b> Richard Wiener, <i>RCSA</i>	Zoom Main Room
8:55 – 9:30 am	<b>Small Group Ice Breakers</b>	Zoom Breakout Rooms
9:30 – 10:05 am	<b>Keynote Presentation &amp; Discussion</b> <i>Middle Scales of the Cell</i> Rigoberto Hernandez, <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	Zoom Main Room
10:05 – 10:20 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:20 – 10:30 am	<b>Directions for Breakout Sessions</b>	Zoom Main Room
10:30 – 11:45 am	<b>Breakout Session I</b>	Zoom Breakout Rooms
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Report Out</b>	Zoom Main Room
12:15 – 12:30	<b>Directions for Mini Breakout Sessions</b>	Zoom Main Room
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Zoom Main Room
1:30 – 2:15 pm	<b>Mini Breakout Session I (Fellows only)</b>	Gather Rooms
2:15 – 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<b>Mini Breakout Session II (Fellows only)</b>	Gather Rooms
3:15 – 5:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
5:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Social Mixer</b>	Gather Rooms

### Friday, October 8 (all times listed in Pacific time zone)

8:00 – 8:30 am	<b>Early login, Informal dialog, BYO breakfast/lunch</b>	Zoom Main Room
8:30 – 8:40 am	<b>Check in regarding Thursday Sessions</b>	Zoom Main Room
8:40 – 9:00 am	<b>Proposal Writing and Team Formation</b>	Zoom Main Room
9:00 – 10:15 am	<b>Breakout Session II</b>	Zoom Breakout Rooms
10:15 – 10:45 am	<b>Report Out</b>	Zoom Main Room
10:45 – 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Breakout Session III</b>	Zoom Breakout Rooms
12:15 – 12:45 pm	<b>Report Out</b>	Zoom Main Room
12:45 – 1:00 pm	<b>Wrap-up</b>	Zoom Main Room
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Zoom Main Room
2:00 – 2:45 pm	<b>Mini Breakout Session III (Fellows only)</b>	Gather Rooms
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:00 – 3:45 pm	<b>Mini Breakout Session IV (Fellows only)</b>	Gather Rooms
3:45 – 5:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
5:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Social Mixer</b>	Gather Rooms

## Keynote Presentation

## Middle Scales of the Cell

**Rigoberto Hernandez**

*The Gompf Family Professor at the Johns Hopkins University and  
Director of the Open Chemistry Collaborative in Diversity Equity (OXIDE)*

**Abstract:** We know the governing equations for atoms, though we can't necessarily keep track of every atom or describe how they assemble into molecules, aggregate, and form even larger structures of a cell. While Feynman recognized that there was a lot of room—that is combinatoric complexity—at the atomic scale, we see that the combinatorics increase quickly at the middle scales where a myriad of heterostructures (of submicron size) have been assembled and aggregated within a cell. Within Scialog CMC we have tackled questions that interrogate these structures and elucidate their function. We have also addressed other unknown knowns to discern how molecular identity (and control) can lead to larger scale changes in cellular functions. We will suggest that there remain many unknown unknowns in understanding the molecular machinery of the cell. Where to look? First, we can recognize that all of the machinery is presumably operating under nonequilibrium conditions. What are the multiscale mechanics describing the dynamics and evolution of these chemical machines? Is this an emergent function or are there regulators—or governors—directing processes at some or all of these scales? We thus propose that the search for the unknown unknowns in describing and controlling the chemical machinery of the cell must start at the middle scales.



# Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell

## 2021 Proposal Guidelines and Collaborative Awards

### Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell

1. Awards are intended to provide seed funding for teams of two to three Scialog Fellows formed at this conference for high-risk, high-impact projects.
2. Two-page proposals should describe the project and the role of each team member. No budget is necessary. A third page may be used for references.
3. Awards will be in the amount of \$50K direct funding per team member, plus a small percentage for overhead. Grant duration will be one year..
4. No Scialog Fellow can be a member of more than two teams. If a Scialog Fellow is a member of two teams, other members of the teams must be different. No team can submit more than one proposal.
5. No Scialog Fellow who previously has won a Scialog CMC Collaborative Award can be a member of more than one team. The other team members must be different from the members of the previously awarded team.
6. Teams cannot include members who have previously collaborated with one another. If you are unsure of your status (e.g., prospective team members were part of a large collaboration but did not significantly interact), please check for clarification with an RCSA program director..
7. Teams are encouraged (but not required) to:
  - a. Include members with different research approaches and methods.
  - b. Include members from different disciplines.
8. Proposals must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. PDT on **October 15, 2021**. Instructions for submission will be provided at the meeting.
9. Awards are anticipated to start on **January 1, 2022**.



## 2018 Collaborative Awards

### ***A Plant-Based Cell Platform to Target Human Proteostasis Diseases***

**Kathryn Haas**, Chemistry, St. Mary's College

**Alice Soragni**, Biochemistry, University of California, Los Angeles

**Jing-Ke Weng**, Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### ***Breaking the Central Dogma: Reverse Translation of the Proteome***

**Christian Kaiser**, Biology, Johns Hopkins University

**David Limmer**, Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley

**Rebecca Voorhees**, Biology, California Institute of Technology

### ***Finding Mitochondrial Memory***

**Abhishek Chatterjee**, Chemistry, Boston College

**Gulcin Pekkurnaz**, Neurobiology, University of California, San Diego

**Juan Perilla**, Chemistry, University of Delaware

### ***Identifying and Detecting Diseases prior to Physical Presentation of Symptoms***

**Laura Sanchez**, Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Judith Su**, Optical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

### ***Optical Mind Reading***

**Markita del Carpio Landry**, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of California, Berkeley

**Gulcin Pekkurnaz**, Neurobiology, University of California, San Diego

**Jennifer Prescher**, Chemistry, University of California, Irvine

### ***Synthetic Organelle Biology: Engineering Photosynthetic Animal Cells***

**Markita del Carpio Landry**, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of California, Berkeley

**Jing-Ke Weng**, Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Joshua Widhalm**, Horticulture, Purdue University

### ***Understanding Biological Systems Using Resonator-Mediated Single-Molecule Raman Detection and Spectroscopy***

**Judith Su**, Optical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

**Lu Wei**, Chemistry, California Institute of Technology

### ***What Does "Self" Look Like?***

**Kamil Godula**, Chemistry, University of California, San Diego

**Jennifer Heemstra**, Chemistry, Emory University

**Abhishek Singharoy**, Molecular Sciences, Arizona State University

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## 2019 Collaborative Awards

### ***Metabolite Pools: Where are They, Who's Using Them, and Can We?***

**Caitlin Davis**, Chemistry, Yale University

**Elizabeth Read**, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of California, Irvine

**Kamil Godula**, Chemistry, University of California, San Diego

### ***ProFIDs: Probes to Fold the Intrinsically Disordered***

**Alice Soragni**, Orthopaedic Surgery, University of California, Los Angeles

**Matthias Heyden**, School of Molecular Sciences, Arizona State University

### ***Reconstructing Time-resolved Single-cell Genome Organization***

**Bin Zhang**, Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Brian Liao**, Chemistry, Harvard University

**G.W. Gant Luxton**, Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development, University of Minnesota

### ***Seeing the Forces of Life***

**Rongsheng (Ross) Wang**, Chemistry, Temple University

**Abhishek Singharoy**, School of Molecular Sciences, Arizona State University

**Alison Ondrus**, Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, California Institute of Technology

### ***Small-Molecule Cathodophores for Multicolor Electron Microscopy***

**Maxim Prigozhin**, Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Applied Physics, Harvard University

**Xin Zhang**, Chemistry, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Pennsylvania State University

**Jefferson Chan**, Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### ***Understanding the Dark Side of the Genome***

**Ronit Freeman**, Applied Physical Sciences, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Alexis Komor**, Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of California, San Diego

**Davide Donadio**, Chemistry, University of California, Davis

## Scialog Fellows

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*How do proteins control Cu redox chemistry in extracellular environments?*

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## Scialog Fellows Continued

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*We utilize molecular simulations to study the interactions of proteins with each other and their molecular environments in the crowded intracellular medium of cells and in aqueous solutions.*

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## Scialog Fellows Continued

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## Discussion Facilitators

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*Mechanisms of subcellular self-organization, focusing on the cytoskeleton. Evolution of proteins and biochemical processes, with applications to cell biology. Collaborative projects include whole-cell biosensors for applications in the environment and human health.*

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Johns Hopkins University, Chemistry

*Theoretical and Computational Chemistry @ JHUChemistry, nonequilibrium dynamics: reactions, TST, sustainable nanoparticles, proteins, machine learning, autonomous computing materials - @EveryWhereChem @Hernandez\_Lab @OxideChem*

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*Using nanotechnology including 3D nanoprinting to regulate and control cellular signaling processes.*

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*Synthesis, physical properties, surface chemistry, bio applications of nanomaterials*

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*Single molecule fluorescence with super-resolution applied to neuroscience (Alzheimer's Disease) and Multiple Molecular Motors (Myosin, Kinesin, Dynein) and to Cancer (Estrogen Receptor, p53).*

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*I am interested in basic research on the machinery of the cell, including gene editing, computational biology, and cancer modifications.*

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