Chemical Machinery of the Cell
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.

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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Welcome to the 2019 Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell meeting. This is the second of three Scialog meetings on this theme. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and Research Corporation are cosponsoring this series of Scialogs and we are delighted to continue working together to support this critical area of science.

The goal of this Scialog—Science and Dialog—is to catalyze theorists, computational scientists, and experimentalists across multiple disciplines to collaborate on developing new and innovative projects to accelerate fundamental science to drive major advances in knowledge of the chemistry of the living cell.

Scialog’s over-arching purpose is to help solve real-world problems of global significance 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.

To that end, under the guidance of Research Corporation Program Directors Richard Wiener, Silvia Ronco, and Andrew Feig, we hope you will be engaged in passionate discussions with colleagues, some of whom you will meet for the first time at this meeting and others with whom you will reconnect from last year’s 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 few days to be extremely worthwhile.

This is your opportunity to air that wild idea you have been reluctant to share with others, or 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 year’s meeting 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 Officers

Research Corporation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation are cosponsoring the three-year *Scialog: Chemical Machinery of the Cell* initiative, of which this gathering is the second annual meeting. 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. The second meeting is always an exciting opportunity for returning Fellows to once again experience the unique aspects of Scialog and new Fellows to participate for the first time.

Research Corporation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation chose to focus on chemical machinery of the cell because we believe this critical area of science requires major breakthroughs in fundamental understanding of chemical processes in the living cell that will lead to a new era of advancements in cell biology. 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 have an outstanding keynote speaker: **Holly Goodson**, University of Notre Dame.

We also have terrific discussion facilitators. Along with Holly, they are **Bonnie Bassler**, Princeton University/HHMI, **Mike Espy**, National Cancer Institute, NIH, **Rigoberto Hernandez**, Johns Hopkins University, **Neil Kelleher**, Northwestern University, **Gang-yu Liu**, University of California, Davis, **Andreas Matouschek**, The University of Texas at Austin, and **Paul Selvin**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

We are delighted to have representatives from multiple organizations at Scialog. Besides ourselves, we have **Andrew Feig** and **Silvia Ronco**, Research Corporation, **Alexandra Basford**, Allen Institute, **Ed McCleskey**, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, **James Mitchell**, Shurl and Kay Curci Foundation, and **Jeffrey Silverstein**, US Department of Agriculture.

Please take the opportunity to interact with these outstanding facilitators and guests to learn more about their interests and provide them the chance to learn more about you and your research.

An important feature of these meetings is the opportunity for Scialog Fellows to form teams and write proposals to pursue particularly creative ideas that emerge through the dialog. We hope this competition is exciting, but regardless of which proposals are funded, the 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 facilitate participants gaining new insights and connections that significantly advance efforts to fundamental understanding of the chemical machinery of the cell.

**Richard Wiener**  
Senior Program Director  
Research Corporation for Science Advancement

**Gary Greenburg**  
Program Officer  
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
## Conference Agenda  
**Westward Look Resort**  
**October 10-13, 2019**

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**Welcome**  
Dan Linzer, *President, RCSA*

**Conference Overview, Desired Outcomes & Guidelines for Collaborative Proposals**  
Richard Wiener, *RCSA*

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*What Aspects of Biology are Predictable?*

**Holly Goodson, University of Notre Dame**

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*Breakout Sessions will be held in Ocotillo & Cholla, Desert, Canyon, Mesa, and Saguaro meeting rooms. Fellows will first meet in Ocotillo & Cholla and then disperse to their discussion groups.*
**What Aspects of Biology are Predictable?**

**Holly Goodson**  
*University of Notre Dame*

**Abstract:** Is biology predictable? Now is the time to revisit this old and contentious problem because of recent advances in fields including complex systems, synthetic biology, and the molecular diversity of life. Questions about the predictability of living systems can and should be asked at all biological scales. However, since cells exist at the interface between chemistry and biology, one potentially tractable way to phrase this problem is this: How do physics and chemistry (including geochemistry) lead to predictable cell-level characteristics, such as physical structures, metabolic pathways, and/or information processing networks? In considering these questions, it is important to recognize that when physics and chemistry have been invoked to explain biology, the effect has often been phrased in terms of constraints—that physics and chemistry limit biological systems. However, physics and chemistry can also be profoundly creative: the impact of self-organizing processes is seen at scales from the molecular to the ecological. Addressing the problem of predictability in biology should reveal as-yet unrecognized fundamental principles of biology and help inform other fields of science such as nanotechnology. And, since physics and chemistry are universal, they should provide insight into life on as it appears elsewhere in the universe.

**Bio:** Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Concurrent Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Notre Dame

Holly Goodson’s research is directed towards the broad problem of biological self-organization, with a focus on the microtubule cytoskeleton. She is also interested in evolution of proteins and biochemical processes, with an emphasis on the application of this evolutionary perspective to study of biochemical and cell biological problems. Ongoing collaborative work includes efforts to create whole-cell biosensors for applications in technology-limited environments.

Dr. Goodson received her A.B. degree in Molecular Biology from Princeton University (1988) and her PhD in Biochemistry from Stanford (1995), working with Jim Spudich. Her post-doctoral research was performed with Thomas Kreis at the University of Geneva in Switzerland. Dr. Goodson’s national service includes being elected to the Council of the American Society for Cell Biology (2008-2010) and serving as the Chair for the ASCB Public Policy Committee (2020-2023). She is also one of the founding co-organizers of the Chicago Cytoskeleton meetings (since 2001). At Notre Dame, Dr. Goodson is the founding co-director of the Integrated Biomedical Sciences PhD program. She enjoys teaching biology to students in engineering and quantitative sciences and has received awards including the Notre Dame Thomas P. Madden award for outstanding classroom teaching in a freshman course.
Scialog CMC Team Awards 2018

Finding Mitochondrial Memory
Abhishek Chatterjee, Chemistry, Boston College
Gulcin Pekkurnaz, Neurobiology, University of California, San Diego
Juan Perilla, Chemistry, University of Delaware

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

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

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

Identifying And Detecting Diseases Prior To Physical Presentation Of Symptoms
Laura Sanchez, Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago
Judith Su, Optical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

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
2019 Proposal Guidelines & 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 novel, out-of-the-box, cutting-edge and potentially high-impact projects.

2. Two-page proposals should describe the proposed 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 per team member direct funding and a small amount of institutional overhead for 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 two teams must be different. No team can submit more than one proposal.

5. No Scialog Fellow who previously has won a Scialog 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.

7. Teams are encouraged (but not required) to
   a) Include at least one theorist or computational scientist and one experimentalist.
   b) Include members from different disciplines.

8. Proposals must be submitted electronically by Sunday morning at 6:30 am. Instructions for electronic submission will be provided at the meeting.

9. Awards will be announced in 2019 and start approximately at the beginning of 2020.
Scialog Fellows

**Anindita (Oni) Basu** onibasu@uchicago.edu  
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*Genomics and cell-cell interaction at single cell resolution*

**Julien Berro** julien.berro@yale.edu  
Yale University, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry  
*We try to understand how biochemistry and mechanics cross talk in cells, with a focus on actin and endocytosis*

**Daniela Buccella** dbuccella@nyu.edu  
New York University, Chemistry  
*Metal homeostasis in health and disease. Developing new chemical sensors and imaging strategies to track metals at the (sub) cellular level*

**Jeff Chan** jeffchan@illinois.edu  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chemistry  
*Enabling biological discovery through chemical tool development*

**Abhishek Chatterjee** abhishek.chatterjee@bc.edu  
Boston College, Chemistry  
*Taking an interdisciplinary approach, we engineer biology for creating new research tools as well as potential biotherapeutics*

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Yale University, Chemistry  
*How do protein and RNA dynamics control life? I mix IR and fluorescence spectroscopy with microscopy to quantify biophysics inside cells*

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*Molecular modeling of non-equilibrium processes: transport and assembly*

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*We engineer biological molecules to make materials that reconfigure their shape and properties to uniquely interface with proteins and cells*

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*How do cells assemble complex molecular structures?*

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*Engineering cell surface glycans to control cellular functions*

**Puja Goyal** pgoyal@binghamton.edu  
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*Photocontrol of biological processes; Excited state dynamics; Proton-coupled electron transfer; Hybrid quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics*

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Arizona State University, School of Molecular Sciences  
*Intracellular RNA-based sensing and computing devices*

**Kathryn Haas** khaas@stmarys.edu  
Saint Mary’s College, Chemistry and Physics  
*Using spectroscopy to learn how metal ions change the structures of floppy proteins and how proteins control metal redox chemistry*

**Jennifer (Jen) Heemstra** jen.heemstra@emory.edu  
Emory University, Chemistry  
*Biomolecules do amazing things! Harnessing molecular recognition and assembly for applications in sensing, imaging, and epitranscriptomics.*

**Matthias Heyden** mheyden1@asu.edu  
Arizona State University, School of Molecular Sciences  
*Multiscale modeling of protein–protein interactions from atomistic simulations to the meso-scale*

**Christian Kaiser** ckaiser@jhu.edu  
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*We study how complex proteins fold during synthesis by the ribosome with help from molecular chaperones*

**Julia Kalow** jkalow@northwestern.edu  
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*Photocontrolled adaptable materials to mimic the extracellular matrix; polymer science and photochemistry*

**Maria Kamenetska** mkamenet@bu.edu  
Boston University, Chemistry and Physics  
*An experimental physical chemist and biophysicist developing new nanoscopies to probe biomolecular interactions on the single molecule level*

**Alexis Komor** akomor@ucsd.edu  
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*The Komor lab develops and utilizes genome editing tools that introduce single point mutations with high efficiency and selectivity*
Scialog Fellows

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Multi-scale modeling of energy transfer and dynamics of biomolecular systems with quantum chemistry and machine learning methods

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Atomistic modeling of cell-scale systems

Taras Pogorelov pogorelo@illinois.edu
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Biophysics of complex cellular environments that governs signaling, protein activity, and membrane dynamics: advancing modeling and theory

Manu Prakash manup@stanford.edu
Stanford University, Bioengineering
Curiosity driven science, frugal science, physical biology

Jennifer (Jenn) Prescher jpresche@uci.edu
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Spying on cellular communication with chemical tools and noninvasive imaging

Maxim (Max) Prigozhin
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Method development for multicolor and time-resolved electron microscopy of G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) signaling

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Dynamics of biochemical networks, epigenetics and cell-fate decisions. Stochastic kinetics, statistical inference and simulation algorithms

Laura Sanchez sanchelm@uic.edu
University of Illinois at Chicago, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy
We are interested in developing mass spectrometry based techniques for measuring metabolites in situ

Abhishek Singharoy asinghar@asu.edu
Arizona State University, School of Molecular Sciences
Simulate anything living or dead in atomic details

Anna Marie Sokac asokac@illinois.edu
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University of California, Los Angeles, Medicine
Protein aggregation in cancer and organoid models

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I work on hybrid protein-DNA nanomaterials for biology, medicine, and fundamental nanoscience

Judith Su judy@optics.arizona.edu
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Label-free single molecule detection and kinetics using ultra-sensitive optical sensors

Cheemeng Tan cmtan@ucdavis.edu
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National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health
Physicist working on the role of the microenvironment on cancer metastasis
Scialog Fellows

**Lu Wang** lwang@chem.rutgers.edu
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Chemistry and Chemical Biology
*Theoretical modeling of the structure, quantum effects and spectroscopy of biomolecules*

**Rongsheng (Ross) Wang** rosswang@temple.edu
Temple University, Chemistry
*Development of chemical/protein probes to decipher cell signaling pathways such as post-translational modifications*

**Wenjing Wang** wenjwang@umich.edu
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Chemistry and Life Sciences
*My lab focuses designing protein based molecular sensors and optogenetic tools to study the molecular signaling events in live cells*

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*Developing and applying novel optical imaging methods to dynamical biological systems*

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