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## Education

- 1986-1990 *Kyoto University*, Kyoto, Japan.  
B.S. degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 1990-1995 *Kyoto University*, Kyoto, Japan.  
Ph.D. degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Biochemistry
- 1995-1998 *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA, USA.  
Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology  
Postdoctoral Training in Chemical Biology

## Academic Appointments

- 1998-2005 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Biochemistry, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA.
- 2005-2009 **Associate Professor (tenured)**, Department of Biochemistry, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA.
- 2005-present **Professor**, Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2007-present **Professor**, Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (iCeMS), Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2013-2023 **Deputy Director**, iCeMS, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2020-2023 **Assistant Executive Vice President of Research**, Kyoto University
- 2023-present **Director**, WPI-iCeMS, Kyoto University

## Honors or Awards

- 1996 Postdoctoral Fellow Award, The Leukemia Society of America
- 2001 Lymphoma Research Foundation Junior Faculty Award
- 2003 American Cancer Society Research Scholar Award
- 2006 Gold Medal Award, Tokyo TechnoForum 21
- 2011 The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan Award for Divisional Scientific Promotions
- 2011 German Innovation Award
- 2017 Ichimura Prize in Science
- 2024 PSK Ohdang Award

## Professional Activities

- 2009-present Editorial Board Member, *Cell Chemical Biology* (Cell Press)
- 2010-2015 Editorial Board Member, *MedChemComm* (Royal Society of Chemistry)
- 2011-present Chief Organizer, Asian Chemical Biology Initiative
- 2011-present Co-Founder, FGH Biotech, Inc. (USA)
- 2014-2017 Deputy Chair, *Biochemical Journal* Editorial Board (London)
- 2017-2022 Concurrent Professor, Fudan University (China)
- 2021-2023 Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* (ACS)
- 2021-present Executive Board Member, Toyota Physical and Chemical Research Institute
- 2024-present Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Biochemistry* (ACS)
- 2024-present Senior Editor, *ACS Central Science* (ACS)

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