

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Training

- 01/2018 – 12/2021 **Ph.D. Doctoral Program in Molecular Biology**, University of Vienna, AT
- 09/2015 – 12/2017 **Master of Science in Natural Sciences**, Molecular Biotechnology – Specialization: Drug Discovery, University of Applied Sciences, Vienna, AT
- 09/2012 – 07/2015 **Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences**, Molecular Biotechnology, University of Applied Sciences, Vienna, AT

Relevant Work Experience

- 07/2026 – Present **Single Cell and Spatial Proteomics Unit Lead**, Adore institute, Amsterdam UMC and VU Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL
- Technological developments for single-cell and spatial proteomics to intersect oncology with neurobiology
 - Workflow automation, LC-MS acquisition optimization and processing tool developments towards reproducible and transparent data reporting.
- 02/2025 – 06/2026 **CLP Translational Proteomics Fellow**, Group of Neil Kelleher, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA
- Spatial and single cell global proteomics and proteoform technology development
 - Mechanistic evaluation of small molecule treatment effects in neurodegeneration
 - Computational intersection of bottom-up, top-down and MALDI MS entities
- 01/2022 – 01/2025 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Group of Steven A. Carr, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Cambridge, MA, USA
- Single-cell and low-input mass spectrometry-based global proteome profiling
 - Post-translational modification enrichments of small cell populations
 - Low-input HLA-I and HLA-II immunopeptidomics
- 01/2018 – 12/2021 **Ph.D. Student**, Groups of Karl Mechtler/Sasha Mendjan, IMP/IMBA – Vienna BioCenter PhD program, Vienna, AT
- Thesis: 'Mass spectrometry based single cell proteomics'
 - Acquisition strategy to define proteome expression profiles of ultra-low input samples using mass spectrometry-based proteomics in large cohorts
 - Development of a custom data processing pipeline for multiplexed DIA measurements
 - Industry collaboration on a commercial workflow for single cell proteomics sample preparation using a piezo acoustic picoliter dispensing robot
- 01/2019 – 12/2021 **Teaching tutor** at University of Applied Sciences, Vienna, AT
- 01/2017 – 12/2017 **Master Internship**, Group of Uwe Rix, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center - Department of Drug Discovery, Tampa, FL, USA
- 01/2016 – 12/2016 **Technical Assistant**, Group of Keiryn Bennett, Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (CeMM), Vienna, AT
- 01/2015 – 06/2015 **Bachelor Internship**, Group of Christos Samakovlis, Stockholm University, Stockholm, SE

Funding and Awards

2026	Winner of the Early Career Manuscript competition at HUPO2026
2026	Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Travel Grant
2025	Katten Muchin Rosenman/Cancer Prevention and Control Travel Scholarship
2025	Best Young Investigator oral presentation, iSCMS 2025
2024	PTRC technology grant within the Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium by the National Cancer Institute, total volume: \$40,000
2023	SPARC (Scientific Projects to Accelerate Research and Collaboration) grant by the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, total volume: \$100,000
2021	Best PhD thesis award by the European Proteomics Association
2017	Marshall Plan Scholarship of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation (Field Report)
2015	Erasmus+ traineeship
2014	FEMtech fellowship

Leadership and Management Experience

2022 - present	Peer review activities: Springer Nature Journals, Analytical Chemistry, Molecular and Cellular Proteomics, Journal of Proteome Research, Clinical Proteomics, Osteoarthritis and Cartilage, Experimental and Molecular Pathology
2020 - present	Supervision and co-supervision of multiple technical assistants (3), Ph.D. (3), Master (1) and Bachelor (1) students, research associates (3) and short-term interns (2)
2019 - 2020	Student representative at the Vienna Biocenter Campus Ph.D. program
2018 - 2021	Head of organization and outreach: EuPA summer school on practical proteomics 2018; European Single Cell Proteomics Conference 2019 and the European Single Cell Proteomics Conference 2021
2018	Participation in the Single cell RNAseq course; EMBL Heidelberg, DE
2013 - 2017	Student representative at University of Applied Sciences

Memberships

2026 - present	Member of the Single Cell and Spatial Proteomics Initiative at EuPA
2024 - present	Co-Chair of the Biology/Disease Human Proteome Project at HUPO
2024 - present	Chair of the Single Cell Proteomics Initiative (SCI) at HUPO
2022 - 2024	Early Career Researcher and Ambassador of the SCI at HUPO
2022 - 2026	National Postdoctoral Association
2018 - present	American Society of Mass Spectrometry

Teaching

2024 - EMBO Practical Course Targeted Proteomics, Barcelona, ES
2024 - BroadE; Boston, MA, USA
2024 - Lunch and Learn at Whitehead Institute, Cambridge, MA, USA
2019 - 2021 - Teaching Tutor at University of Applied Sciences, AT

Oral presentations

2026 - HUPO2026, Singapore - ECR manuscript competition plenary, invited panelist
2026 - ASMS2026, San Diego, CA - selected
2026 - scNL, Groeningen, NL - keynote
2026 - IBBI, Inverness, UK - invited
2025 - iHUPO, Toronto, CA - keynote
2025 - iHUPO Single-Cell Proteomics Workshop, Toronto, CA - invited panelist
2025 - iSCMS, Chicago, IL - invited
2025 - ASMS2025, Baltimore, MD, USA - selected
2024 - EMBO Practical Course Targeted proteomics, Barcelona, ES - closing keynote

2024 - iSCMS, Copenhagen, DK - **invited**
2024 - iHUPO, Dresden, DE - **keynote**
2024 - Bruker Exceed Symposium at HUPO 2024, Dresden, DE - **invited**
2024 - Evosep User Meeting, Cambridge, MA, USA - **invited**
2024 - Lunch and Learn at Whitehead Institute, Cambridge, MA, USA - **invited**
2024 - ASMS2024; Anaheim, CA, USA - **selected**
2024 - BroadE; Boston, MA, USA - **teaching course**
2023 - Broad Institute annual retreat; Boston, MA, USA - **invited**
2023 - Evosep Breakfast seminar at ASMS2023; Houston, TX, USA - **invited**
2023 - Annual meeting of ABRF; Boston, MA, USA - **keynote speaker**
2023 - HUPO Single Cell Initiative, Webinar; online event - **invited**
2022 - Evosep Webinar on Single Cell Proteomics; online event - **invited**
2022 - HUPO B/D-HPP Single Cell Day; online event – **invited** ([recording available](#))
2022 - Italian Mass Spectrometry Society – Single Cell Day; Parma, IT – **invited** ([recording available](#))
2022 - 37th Asilomar Conference on Mass Spectrometry (ASMS); Asilomar, CA, USA - **invited**
2022 - Bruker Lunch Workshop at ASBMB2022; Cambridge, MA, USA – **invited**
2022 - The 14th ASBMB 2022 Cambridge, MA, USA – **invited**
2022 - ASMS2022; Minneapolis, MN, USA – **selected**
2022 - Bruker eXceed symposium 2022; Minneapolis, MN, USA – **invited**
2021 - ASMS2021 - Cellenion; Philadelphia, IL, USA – **invited** ([recording available](#))
2021 - SCP2021; Boston, MA, USA – **invited**
2021 - ESCP2021; Vienna, AT – **invited**
2021 - MSB2021; Boston, MA, USA – **selected**
2019 - LifeTime Launch Event 2019; Berlin, DE – **selected** ([recording available](#))

Session Chair

2026 - HUPO2026, Singapore - Top-Down Proteomics
2026 - ASMS2026, San Diego, CA - Single Cell Omics
2024 - iSCMS, Copenhagen, DK
2022 - Cancun, MX - Single Cell Proteomics Technology Workshop

Full publication list

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