

Computational Cancer Biology Training Program (CCBTP)

Program Director B. Montgomery Pettitt, UT Medical Branch at Galveston

CPRIT RP170593 (project years 12/1/2016 – 11/30/2021)

Current Postdoctoral Trainees

Last Name	First Name	Institution	Primary Mentor	Secondary Mentor	Project Title	Training Period
Antunes	Dinler	Rice	Lydia Kavraki, Rice	Greg Lizée, MDA	<i>Structure-based Prediction of T-cell Cross-reactivity for Cancer Immunotherapy</i>	05/01/2019-04/30/2020
Campos Acevedo	Adam	BCM	Qinghua Wang, BCM	Jianpeng Ma, BCM	<i>Structural Basis of p53 Activation</i>	05/01/2019-04/30/2020
Chen	May	MDA	Han Liang, MDA	Li Ma, MDA	<i>A Systematic Approach to Identifying Clinically Actionable Somatic Alterations in Cancer</i>	12/01/2019-11/30/2020
Cruz	Lisette	UTH	Cindy Farach-Carson, UTH	Oleg Igoshin, Rice	<i>Computational Approaches to Study Collective Cell Migration in Tumor Dyscohesion and Metastasis</i>	01/01/2020-12/31/2020
Fan	Xian	Rice	Luay Nakhleh, Rice	Nick Navin, MDA	<i>Accurately Detecting Copy Number Variations by Single Cell Sequencing Data in Cancer</i>	12/01/2018-11/30/2020

Handley	Katelyn	MDA	Anil Sood, MDA	Prahlad Ram, MDA	<i>Targeting MSMP to Restore Sensitivity of Ovarian Tumors to Anti-VEGF Treatment</i>	07/01/2019-06/30/2020
Jia	Dongya	Rice	José N. Onuchic, Rice	Benny Kaipparettu, BCM	<i>An Integrated Theoretical-experimental Approach to Elucidate Mechanisms Underlying Cancer Metabolic Reprogramming and Its Interplay with Epithelial-mesenchymal Transition</i>	05/01/2019-04/30/2020
Li	Jiasong	Houston Methodist Research Institute	Steven Wong, HMRI	Cindy Farah-Carson, UTH	<i>Combining Deep Learning and Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering (CARS) Imaging for Automated Prostate Cancer Margin and Nerve Detection During Surgery</i>	07/01/2018-06/30/2020
Parvande	Saeid	BCM	Olivier Lichtarge, BCM	Lawrence Donehower, BCM	<i>Using Machine Learning and Evolutionary Action Methods to Discover Driver Genes in TCGA Cancer Somatic Mutations</i>	05/01/2019-04/30/2020
Shih	David	MDA	Shiaw-Yih (Phoebus) Lin, MDA	Kim-Anh Do, MDA	<i>Modeling Mutational Processes in Cancer to Guide Rational Therapy</i>	12/01/2018-11/30/2020
<i>TBA mid-2020</i>						

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Devaurs	Didier	Rice	Lydia Kavrazi, Rice	Greg Lizée, MDA	<i>Molecular docking with receptor flexibility to predict binding modes of peptide-HLA complexes for cancer immunotherapy</i>	04/01/2017-10/31/2018
Gupta	Amit Kumar	UTH	Alex Gorfe, UTH	Anil Sood, MDA	<i>Identification of potential K-Ras inhibitors by hierarchical virtual screening and experiments</i>	04/01/2017-03/31/2019
Hsu	Willi Weili	UTMB	Lawrence Sowers, UTMB	Yuriy Fofanov, UTMB	<i>Measurement of T:G Frequency at Codon 248 of Exon 7 of the TP53 Gene Using Deep Sequencing in Human Cell Lines and Tissues</i>	01/01/2018-12/31/2019
Ip	Ka Man / Carman	MDA	Gordon Mills, MDA	Han Liang, MDA	<i>Functional Characterization of Genomic-Glycosylation Aberrations in Tumor Initiation and Progression</i>	04/01/2017-06/30/2018
Jolly	Mohit Kumar	Rice	Herbie Levine, Rice	Sam Hanash, MDA	<i>An integrated theoretical-experimental approach to elucidate the mechanisms for high metastatic potential of clusters of Circulating Tumor Cells (CTCs)</i>	04/01/2017-10/14/2018
Lantos	Cecilia	Rice	Amina Qutub, Rice	Steven Kornblau, MDA, and Rich Baraniuk, Rice	<i>Functional Hallmarks of Acute Myeloid Leukemia from Cellular Images</i>	05/04/2017-06/30/2018

Ni	Fengyun	BCM	Qinghua Wang, BCM	Jianpeng Ma, BCM	<i>Molecular Mechanisms of Human Polycomb Repressive Complex 2 Holoenzyme</i>	04/01/2017-03/31/2019
Pudakalakatti	Shivanand	MDA	Pratip Bhattacharya, MDA	Cindy Farach-Carson, UTH	<i>Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer by Targeted Molecular Imaging of Hyperpolarized Silicon Nanoparticles</i>	04/01/2017-03/31/2019
Samoylova	Olga	UTMB	Monte Pettitt, UTMB	Petr Leiman, UTMB	<i>Bacteriophages to Treat Secondary Infections in Cancer Patients</i>	06/01/2017-05/31/2019
Wang	Yumeng	MDA	Han Liang, MDA	Li Ma, MDA	<i>The Genomic Landscape of RNA Editing in Non-coding RNAs Across 33 Human Cancers</i>	07/01/2018-06/30/2019
Yin	Jun	MDA	Shiaw-Yih Lin, MDA	Kim-Anh Do, MDA	<i>PTEN Loss Confers Poly [ADP-ribose] Polymerase (PARP) Inhibitor Resistance in BRCA1-depleted Triple-negative Breast Cancer</i>	06/01/2017-11/05/2017
Zhu	Yingjie	UTMB	Malgorzata Rowicka-Kudlicka, UTMB	Eric Wagner, UTMB	<i>Unraveling the mechanisms of promoter-proximal pausing of RNA polymerase II</i>	04/01/2017-03/31/2019

Former Affiliated Postdoctoral Trainees (unfunded)

Aslan	Burcu	MDA	Varsha Gandhi, MDA	Anil Korkut, MDA	<i>Integrative Computational Approaches to Overcome Acquired ibrutinib Resistance in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia</i>	07/01/2018-06/30/2019 (on grant Year 02)
Dereli Korkut	Zeynep	HMRI	Robert Rostomily, HMRI	Luca Giancardo, HMRI	<i>Proteomic Heterogeneity and Markers of Immunotherapy Response in GBM Tumor Microenvironment</i>	07/01/2018-06/30/2019 (on grant Year 02)
Geng	Xin	UTH	Degui Zhi, UTH	Steven Lin, MDA	<i>An Integrative Multi-Layer Deep Learning Model For Predicting Cancer Related Phenotype From Multiple Omics Data</i>	01/01/2018-11/30/2018 (on grant Year 02)
Kanlikilicer	Pinar	MDA	Gabriel Lopez-Berestein, MDA	Prahlad Ram, MDA	<i>DCLK1 Leads To Poor Survival In Ovarian Cancer Patients Through Cisplatin And Taxol Resistance</i>	01/01/2018-09/30/2018 (on grant Year 02)
Stur	Elaine	MDA	Anil Sood, MDA	Prahlad Ram, MDA	<i>The Role of Cancer-associated Fibroblasts in Immune Suppression in Ovarian Tumors</i>	07/01/2018-06/30/2019 (on grant Year 02)

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