IMBA – INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY

ABOUT IMBA

The Institute of Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) is one of Europe’s leading biomedical research institutes. IMBA is located at the Vienna BioCenter, Austria’s vibrant cluster of universities, research institutes, and biotech companies. IMBA research topics include chromosome biology, RNA biology, selfish elements and silencing mechanisms, functional genomics, cell and developmental biology, stem cell biology, molecular medicine, neuroscience, organoid research, and disease models.

ABOUT THE AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The Austrian Academy of Sciences has the statutory mission of “promoting science in every way”. Founded in 1847 as a learned society, it now has more than 760 members, 25 research institutes, and around 1,800 employees dedicated to innovative basic research, interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge, and the dissemination of new findings, with the aim of contributing to progress in science and in society as a whole.

IMBA PARTNERS WITH THE VIENNA BIOCENTER

The Vienna BioCenter (VBC) is a leading life sciences location in Europe, offering an extraordinary combination of research, education, and business on a single campus. Over 2,500 employees, including more than 1,800 scientists from more than 75 nations create a highly international campus. 143 research groups, 38 biotech companies, and over 5000 students further highlight the dynamic and fast-growing environment.

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SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

PUBLICATIONS*

Over 1/3 of all IMBA publications are in the top 10% most cited articles in their respective fields

Source: InCites dataset accessed Feb 17, 2023

>1000

Publications since IMBA’s start of operations in 2003

ERC GRANTS*

Starting 8
Advanced 5
Consolidator 5
Proof of Concept 3
Total 21

EMBO MEMBERSHIPS*

EMBO full members 7
EMBO YIP members** 1

*as of 02/2023
**Young Investigator Programme

RESEARCH GROUPS

Transposon silencing & heterochromatin formation by small RNAs
Transposons, piRNAs, heterochromatin, epigenetics, small RNAs

Julius Brennecke

Functional genomics in embryonic stem cells
Haploid screen, CRISPR/Cas, embryonic stem cells, cell fate

Ulrich Elling

Molecular determinants of biological idiosyncrasy
Genomics, selfish elements, speciation, hybrids, complex traits

Alejandro Burga

Theoretical models of chromosome structure
Biophysics, polymer models, computational biology, chromosomes, mitosis, DNA repair, gene regulation

Anton Goloborodko

Chromosome structure and dynamics
Chromosomes, mitosis, advanced microscopy, genomics, biophysics

Daniel Gerlich

Mechanisms of plasticity after brain injury
Brain injury, connectivity, neural networks, circuit plasticity, remodeling

Sofia Grade

Dark genome in early mammalian development
Early mammalian development, “dark” genome, 3D genome organization, gene expression, single cell omics

Joanna Jachowicz

Brain development and disease
Stem cells, brain, organoids, neurogenesis, neurons

Jürgen Knoblich
Interim Scientific Director
Homeostatic regulation of adult stem cells
Adult stem cells, organoids, genetics, E3 ubiquitin ligases, cancer

Modeling human disease
Embryonic stem cells, organoids, development, cancer, disease, mouse models

Macromolecular phase separation in germ cell fate
Phase separation, non-membrane-bound compartments, P granules, nuage, germline cell fate, in vitro reconstitution

Mechanism and biology of RNA silencing
Post-transcriptional gene regulation, RNA biochemistry, RNP enzymology, RNA modifications, small non-coding RNAs

Regulation of neural stem cell quiescence
Brain, adult stem cells, quiescence, niche, metabolism, signaling

STAFF BY NATIONALITY*

- America: 6 employees
- Austria: 96 employees
- Europe (excl. Austria): 101 employees
- Asia: 30 employees
- Africa: 1 employee

NATIONALITIES* (41)
Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UK, USA

*as of 01/2023
Together with our neighbors at the Vienna BioCenter, we offer international trainings for all levels of education. Our training programs are designed to prime and/or advance learning of critical skills in science. Moreover, researchers can profit from a comprehensive seminar program with high caliber international speakers.

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- Vienna BioCenter Summer school
- Master’s Projects
- Vienna BioCenter PhD Program
- Vienna International Postdoc program (VIP²)

RESEARCH GRANTS
% of total financial volume in 2022

- 25% Other
- 39% ERC (EU)
- 16% FWF (Austria)
- 20% Marie Skłodowska-Curie (EU)

EXPENDITURES
% of total financial volume in 2022

- 6% Investment
- 4% Administration
- 15% Building
- 44% Research Groups
- 31% Core Facilities

SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES
IMBA is committed to the success of its research groups. We provide extraordinary administrative and scientific support with a broad array of cutting-edge services and facilities. Facilities that are available to IMBA researchers include:

- Austrian BioImaging (CMI)
- Bioinformatics
- BioOptics
- Comparative Medicine
- Computational Biology Training
- Electron Microscopy
- Fly & Worm Facility
- Graphics
- Histology
- Histone Profile Library
- Metabolomics
- Molecular Biology Service
- Next Generation Sequencing
- Preclinical Phenotyping
- Proteomics Facility & Proteomics Tech Hub
- Stem Cell Core Facility
- Transgenic Core Facility
- Vienna Drosophila Resource Center

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