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## Education

2008 - 2014 PhD "Structural and functional alterations of cortical neurons in Alzheimer's disease transgenic mice assessed by two-photon in vivo imaging" (summa cum laude), MPI of Neurobiology & LMU / Faculty of Biochemistry, Germany  
2008 Dr. med., Dept. of Psychiatry / Medical Faculty / TU-Dresden / Germany  
2007 – 2008 Research Associate, Paul Greengard-Lab / Rockefeller University, USA  
2000 – 2007 Medical studies, Medical Faculty / TU-Dresden, Germany

## Current position(s)

As of 05/2023 W2 Prof. for Cellular Neurophysiology, Dept. of Neurology, University hospital Cologne, Cologne, Germany  
Since 11/2017 Research Group leader (Emmy Noether Group)  
Institute of Clinical Neuroimmunology, Klinikum der Universität München, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Germany  
Since 06/2014 Head of Clinician Scientist Group & Resident in Neurology  
Institute of Clinical Neuroimmunology, University hospital Munich, LMU Munich, Germany

## Selected fellowships and awards

Since 2019 PI in Excellence Cluster SyNergy  
Since 2019 PI in European-wide Innovative Training Network (SAND)  
2017 Emmy Noether Award, German Research Association (DFG) / Germany  
2014 Clinical Scientist Group Leader Award, SyNergy / Germany  
2008 Lohrmann Medal, Medical Faculty / TU Dresden / Germany  
2001 – 2008 Scholarship from German National Academic Foundation

## **Selected teaching activities**

Since 2018	Lecturer "Neuroimmunology", lab course "Optophysiology" and "Cloning in a nutshell" (Graduate School of Systemic Neurosciences / LMU /Germany
Since 2014	Tutor for bedside teaching, anamnesis, and neurological examination / Medical Faculty / LMU / Germany

## **Membership of scientific societies**

Since 2018	Member Editorial Board, Frontiers in Neurodegeneration
Since 2018	Member of AcademiaNet, Robert Bosch Stiftung
Since 2017	Member of Young Center of the Center for Advanced Studies / LMU Munich
2008 – 2014	Member of the International Max Planck Research School for Molecular and Cellular Life Sciences (IMPRS) / Munich / Germany
2008 – 2014	Member of the Graduate School of Systemic Neurosciences (GSN) / Munich / Germany

## **Publications**

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