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POSITIONS

- University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 2017-Current
Senior Lecturer of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Tasmanian School of Medicine
- University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 2014-2016
Lecturer of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Tasmanian School of Medicine
- University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California, 2012-2014
Assistant project scientist of Professor Roger Tsien's laboratory, Department of Pharmacology.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California, 2006-2012
Post-doctoral training. Mentor: Professor Roger Y. Tsien, Department of Pharmacology.
- Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, San Diego, California, 2005-2006
Post-doctoral training. Mentor: Assistant Professor Gary Tong, Department of Neuroscience.
- University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand, 1996-2005
Ph.D. in Physiology. Mentors: Professors Janusz Lipski and Associate Professor Gregory Funk, 2000-2005.
Area of Specialization: Neurophysiology
Bachelor of Technology (1st class honours), 1996-2000, Program in Biomedical Science.

OTHER COURSES / WORKSHOP / TRAININGS

- HDR Supervisory workshops: 2020, Hobart, Tasmania
- Inclusion, Equity and Diversity Planning Workshop: 2019, Hobart, Tasmania
- Tasmania Aboriginal culture Awareness Training: 2018, Hobart, Tasmania
- Laser safety training and certification: 2016, Hobart, Tasmania
- San Diego Laboratory Management Course: 2010, San Diego, CA, USA
- Center for Teaching Development Diversity Workshop: 2010, UCSD, San Diego, CA, USA
- SfN short course: Visualizing large-scale patterns of activity in the brain: optical and electrical signals: 2006, Atlanta, GA, USA
- The NEURON simulation environment: 2006, UCSD, CA, USA
- Summer Course in Neurobiology: 2004, Woods Hole, MA, USA
- IBRO School of Neuroscience Asia / Pacific region: 2001, Hong Kong, China.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Australia National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Ideas Grant: 2024 – 2027 lead PI (AU\$906,335.26)
- Lundbeckfonden BRAIN Initiative Supplementary Grant: Co-PI 2022-2024
- Australia National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Ideas Grant: 2021 – 2023 lead PI (AU\$631,634)
- Australia National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Ideas Grant: 2020 – 2022 lead PI (AU\$496,955)
- Australia National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Projects Grant: 2019 – 2021 lead PI (AU\$432,127)
- Lundbeckfonden BRAIN Initiative Supplementary Grant: 2018 - 2020 Co-PI
- US NIH BRAIN Initiative R21 grant: 2018 – 2020 – Co-PI (US\$300,000)
- Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowship: 2016 – 2020 Sole PI (AU\$680,540)
- US NIH BRAIN Initiative R21 grant: 2016 – 2018 – Co-PI (US\$300,000)
- Australia National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Project Grant: 2016 – 2019 Sole PI (AU\$391,012)
- US NIH BRAIN Initiative U01 grant: 2014 – 2018 – Lead PI (US\$750,000)
- FRST postdoctoral fellowship, Foundation of Research, Science and Technology of New Zealand, 2005 – 2008 - Sole PI
- University of Auckland Graduate Research Fund, University of Auckland, 2004
- IBRO Asia-Pacific Region Travel grant, International Brain Research Organization, 2004
- University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, University of Auckland, 2003-2004
- Bright Future Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarship, Foundation of Research, Science and Technology of New Zealand, 2000-2003

PATENTS/INVENTIONS

- Channelrhodopsin variants with improved channel kinetics and properties. Lin J.Y., Lin M.Z. & Tsien R.Y. (Provisional patent 62/425390).
- Engineered red-shifted channelrhodopsin variants. Lin J.Y. & Tsien R.Y. (US Patent No. 8759492).
- Allophycocyanin alpha-subunit evolved labeling proteins (smUFRPs). Rodriguez E.A., Lin J.Y., Ting R. & Tran G. (US Patent No. US10501502B2).

INVITED SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Australian-Korean Societies for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Joint Symposium, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (2024)
- Asia-Pacific Molecular Cellular Cognition Society meeting, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (2022)
- Monash University Biomedicine Discovery Institute Seminar, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (2019)
- Australasian Neuroscience Society Annual meeting symposium, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia (2019)
- Australia C. Elegans Symposium. Queensland Brain Institute, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (2017)
- University of Melbourne Department of Physiology and Anatomy Seminar, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (2017)
- Brain Research Center Seminar. National Tsing-hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan (2017)
- Brain Networks: from molecules to diseases symposium. Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine. Singapore (2017)
- Flinders University Neuroscience Seminar. Adelaide, South Australia, Australia (2016)
- Queensland Brain Institute Neuroscience Seminar. Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (2016)

- Central cardiorespiratory control: Future directions annual meeting. Macquarie University, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (2015)
- 25th Meeting of the International Society for Neurochemistry, Symposium 29 Optogenetics and Optopharmacology to illuminate the brain. Cairns, Queensland, Australia (2015)
- Photons and Neurons section of Photonics West conference, San Jose, California (2014)
- Genetic manipulation of neuronal activity III conference, HHMI-Janelia Farm Research Campus, Virginia (2014)
- Neuroscience symposium, Yokohama City University, Japan (2012)
- 14th International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry Chromophore assisted light inactivation workshop, Kyoto, Japan (2012)
- SfN meeting minisymposium 'Towards the Second Generation of Optogenetic Tools'. Society for Neuroscience 2010, San Diego (2010)
- Photons and Neurons section of Photonics West conference, San Jose, California (2009)
- Genetic manipulation of neuronal activity conference, HHMI-Janelia Farm Research Campus, Virginia (2008)

SERVICES

- Manuscript reviewer for Nature Methods, e-Life, Chemical Physical Letters, IETE Journal of Research, Nature Communication, Neuron, Molecular Biosystems, Scientific Reports, Nature Neuroscience, Nature, PLOS ONE, Biology Open, Experimental Physiology, Biochemistry, Biomedical Optics Express, Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, Brain Stimulation and Communication Biology.
- Grant reviewers for National Science Foundation (USA), Israel Science Foundation, Human Frontier Science Program, National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia), Academic Sinica (Taiwan), Australia Research Council (Australia) and MS Research Australia.
- Serve on laboratory management committee. University of Tasmania 2023 – current.
- Serve on Optogenetics Australia Advisory board. 2019 – current.
- Serve on Australasian Course on Advanced Neuroscience organizing committee. 2017 – current.
- Served on College Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee. University of Tasmania, 2018 – 2020.

TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Unit coordinator and lecturer for third year Biomedicine unit CAM312 at University of Tasmania (2023-2024). Develop curriculum and responsible for unit organization and the development of new unit as unit coordinator.
- Unit coordinator (2020-2022) and lecturer (2015-2022) for third year Biochemistry unit CBA342 at University of Tasmania: Developed of new curriculum and the fluorescent protein laboratory module for CBA342. Responsible for unit organization as unit coordinator.
- Unit coordinator (2015-2017) and lecturer (2015-2022) for third year Biochemistry unit CBA341 at University of Tasmania: Development of new curriculum
- Lecturer for CHP312 Neuroscience B at University of Tasmania (2015-2019): Development of new curriculum
- Lecturer for the second-year units Biochemistry CBA260 and Biochemistry CBA221 at University of Tasmania (2015-2016).

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Supervision of postdoctoral research projects:

- 5 postdoctoral fellows at University of Tasmania (2015-current)

Supervision of student research projects:

- 3 ongoing PhD students at University of Tasmania (2017-current)
- 5 PhD students at University of Tasmania (2014-2024)
- 5 Honours degree undergraduate students at University of Tasmania (2016-2023)
- 1 BSc undergraduate student, University of California, San Diego 2010-2011.

- 1 PhD rotation student (Biomedical Science program), University of California, San Diego 2006.
- 1 PhD rotation student (Neuroscience program), Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute 2004.
- 1 PhD student, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute 2004.

PUBLICATIONS

PRIMARY RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Lockyer J., Reading A., Vicenzi S., Zbela A., Visnathan S., Delandre C., Newland J.W., McMullen J.P.D., Marshall O.J., Gasperini R., Foa L & **Lin J.Y.** (2024). Selective optogenetic inhibition of G_{α_q} or G_{α_i} signaling by minimal RGS domains disrupts circuit functionality and circuit formation. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America** 121(36):e2411846121.
https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.2411846121?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rft_id=ori%3Arid%3Acr%3Apub%3Apubmed
2. Maiti A., Buffalo C.Z., Saurabh S., Montecinos-Franjola F., Hachey J.S., Conlon W.J., Tran G.N., Hasan B., Walters K.J., Drobizhev M., Moerner W.E., Ghosh P., Matsu H., Tsien R.Y., **Lin J.Y.** & Rodriguez E.A. (2023) Structural and photophysical characterization of the small ultra-red fluorescent protein. **Nature Communications** 14: 4155
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-39776-9>
3. Mermet-Joret N., Moreno A., Zbela A., Ellendersen B.E., Krauth N., von Philipsborn A., Piriz J, **Lin J.Y.** & Nabavi S. (2021). Dual-color optical activation and suppression of neurons with high temporal precision. * Co-last author , Preprint at **e-Life**
<https://elifesciences.org/reviewed-preprints/90327>
4. Machado J-H., Ting R., **Lin J.Y.** and Rodriguez E.A. (2021). A self-labeling protein based on the small ultra-red fluorescent protein, smURFP. **RSC Chemical Biology** 2: 1221-1226.
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5. Bonaventura J., Eldridge M., Hu F., Gomez J., Sanchez-Soto M., Abramyan A., Lam S., Boehm M., Ruiz C., Farrell M., Moreno A., Faress I.G., Andersen N., **Lin J.**, Moaddel R., Morris P., Shi L., Sibley D., Mahler S., Nabavi S., Pomper M., Bonci A., Horti A., Richmond B. & Michaelides M. (2019). High-potency ligands for DREADD imaging and activation in rodents and monkeys. **Nature Communications** 10: 4627.
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[https://www.cell.com/cell-reports/fulltext/S2211-1247\(19\)31137-4](https://www.cell.com/cell-reports/fulltext/S2211-1247(19)31137-4)
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<https://www.jneurosci.org/content/39/26/5095>
8. Sengupta A., Chaffiol A., Macé E., Caplette R., Desrosiers M., Lampič M., Forster V., Marre O., **Lin J.Y.**, Sahel JA, Picaud S, Dalkara D, Duebel J. (2016). Red-shifted channelrhodopsin stimulation restores light responses in blind mice, macaque retina, and human retina. **EMBO Molecular Medicine** 8: 1248-1264.
<http://embomolmed.embopress.org/content/8/11/1248.long>
9. Rodriguez E.A, Tran G.N., Gross L.A., Crisp J.C., Shu X., **Lin, J.Y.** and Tsien R.Y. (2016) A far-red fluorescent protein evolved from a cyanobacterial phycobiliprotein. **Nature Methods** 13: 763-769.
<https://www.nature.com/articles/nmeth.3935>
10. Hooks B.M., **Lin J.Y.**, Guo C. and Svoboda K. (2015). Dual-channel circuit mapping reveals sensorimotor convergence in the primary motor cortex. **Journal of Neuroscience** 35: 4418-26.
<http://www.jneurosci.org/content/35/10/4418>
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12. Nabavi S., Fox R., Proulx, C.D., **Lin J.Y.**, Tsien R.Y. and Malinow R. (2014). Engineering of a memory with LTD and LTP. **Nature** 511: 348-352.
<https://www.nature.com/articles/nature13294>
13. Levin R.A., Felsen C.N., Yang J., **Lin J.Y.**, Whitney M., Nguyen Q.T. & Tsien R.Y. An optimized triple modality reporter for quantitative tumor imaging and therapy evaluation *in vivo*. (2014) **PLOS ONE**, 9: e97415.
<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0097415>

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15. **Lin J.Y.**, Knutsen P.M., Muller A., Kleinfeld D. and Tsien R.Y. (2013). ReaChR: A red-shifted variant of channelrhodopsin enables deep transcranial optogenetic excitation. **Nature Neuroscience** 16: 1499-1508.
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16. **Lin J.Y.**, Sann S.B., Zhou K., Nabavi S., Proulx C., Malinow R., Jin Y. and Tsien R.Y. (2013). Optogenetic inhibition of synaptic release with chromophore-assisted light inactivation (CALI). **Neuron** 79: 241-253.
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<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/sci/287/5457/1453.full.pdf?ck=nck>

INVITED REVIEWS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

26. Montecinos-Franjola F., **Lin J.Y.** & Rodriguez E.A. (2020) Fluorescent proteins for in vivo imaging, where is the biliverdin? **Biochemical Society Transactions**. BST20200444.
<https://portlandpress.com/biochemsoctrans/article-abstract/doi/10.1042/BST20200444/226972/Fluorescent-proteins-for-in-vivo-imaging-where-s?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0014483518304998>

28. Rodriguez E.A., Campbell R.E., **Lin J.Y.**, Lin M.Z., Miyawaki A., Palmer A.E., Shu X., Zhang J. and Tsien R.Y. The growing and glowing toolbox of fluorescent and photoactive proteins. **Trends in Biochemical Sciences**. pii: S0968-0004(16): -3017630173. [http://www.cell.com/trends/biochemical-sciences/fulltext/S0968-0004\(16\)30173-6](http://www.cell.com/trends/biochemical-sciences/fulltext/S0968-0004(16)30173-6)
29. **Lin J.Y.**, Knutsen P.M. & Muller A. (2015) Discovery and development of spectrally-diverse channelrhodopsins for neurobiological applications. **New Techniques in Systems Neuroscience**. 129-146. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-12913-6_5
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31. **Lin J.Y.** (2012) Optogenetic excitations of neurons with channelrhodopsins: light instrumentation, expression systems and channelrhodopsin variants. **Progress in Brain Research: Optogenetics: Tools for Controlling and Monitoring Neuronal Activity** 196, 29-48. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780444594266000021>
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References:

1. Professor Roger Y. Tsien – Postdoctoral mentor
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Due to Professor Tsien's passing in 2016, his last letter of reference for my application of New York Stem Cell Foundation Innovator Awards for Early Career Investigators in Neuroscience is included in this CV. You can also contact Joan Kanter (jkanter0714@gmail.com), who was Professor Roger Tsien's last laboratory manager to verify the letter.
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