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Education

PhD in Genetics (Plant Molecular Genetics), Sep 2021 – Dec 2025

College of Life Sciences, Northwest A&F University, Yangling, China

BSc in Biotechnology, Sep 2017 – Jun 2021

Innovation Experimental College, Northwest A&F University, Yangling, China

Research Experience

Graduate Research Fellow, Jun 2021 – current

College of Life Sciences, Northwest A&F University | Advisor: Dr. [Cun Wang](#)

- Investigating molecular mechanisms of sulfur deficiency response in *Arabidopsis thaliana* via brassinosteroid signaling and calcium signaling.

Undergraduate Research Assistant – Epigenome Editing, Jun 2020 – Jun 2021

College of Life Sciences, Northwest A&F University | Advisor: Dr. [Israel Ausin](#)

- Designed zinc finger-tagged SWR1 chromatin remodeling complex subunits to profile protein-DNA interactions.

Undergraduate Research Assistant - Virome Analysis, Sep 2018 – Jun 2020

College of Life Sciences, Northwest A&F University | Advisor: Dr. [Weimin Chen](#),

- Analyzed rhizosphere virome of *Robinia pseudoacacia* L. and isolated bacteriophage strains.

Undergraduate Research Assistant - Bioinformatics Training, Sep 2017 – Jun 2018

College of Life Sciences, Northwest A&F University | Advisor: Dr. [Ruolin Yang](#)

- Conducted TCGA data mining and foundational training in bioinformatics.

Funding

Undergraduate Training Program for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 2019-2021

- Total Award: 3,500 CNY (~\$485) | Advisor: Dr. [Weimin Chen](#)

Publications

**equal contribution*

Xuanyi Chen, Zhenghao Yu, Wendi Guo, Yuting Zhou, Cun Wang[#], Tian Wang[#]. (2025). Brassinosteroid signaling promotes sulfate uptake under sulfur deficiency in Arabidopsis. *New Phytologist* 248: 250-264. *Research article*

Min Jia, **Xuanyi Chen**, Xuetao Shi, Yiling Fang, Yangnan Gu[#]. (2023). Nuclear transport receptor KA120 regulates molecular condensation of MAC3 to coordinate plant immune activation. *Cell Host & Microbe* 31:1685-1699.e7. *Research article*

Tian Wang, **Xuanyi Chen**, Chuanfeng Ju[#], Cun Wang[#]. (2023). Calcium signaling in plant mineral nutrition: From uptake to transport. *Plant Communications* 4: 100678. (Highly cited paper) *Review*

YanJun Fang^{*}, Chuanfeng Ju^{*}, Laiba Javed, Chenyu Cao, Yuan Deng, Yaqi Gao, **Xuanyi Chen**, Lv Sun, Yusheng Zhao, Cun Wang[#]. (2025). Plasma membrane-associated calcium signaling modulates zinc homeostasis in Arabidopsis. *Science Bulletin* 13: S2095-9273(25)00169-0. *Research article*

Xuanyi Chen, Shaojun Li[#], Weimin Chen, Quanke Meng. (2021). Characters of Light-sheet Fluorescence Microscope and its Application. *Shengwujishu Jinzhan* 11:126-147. (In Chinese) *Review*

Awards and Honors

National Scholarship for Doctoral Students, 30,000 CNY (~\$4,212)	2025
First-Class Scholarship, 18,000 CNY (~\$2,493)	2023
Second-Class Scholarship, 15,000 CNY (~\$2,077)	2021, 2022, 2024
Advanced undergraduate of Technological Innovation	2021
Third-Class Scholarship, 1,000 CNY (~\$138)	2019
Second-Class Scholarship, 1,500 CNY (~\$207)	2018

Professional Services

Assistant Editor, *Stress Biology*, Jul 2023 – current
Yangling, China

Research Interests

plant stress responses; plant development; integrative multi-omics analysis; combination of molecular biology and bioinformatics

Skills

Cell biology: Confocal microscopy, Bimolecular fluorescence complementation (BiFC) assays.

Molecular biology: Real-time PCR, gel electrophoresis, Western blot analysis, EMSA, ChIP, Mutagenesis, Reporter assays (LUC), Immunoprecipitation, Molecular cloning, ³²P labeling of protein phosphorylation analysis, CRISPR-based gene editing.

Plant biology: Transgenic line generation and screening (Arabidopsis and wheat), Hybridization (Arabidopsis), Element content analysis.

Bioinformatics: R (proficient), Python (familiar), Multi-sequence alignment and conservation analysis, RNA-seq analysis, ChIP-seq analysis, Proteomic data analysis, alternative splicing analysis, AlphaFold structure prediction and visualization.

Referees

1. Prof. Cun Wang (cunwang@nwafu.edu.cn)

my PhD advisor and Dean of College of Life Sciences, NWAUFU

2. Prof. Min Jia (minjia809@nwafu.edu.cn)

my collaborator and former postdoctoral researcher in Yangnan Gu's lab at UC Berkeley, now professor at Institute of Future Agriculture, NWAUFU

3. Prof. Weimin Chen (chenwm029@nwsuaf.edu.cn)

mentor of my Undergraduate Training Program, professor at College of Life Sciences, NWAUFU