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EDUCATION

PhD Cornell University, Molecular and Cell Biology Aug 2017 - Present
CGPA 4.191/4.00 |

BEng RV College of Engineering (India), Biotechnology Engineering Aug 2013 - May 2017
CGPA 9.56/10.00 | Department Gold Medalist | Best outgoing student - University class of 2017

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Graduate Researcher Cornell University Aug 2017 – Present
PI: Dr. Natasza Kurpios, Department of Molecular medicine, Cornell University.
Thesis: Embryonic morphogenesis and functionalization of the small intestine
Rotation projects in the labs of Dr. Marcus Smolka and Dr. Carolyn Adler.

Research Project Fellow Center for Stem Cell Research Dec 2016 – June 2017
PI: Dr. Mohankumar K Murugesan, Center for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College, Vellore
Project: CRISPR aided Ex-vivo gene therapy for Beta-hemoglobinopathies

Khorana Research Scholar University of Wisconsin-Madison May 2016 – July 2016
PI: Dr. Anjon Audhya
Project: CRISPR-aided tagging of Trafficking proteins for Live-cell Imaging

Research Intern inStem, NCBS, India May 2015 – July 2015
PI: Dr. Akash Gulyani
Project: Planarian neural and eye regeneration and novel aspects of Planarian light sensing.

Undergraduate Researcher RV College of Engineering 2014 – 2016

HONORS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Academic

1. Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine Graduate research fellowship – 2022
2. Telluride Scholarship – Telluride Association - 2020 onwards
3. Three-Minute thesis (3MT) competition
 - North American National 3MT (Council of graduate schools) – Winner 2022
 - Ivy+ 3MT – Runner up 2021
 - North-east regional 3MT – Runner up – 2021
 - Cornell University 3MT – Winner – 2021
 - Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine 3MT – Runner up 2021

4. Center for Vertebrate Genomics Scholarship - Cornell University – 2020
5. Graduate School Travel Award – Cornell University - 2019
6. Stem Cell Technologies Travel Award - 2018
7. Presidential Life Science Fellowship - Cornell University - 2017
8. Gold Medal for Best Academic Performance - RV College of Engineering 2017
9. CTS Best Outgoing Student Award – Class of 2017 - RV College of Engineering 2017
10. Center for Stem Cell Research, CMC, Vellore - Project Research Fellowship – 2017
11. Khorana Research Scholar - Dept. of BT, Govt. of India and IUSSTF, USA - 2016
12. State of Karnataka Common Entrance Test - Merit Scholarship Admission - 2013

Leadership / Outreach

1. Member of the Global Cornell Anti-racism engagement team - Spring 2021
2. Participant in “Letters to a Pre-scientist” and “Skype a scientist” programs - 2019, 2020
3. Researcher collaborator – eTrash theatre research on human-nature interaction – Cornell Center for Performing and Media Arts - 2019
4. Outreach Chair – Graduate Women in Sciences, Cornell - arranged women scientists to speak at 4 of the nearby high schools on a regular basis - 2018-19
5. Co-founded the Baked Potato Productions to do theater to spread awareness on Mental and Nervous Health, marginalization, etc. - 3 critically acclaimed productions covered by major news outlets - 2016
6. Head of Circle of Acting at RV (CARV) - The theater club of RVCE - Headed the 200- member group - Participated and won at National and International level Theatre festivals - 2016-17
7. JENESYS Scholarship - Selected to be a cultural ambassador to Japan and discuss measures to improve relationships between Asian countries - Govt. of Japan – 2011

Teaching / Mentoring

1. Teaching Assistant – BioMG1350 Intro: Cell and Developmental Biology – Weekly teaching for 3 sections of students – Spring 2022
2. Life Science Leaders of Tomorrow – seminar series – Lecturer for Single cell technology – Fall 2021
3. “Teaching and learning in diverse classrooms” – Class from Center for Teaching Innovation at Cornell University – Summer 2021
4. Mentor for the HHMI CHAMPS program - 2018, 2019
5. Research mentorship for 4 Undergraduate research assistants, 3 Graduate research assistants and 7 PhD rotation students in the lab of Dr. Natasza Kurpios, Cornell University.

Science outreach lectures

1. Ithaca College, NY – “Signaling pathways regulate gene expression in development” – Upper-level Biochemistry / Molecular Biology class - Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
 2. Christ Academy, India – “Blueprint for building life” - Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020
 3. RV College of Engineering, India – “Signaling pathways regulate gene expression in development” – Junior-level Biology class– Spring 2019, Fall 2020
 4. Lansing High school, NY STEAM day – “Chicken or the egg: Lessons in Dev bio” – Feb 2019
 5. Newfield Middle School, NY – “Chicken or the egg: Lessons in Dev bio” – April 2019
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PUBLICATIONS

1. Sanketi BD*, Mantri M*, et al, "Developmental assembly of the intestinal fat absorption system at single cell resolution" In Preparation.
2. Sanketi BD, et al. "Delineating the origins of intestinal lymphatics using bonafide markers along intestinal endothelium differentiation" In Preparation.
3. Sanketi BD, et al, "Pitx2 patterns an accelerator-brake mechanical feedback through latent TGFb to rotate the gut" In Revision
4. Hu et al, "The asymmetric Pitx2 regulates intestinal muscular-lacteal development and protects against fatty liver disease" Cell. Rep. (2021) In Press.
5. Funk EC, Breen C, Sanketi BD, Kurpios N, McCune A. "Changes in Nkx2. 1, Sox2, Bmp4, and Bmp16 expression underlying the lung-to-gas bladder evolutionary transition in ray- finned fishes." Evolution & Development 22.5 (2020): p 384-402.
6. Reddy CM*, Sanketi BD*, Kumar NS. "Corrosion inhibition of mild steel by Capsicum annuum fruit paste." Perspectives in Science, 8 (2016): p 603-605
7. Sanketi BD, Kothari MA, Reddy MAH., "Enhancement of Spirulina platensis growth using Coconut water supplemented media" Journal of Environmental Research and Development 6.1 (2016): p 104-109.
8. Shenoy A, Padma SM, Sanketi BD, Sumathra M, "Immobilization of Carbonic Anhydrase: A Review" Research & Reviews: A Journal of Biotechnology 6.3 (2016): p 10-19

Book Chapters

1. Sanketi BD, Kurpios NA "In ovo gain- and loss- of function approaches to study gut morphogenesis" Methods in Molecular Biology: Cell Polarity Signaling, 2022
2. Sanketi BD, Kurpios NA "Avian embryos as a model to study vascular development" Methods in Molecular Biology: Cell Polarity Signaling, 2022

Selected Talks / Posters / Awards

1. "Dissection of a transcriptional network behind conserved midgut tilting controlled by Pitx2 and HC-HA/Tsg6 pathways", Gordon Proteoglycans (GRS, GRC), Andover, NH. July 2018 (Poster presentation - Best Poster winner)
2. "Synchronizing midgut formation with the initiation of its leftward tilt", EMBO Mechanical Forces in Development, Heidelberg, Germany. July 2019 (Summit oral presentation, conference poster presentation)
3. iBio2 symposium, Iowa State university – Best talk, Developmental biology - 2021
4. Binghamton university symposium – Selected oral presentation 2020
5. Best Poster award - BBS symposium – Cornell University 2019, 2020
6. International Developmental Mechanics seminar – Virtual, 2022