

# RUI FU

New York Genome Center

My research interests are in RNA-binding protein-mediated post-transcriptional gene expression regulation, particularly RNA decay, interrogated through biochemical experiments and computational analyses of genomic data.



## EDUCATION

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| 2015<br> <br>2009 | ● <b>Ph.D. Biological Science</b><br>University of California San Diego | La Jolla, CA, USA     |
| 2009<br> <br>2005 | ● <b>B.S. Biological Science</b><br>Xiamen University                   | Xiamen, Fujian, China |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Current<br> <br>2022 | ● <b>Senior Bioinformatics Scientist</b><br>Computational Biology                          | New York Genome Center   |
|                      |  | • Single cell / spatial / long-read transcriptomics<br>• CZI Ancestry Networks: Multi-omics Maps of the Human Endometrium Across Diverse Ancestries  |
| 2021<br> <br>2017    | ● <b>Semi-Independent Postdoctoral Informatics Fellow</b><br>Jay Hesselberth's Supervision | University of Colorado Anschutz  |
|                      |  | • Development of bioinformatics software for single cell RNA sequencing<br>• RNA dynamics modeling of steroidogenesis<br>• Analysis of human genetic variation from gnomAD database for insights into nonsense-mediated mRNA decay |
| 2017<br> <br>2016    | ● <b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b><br>Judy Lieberman's Lab                              | Harvard Medical School   |
|                      |  | • Identification of a mitochondrial trigger for apoptotic mRNA decay<br>• Mouse genetic manipulation by CRISPR-Cas9, and automated genotyping with custom R app  |
| 2015<br> <br>2009    | ● <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b><br>Jens Lykke-Andersen's Lab                          | University of California San Diego   |
|                      |  | • Investigation of co-factors involved in ZFP36-mediated mRNA decay and translational repression during macrophage innate immune response  |
| 2009<br> <br>2007    | ● <b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b><br>Ruichuan Chen's Lab                           | Xiamen University  |
|                      |  | • Exploration of cell cycle and apoptosis implications of the transcription elongation regulator HEXIM1<br>• Mechanistic characterization of p-TEFb activation by HIV-Tat  |

## CONTACT

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Bioinformatic tools:

**clustifyr**, automated single cell RNA-seq cell identity assignment Bioconductor package

**squirrelBox**, RNA-seq data visualization, exploration, and analysis web browser built with R Shiny and JavaScript

**someta**, automated monitoring of missing cell-level metadata in scRNA-seq GEO deposition, and R Shiny explorer

**scraps**, Snakemake pipeline for extraction of polyadenylation site and internal priming information from 3' capture scRNA-seq data

**SCoreRust**, Rust-based reimplementation of single cell transcriptome pathway scoring

**colorrepel**, optimization of colors to improve colorblind accessibility of ggplot2 visualizations, R package on CRAN

Course material:

**bioinformatics intro**, [rnabioco.github.io/practical-data-analysis](https://rnabioco.github.io/practical-data-analysis)

**scRNA-seq workshop**, [rnabioco.github.io/cellar](https://rnabioco.github.io/cellar)

## PUBLICATIONS, AS FIRST OR CORRESP. AUTHOR

- 2023
- **In situ reconstruction of distinct normal and pathological cell populations within the human adrenal gland**  
*Journal of the Endocrine Society*  
· **Fu R**, Walters K, Kaufman M, Kocs K, Baldwin A, Kiseljak-Vassiliades K, Fishbein L, Mukherjee N.
  - **Hudson, a computational pipeline for spatial analysis of single cells in multiplexed fluorescence imaging**  
In Prep for *Bioinformatics*, code at [github.com/nygctech/hudson](https://github.com/nygctech/hudson)  
· Singh J<sup>1</sup>, Pandit K<sup>1</sup>, **Fu R<sup>1</sup>**, Maniatis S, Vickovic S.
- 2022
- **scraps: alternative poly-adenylation site usage pipeline for 3' capture single cell RNA sequencing**  
In Prep for *Genome Biology*, submitted to *bioRxiv*, code at [github.com/rnabioco/scraps](https://github.com/rnabioco/scraps)  
· **Fu R**, Riemony K, Hesselberth J, Jordan C, Gillen A.
  - **Spatial transcriptomic analysis delineates epithelial and mesenchymal subpopulations and transition stages in childhood ependymoma**  
*Neuro-Oncology*  
· **Fu R**, Norris G, Willard N, Griesinger A, Riemony K, Amani V, Grimaldo E, Harris F, Gilani A, Hankinson T, Mitra S, Hesselberth J, Ritzmann T, Grundy R, Foreman N, Donson A.
- 2021
- **Transcriptomic response dynamics of human primary and immortalized adrenocortical cells to steroidogenic stimuli**  
*Cells*  
· Wellman K<sup>1</sup>, **Fu R<sup>1</sup>**, Baldwin A, Rege J, Rainey W, Mukherjee N.
  - **RNA-binding proteins regulate aldosterone homeostasis in human steroidogenic cells**  
*RNA*  
· **Fu R<sup>1</sup>**, Wellman K<sup>1</sup>, Baldwin A, Rege J, Bartholomay K, Hirsekorn A, Riemony K, Rainey W, Mukherjee N.
  - **Cell-level metadata is indispensable for documenting single cell sequencing datasets**  
*PLOS Biology*  
· Puntambekar S, Hesselberth J, Riemony K<sup>c</sup>, **Fu R<sup>c</sup>**.
  - **Liver transcriptome dynamics during hibernation are shaped by a shifting balance between transcription and RNA stability**  
*Frontiers in Physiology*  
· Gillen A<sup>1</sup>, **Fu R<sup>1</sup>**, Riemony K<sup>1</sup>, Jager J, Fang B, Lazar M, Martin S.
- 2020
- **Dynamic RNA regulation in the brain underlies physiological plasticity in a hibernating mammal**  
*Frontiers in Physiology*  
· **Fu R<sup>1</sup>**, Gillen A<sup>1</sup>, Grabek K, Riemony K, Epperson E, Bustamant C, Hesselberth J, Martin S.
  - **clustifyr: an R package for automated single-cell RNA sequencing cluster classification**  
*F1000Research*  
· **Fu R**, Gillen A, Sheridan R, Tian C, Daya M, Hao Y, Hesselberth J, Riemony K.
- 2018
- **PNPT1 release from mitochondria during apoptosis triggers decay of poly(A) RNAs**  
*Cell*  
· Liu X<sup>1</sup>, **Fu R<sup>1</sup>**, Pan Y, Meza-Sosa K, Zhang Z, Lieberman J.
- 2016
- **Recruitment of the 4EHP-GYF2 cap-binding complex to tetraproline motifs of tristetraprolin promotes repression and degradation of mRNAs with AU-rich elements**  
*RNA*  
· **Fu R**, Olsen M, Webb K, Bennett E, Lykke-Andersen J.



## PUBLICATIONS, AS CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR

2024

- Peptidyl-tRNA hydrolysis rate influences the efficiency of nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. Submitted to *bioRxiv*. Kolakada D, Fu R, Biziaev N, Shuvalov A, Lore M, Campbell A, Cortazar M, Sajek M, Hesselberth J, Mukherjee N, Alkaeva E, Jagannathan S.

2023

- DUX4 induces the production of truncated RNA binding proteins in human muscle cells. Submitted to *Cell Reports*, *bioRxiv*. Campbell A, Dyle M, Calviello L, Matheny T, Cortazar M, Forman T, **Fu R**, Gillen A, Floor S, Jagannathan S.
- Adrenal gene expression dynamics support hibernation in 13-lined ground squirrels. *Physiological Genomics*. Gillen A, Epperson L, Orlicky D, **Fu R**, Martin S.

2021

- Post-transcriptional control of mating-type gene expression during gametogenesis in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Biomolecules*. Yeager R, Bushkin G, Singer E, **Fu R**, Cooperman B, McMurray M.
- Srsf3 mediates alternative RNA splicing downstream of PDGFRα signaling in the facial mesenchyme. *Development*. Dennison B, Larson E, **Fu R**, Mo J, Fantauzzo K.
- Molecular tracking devices quantify antigen distribution and archiving in the lymph node. *eLife*. Walsh S, Sheridan R, Doan T, Lucas E, Ware B, **Fu R**, Burchill M, Hesselberth J, Tamburini B.
- Single-cell RNA sequencing identifies macrophage transcriptional heterogeneities in granulomatous diseases. *European Respiratory Journal*. Liao S, Shaikh A, Mould K, Konigsberg I, **Fu R**, Davidson E, Li L, Fontenot A, Maier L, Yang I.

2019

- Monocytic Subclones Confer Resistance to Venetoclax-Based Therapy in Acute Myeloid Leukemia Patients. *Cancer Discovery*. Pei S, Polleyea D, Gustafson A, Stevens B, Minhajuddin M, **Fu R**, Riemondy K, Gillen A, Sheridan R, Kim J, Costello J, Amaya M, Inguva A, Winters A, Ye H, Krug A, Jones C, Adane B, Khan N, Ponder J, Schowinsky J, Abbott D, Hammes A, Myers J, Ashton J, Nemkov T, D'Alessandro A, Gutman J, Fesik S, Ramsey H, Savona M, Smith C, Jordan C.
- Chronic Liver Disease in Humans Causes Expansion and Differentiation of Liver Lymphatic Endothelial Cells. *Frontiers in Immunology*. Tamburini B, Finlon JM, Gillen A, Kriss M, Riemondy K, **Fu R**, Schuyler R, Hesselberth J, Rosen H, Burchill M.
- Single cell RNA Sequencing Identifies Transforming Growth Factor β as a Critical Regulator of Alveolar Regeneration. *JCI Insight*. Riemondy K, Jansing N, Jiang P, Redente E, Gillen A, **Fu R**, Anthony G, Hesselberth J, Zemans R.
- Recovery and analysis of transcriptome subsets from pooled single-cell RNA-seq libraries. *Nucleic Acid Research*. Riemondy K, Ransom M, Alderman C, Gillen A, **Fu R**, Finlay-Schultz J, Kirkpatrick G, Di Paola J, Kabos P, Sartorius C, Hesselberth J.



## RECOGNITION AND FUNDING

2023

- New York Science Forward: Towards Inclusive Excellence in Academia Fellow**  
Award Amount: Travel costs ~\$1,000

2022

- Substantial grant writing, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Kidney Precision Medicine Project U01 (colab with Drs Thurman, Hsieh, Wrobel)**  
Award Amount: \$500,000 per year
  - Spatial Mapping of Proteomic and Transcriptional Signatures in Kidney Disease
  - Drafted all content and preliminary data on spatial RNA profiling (~25% of entire proposal)

2021

- CU Anschutz Medical Campus Spatial Transcriptomics Pilot Grant**  
Award Amount: \$15,000
  - Spatiotemporal Analysis of Microglial Contribution to Immune-Mediated Demyelinating Lesion Formation
  - Formulated plans and drafted proposal
- Colorado RNA Newsletter Spotlight**

2011	● Dr. Huang Memorial Scholarship, UC San Diego Award Amount: \$108,000
2009	
2008	● First-Class Scholarship, XMU University Merit Student
2006	

## ► POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 ● scraps: an end-to-end pipeline for measuring alternative polyadenylation at high resolution using single-cell RNA-seq. (ASHG's Annual Meeting - **Invited Poster**)
- 2023 ● scraps: an end-to-end pipeline for measuring alternative polyadenylation at high resolution using single-cell RNA-seq. (Science Forward Symposium - **Invited Poster**)
  - Multiplexing samples for simultaneous measurement of RNA and ATAC in single-nuclei: a bioinformatic perspective. (Advances in Genome Biology and Technology General Meeting - Poster)
- 2022 ● MIBI meets Visium. (Human Immunology and Immunotherapy Initiative Translational Immunology Seminar Series - **Invited Presentation**)
- 2021 ● Practical guide to spatial transcriptomics. (Pulmonary Division Excellence in Respiratory and Critical Care Seminar Series - **Invited Presentation**)
  - Interactive scRNA-seq cell-type classification identifies widespread omission of cell-level annotations in public data repositories. (Keystone eSymposia on Single Cell Biology - Poster with mentee)
- 2020 ● Towards a comprehensive view of dynamic RNA regulation in hibernating 13-lined ground squirrel. (EMBL Conference, From Functional Genomics to Systems Biology - Poster)
- 2019 ● ClustifyR: automated single-cell RNA sequencing cluster classification. (Keystone Symposia on Single Cell Biology - Poster)
- 2017 ● PNPT1 release from the mitochondrial intermembrane space triggers rapid decay of mRNA and poly(A)-tailed ncRNA during apoptosis. (Boston Children's Hospital Research Showcase - Poster)
- 2015 ● TTP-mediated mRNA repression involves recruitment of the 4EHP-GYF2 complex. (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory mRNA Processing Meeting - **Selected Presentation**)
- 2013 ● TTP family proteins regulate the stability of retinoblastoma protein mRNAs during serum-stimulated G<sub>0</sub>-S transition. (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory mRNA Processing Meeting - Poster)
- 2012 ● The regulation of TTP family mRNA-decay factors during G<sub>0</sub>-S cell cycle progression. (Keystone Symposia on Protein-RNA Interactions - Poster)

## ► TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Lecture Instructor (Graduate-Level Courses)**  
University of Colorado Anschutz
  - Foundations in Biomedical Sciences (2018, 2019, 2020 online) - lectures, paper discussion, and homework/exam design on RNA biology
  - Workshop for scRNA-seq Data Analysis (2019, 2020 online, 2021) - course development and lectures
  - Practical Data Analysis with R/RStudio (2018, 2019) - course development and lectures
  - Informatics and Statistics for Molecular Biology (2020 online) - teaching and grading on RStudio Cloud
  - Rigor in Research (2020) - lecture on RNA sequencing
- **Weekly RNA Bioscience Initiative Informatics Office Hour**  
University of Colorado Anschutz
  - Guidance on RNA and computational research questions from students and researchers of CU Anschutz

- **Teaching Assistant (Graduate-Level Courses)**  
University of Colorado Anschutz
  - Practical Computational Biology for Biologists: R (2018, 2019)
  - Practical Computational Biology for Biologists: Python (2018, 2019)
  - Core Topics in Biomedical Sciences (2018)
- **Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate-Level Courses)**  
University of California San Diego
  - Molecular Biology (2012)
  - DNA Recombination Lab (2011, 2012)

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Current

- **NYGC Undergraduate Summer Internship Mentoring**
  - 2024 - Isoform quantification benchmarking in RNA-seq data
  - 2023 - Cell type composition analysis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis spinal cord and cortex RNA-seq data
  - 2022 - Single cell analysis of influenza-infected mouse lung
  - Lecture to all interns: Intro to Single Cell Analysis
- **Supervision of NYGC Compbio Functional Genomics Team**
  - Bioinformatics Scientist, since 2022. Various single cell analyses, internal technology development support
  - Bioinformatics Analyst, since 2023. Bulk transcriptomics, moving analysis pipelines to Google Cloud
- **RNA Bioscience Initiative Undergraduate Internship Mentoring**
  - Systemic exploration of published scRNA-seq cell type signatures in the Gene Expression Omnibus. Mentee's work was integrated into first-author data-driven essay, updates to R Bioconductor packages *clustifyr* and *clustifyrdatahub*, GitHub repo *someta*, and poster presentation.
- **Summer Research Mentoring**  
Harvard Medical School
  - Mentee: high school student enrolled in the MIT Research Science Institute program
  - Topics: tissue culture, RNA-related bench experiments, RNA-seq informatics analysis, and scientific writing
  - Facilitated research opportunity for mentee at Tsinghua University a year later.
- **BS/MS Student Research Mentoring**  
University of California San Diego
  - Mentee: female undergraduate/master student
  - Project: biochemical investigation of RNA-binding protein functions
  - Mentee's work was integrated into second-author 2016 RNA publication. Mentee was awarded Best Poster Presentation Award at 2014 UCSD Biological Sciences Annual Student Research Showcase.

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## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

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2019

- **NYGC Citizenship & Collaboration Award selection committee member**
- **NYGC Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Advisory Group and Faculty/Mentorship Subcommittee member**
- **Autism in the Workplace Training. 1 trainee mentored from this program.**
- **Admission and Evaluation Committees for CU Graduate Experiences for Multicultural Students Program**

- 2021
- RNA Society Volunteer – Writer for Scientist Spotlight
  - CU Anschutz Medical Campus Equity Certificate Program training and LGBTQ+ Hub Diversity training
- 2019
- Inclusive STEM Teaching Course training
  - Mentor for CU Anschutz and Denver Campus ISCORE undergraduate mentorship program

## 📢 SERVICE AND TRAINING

- Current | 2018
- ***GENETICS* Early Career Reviewer (Cellular Genetics section)**  
22 reviews for *Molecular Systems Biology*, *Scientific Reports*, *BMC Bioinformatics*, etc; [bit.ly/publons-rui-fu](https://bit.ly/publons-rui-fu)
- 2023
- Organizing committee member for 2023 Bioconductor conference
- 2021 | 2019
- Annual RNA Bioscience Initiative Grant Review
- 2020
- Organizer for CU Anschutz Immuno-Informatics Joint Journal Club
- 2017
- Data Incubator Data Science Fellowship
- 2016
- Harvard Medical School Scientists Teaching Science Course

## 🐠 SCIENCE OUTREACH

- Educational Explainer at American Museum of Natural History - Butterfly Conservatory (2023 - 2024)
- Facilitator at Denver Museum of Nature and Science - Prehistoric Journey section (2019 - 2020)
- Visitor Education Volunteer at the New England Aquarium (2016 - 2017)
- Information Ambassador at the San Diego Zoo (2015 - 2016)
- Organizer for UCSD Ethics Center's Silent Spring 50th Anniversary Project (2012)

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