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Education

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Postdoctoral Studies	1994–	UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA	Professor Peter G. Schultz
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Ph.D. in Chemistry	1994	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	Professor David B. Collum
M.S. in Chemistry	1990	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	Professor David B. Collum
B.S. in Chemistry	1988	Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	Professor Matthew S. Platz

Appointments

2019 – present	Distinguished Fellow, Synthorx
2014 - 2019	Professor, Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute
2006 - 2014	Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute
1998 - 2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute

Professional Experience

2014 - 2019	Synthorx, La Jolla, CA (Scientific Founder, Consultant, Board of Directors);
2010 - 2013	RQx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., La Jolla, CA (Scientific Founder, Consultant, SAB
	member); Acquired by Genentech in 2013
2005 - 2011	Achaogen Inc., South San Francisco, CA (Scientific Founder, Consultant, SAB
	member); NASDAQ: AKAO

Honors

2020	Fellow, National Academy of Inventors
2018	ACS San Diego Section Distinguished Scientist Award
2018	Royal Society of Chemistry Bioorganic Chemistry Award
2015	ACS Nobel Laureate Signature Award for Graduate Education in Chemistry
2008 - 2009	Member, Institute for Defense Analysis, Defense Science Study Group
2005	World Technology Award Nominee in Biotechnology
2004	Discover Magazine Technology Innovation Award
2004	NSF CAREER Award
2003	Camille Dreyfus Teacher Scholar Award
2003	Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Award
2002	The Baxter Foundation Award
1994 –1996	NIH National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship
1987	The Mac Nevin Award



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- Y Zhang, JL Ptacin, EC Fischer, HR Aerni, CE Caffaro, K San Jose, AW Feldman, CR Turner, FE Romesberg (2017) A semi-synthetic organism that stores and retrieves increased genetic information, Nature 551:644-647
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