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### Academic education including academic degrees

12/2005: Ph.D in Infection Immunology, Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), Technical University Braunschweig, Germany.  
5/2002: Msc student, Technical University Braunschweig, Germany.  
04/1998: Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya.

### Scientific graduation

2017/10: Docent in Infection Biology, Umeå University, Sweden

### Employment

07/2022 – present: **Full Professor** of Microbiology and Molecular Infection Immunology Institute for Medical Microbiology and Hygiene, Medical Center University of Freiburg, Germany.  
2/2019 – present: **Associate Prof**, Department of Molecular Biosciences, The Wenner Gren Institute (MBW) Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden.  
7/2010 – 01/2019: **Group leader**, The Laboratory for Molecular Infection Medicine Sweden (MIMS) - The Swedish node of EMBL Partnership, Umeå University, Sweden.  
2/2009 – 06/2010: **Post-doc**, Institute for Genetics, University of Cologne, Germany.  
01/2006 – 01/2009: **Post-doc**, Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), Germany.  
09/2000 – 06/2002: **Researcher**, Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), Germany.  
01/2000 – 08/2000: **Researcher**, Institute of Animal Pathology, University of Bern, CH  
03/1998 – 12/1999: **Researcher**, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Nairobi  
1998/03 – 2000/01: **Research technician**, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Nairobi, Kenya.

### Other activities, awards and honours

2019: Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences (Flormanska prize)  
2016: Fernströms prize  
2005: Förderpreis for Cell biology and Biomedical Research (Förderpreis des Arbeitskreis für Zellbiologie und biomedizinische Forschung).  
1999: Chairman's Science Award for Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Outstanding Scientific Support Staff

Editorial duties: EMBO Journal Catalyst program, Member of the Editorial Board of Biological Chemistry.

Grant reviewing: The Swedish Research Council (VR) Medicine & Health Section (2016-21)  
The Wellcome trust Foundation (2020)  
The European Research Council (ERCs) (2017-2019)  
British Medical Research Council (MRC) 2016 – 2020, 2022  
Belgium Research Foundation (Fonds wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen (FWO) 2012 -2017

Reviewer journals: Ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals including, Nature, Science, Cell, Immunity, Mol Cell, Science Translational Medicine, Science Advances, Sci Immunol, Cell Research, Nat Commun, EMBO Journal, PNAS, Cell reports, PLOS Pathogens, Adv Sci, Elife, J Immunol...).