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Education

Ph.D.	Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1992
B.S.	Genetics (Honors), University of Iceland, 1986
B.S.	Biology, University of Iceland, 1985

Background and experience

2005-present	Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland.
2020- 2022	Chair of European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Council.

2005-present	Delegate of Iceland at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Council. Vice chair, 2017-2020.
2002-present	Delegate of Iceland at the European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC). Vice chair, 2017-2020.
2014-present	Visiting Professor, University of Tsukuba, Japan.
2013-2016	Chair, BioMedical Center, University of Iceland
1997-2005	Research Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland.
2019-present	Chair, Scientific Expert Panel, Science Fund of the Icelandic Cancer Society.
2021	Panel Member, Midterm Review of Flagship programmes of Akademi Finland.
2022	Panel Member, Midterm Review of Flagship programmes of Akademi Finland.
2019-present	Member, Scientific Committee, Nordic Cancer Union.
2019-present	Panel Member, Expert Panel, Research Council of Norway.
2011-2018	Panel Member, Study section on Biology of Cancer, Institute National de Cancer, France.
2012-2013	Panel Member, Study section on Melanoma, Institute National de Cancer, France.
2010-2012	Chair, study section on Science and Technology, Nordforsk.
2009-2011	Panel member, study section on Collaborations, Swedish Research Council.
2005-2009	Panel member, study section on Science and Technology, Nordforsk.
2003-2005	Chair, study section on Biomedical Sciences, Research Fund of Iceland.
2000-2005	Chief Scientific Officer, Iceland Genomics Corporation (IGC is now a component of Decode Genetics).
1993 - 1997	Postdoctoral Fellow, Mammalian Genetics Laboratory ABL-Basic Research Program, Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center, Frederick, Maryland.

1992	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Biology, UCLA. Organized and taught the course Introduction to Genetics (Bio 8).
1986 - 1992	Graduate Student, Department of Biology, UCLA, and Teaching Assistant, Department of Biology, UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
1988	EMBO practical course on Drosophila embryology, organized by Dr. Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard in Tübingen, Germany, August 14-27, 1988.
1985 - 1986	Independent Research Project, Institute for Experimental Pathology, Keldur, Iceland and Teaching Assistant, Department of Chemistry, University of of Iceland.

Honors and Awards

2016	PASPCR Lerner Award at the "XX Annual Meeting of the PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research" held in Baltimore, Maryland, 5.-8. October 2016
2009	Award from the Thordur Harðarson and Árni Kristinsson Research Fund
2004	EMBO member
2000	Young Investigator Award, Icelandic Research Council.
1995	NATO Science Fellowship
1992	Scherbaum Award, Department of Biology, UCLA
1990	Dr. Ursula Mandel Scholarship, UCLA
1986	Grant from the Helga K. Jónsdóttir and Sigurliði Kristjánsson Memorial Fund
1986	Grant from the Charles K. Wiley Fund
1986	Fulbright Graduate Student Grant

Postdocs

Alexander Schepsky
Margrét Helga Ögmundsdóttir
Valerie Fock
Sara Sigurbjörnsdóttir
Ben Sorum
Berglind Ósk Einarsdóttir
Freyja Imsland
Ramile Dilshat

Students

Graduated from my laboratory:
PhD students

Jón Hallsteinn Hallsson, PhD, 2006
Alexander Schepsky, PhD, 2007

Benedikta S. Hafliðadóttir, PhD, 2010
Christine Grill, PhD, 2013
Bengt Phung, PhD, 2013 (joint with Lars Rönnstrand, Lund University)
Christian Praetorius, PhD, 2014
Diahann Atacho, PhD, 2018 (joint with Pétur Henry Petersen, University of Iceland)
Josue Ballesteros Alvarez, PhD, 2019
Óskar Örn Hálfdánarson, PhD, 2019
Remina Dilixiati, PhD, 2019
Hong Nhung Vu, PhD, 2023

MS students

Gunnar Jóhannes Gunnarsson, MS; 2001
Aðalheiður Gígja Hansdóttir, MS, 2004
Christian Praetorius, Diploma (Freie Universitaet, Berlin), 2005
Bryndís Krogh Gísladóttir, MS, 2006
Jónína Jóhannsdóttir, MS, 2006
Georg Bauer, MS (Fachhochschule Wien), 2008
Anna Þóra Pétursdóttir, 2010
Sigurður Rúnar Guðmundsson, 2015
Katrín Möller, 2016
Ásgeir Örn Arnþórsson, 2017
Hilmar Örn Gunnlaugsson Nielsen, 2019
Lara Stefansson, 2019
Elín Sóley Sigurbjörnsdóttir, 2021.
Valdís Huld Jónsdóttir, 2021
Eyvindur Árni Sigurðarson, 2022
Matthías Már Valdimarsson, 2023 (joint with Pétur Orri Heiðarsson)

Current students in my laboratory:

Romain Lasseur, PhD expected in 2024
Seyedeh Parinaz Mahdavi, PhD expected in 2025
Evangeline Breeta Raja David Isac, PhD expected in 2024
Lilit Ghukasyan, PhD expected in 2025

On PhD or MS committees of the following students:

Helga Bjarnadóttir, PhD, 2007
Helga Margrét Pálsdóttir, PhD, 2006
Birkir Þór Bragason, PhD, 2006
Kristbjörn Orri Guðmundsson, PhD, 2005
Silja Dögg Andradóttir, MS, 2006
Snorri Páll Davídsson, MS, 2005
Bryndís Björnsdóttir, MS, 2004
Jonas Steinmann, MS 2008
Helga Eyja Hrafnkelsdóttir, MS, 2009
Stefán Ragnar Jónsson, PhD, 2009
Marteinn Þór Jónsson, MS, 2010
Martin Ingi Sigurðsson, PhD, 2011
Lena Valdimarsdóttir, MS, 2013

Jóhann Frímann Rúnarsson, MS; 2013
Sævar Ingþórsson, PhD, 2014
Margrét Bessadóttir, PhD, 2014
Ari Jón Arason, PhD, 2016
Bylgja Hilmarsdóttir, PhD, 2016
Amaranta Úrsula Amesto Jimenez, PhD, 2018
Hallur Reynisson, MS, 2018
Ástrós Skúladóttir, MS 2019
Andrea Garcia Llorca, PhD 2020
Alba Sabate, MS 2019
Zuzana Budkova, PhD graduated 2021
Fatich Mechmet, PhD expected 2024
Abbi Smith, PhD expected 2024
Salvör Rafnsdóttir, PhD expected 2024
Tinna Reynisdóttir, PhD expected 2025

Publications

Research papers and reviews

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Pignoni, F., **Steingrímsson, E.** and Lengyel, J.A. 1992. *bicoid* and the terminal system activate *tailless* expression in the early Drosophila embryo. *Development* **115**: 239-251.

Liaw, G-J., **Steingrímsson, E.**, Pignoni, F. Courey, A.J., & Lengyel, J.A. 1993. Characterization of downstream elements in a Raf-1 pathway. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.USA* **90**: 858-862.

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Mallo, M., **Steingrímsson, E.**, Copeland, N.G., Jenkins, N.A. and Gridley, T. 1994. Genomic organization, alternative polyadenylation, and chromosomal localization of *Grg*, a mouse gene related to the *groucho* transcript of the Drosophila *Enhancer of split* complex. *Genomics* **21**: 194-201.

Steingrímsson, E., Moore, K.J., Lamoreux, M.L., Ferré-D'Amaré, A.R., Burley, S.K., Sanders-Zimring, D.C., Skow, L.C., Hodgkinson, C.A., Arnheiter, H., Copeland, N.G. and Jenkins, N.A. 1994. Molecular basis of mouse *microphthalmia* (*mi*) mutations helps explain their developmental and phenotypic consequences. *Nature Genetics* **8**: 256-263.

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