

Available Postdoc Position

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Job Website	
Job Location	Stanford University
Is remote work possible?	No
CIP Codes	1.3 Agricultural/Biological Engineering and Bioengineering 1.5 Biomedical/Medical Engineering 6.2 Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology

Job Description

Do we understand biology well enough to engineer it? Will we be able to design biological systems as “smart medicine” that sense patients’ states, process the information, and respond accordingly? We believe the answers are unequivocally positive. To lay the groundwork for this vision, we have identified key challenges across different levels of complexity:

- (1) Protein: “anthro-orthogonality” and non-immunogenicity.
- (2) Biomolecular circuit: robustness in diverse contexts and non-mutagenic delivery.
- (3) Multicellular consortium: communication through scalable channels.
- (4) Translational application: interface with physiological inputs/outputs and prototyping.

Taking a “vertical integration” approach, we are developing novel solutions at all these levels. We engineer biomolecules, molecular circuits, viruses, and cells, combining quantitative experimental analysis with computational simulation. The outcomes will contribute to not only specific biomedical applications but also the foundation for engineering mammalian biology.

The postdoc will to lead one of these projects, with the expectation that they will eventually come up with their own molecular circuits as medicine" ideas, which will serve as the foundation of their own independent career in academia or industry.

Required Qualifications

Strong qualifications in one of the following fields is preferred: molecular biology, cellular biology, protein engineering, synthetic biology, systems biology, and computational modeling of dynamic systems.

Desired Qualifications

Minimum Monthly Salary \$0

Maximum Monthly Salary \$0

Special Instructions for Applicants

Opportunities for teaching? Yes

Opportunities for supervision/mentoring? Yes

Opportunities for communitiy outreach? Yes

Position keywords

Synthetic biology Biomolecular engineering