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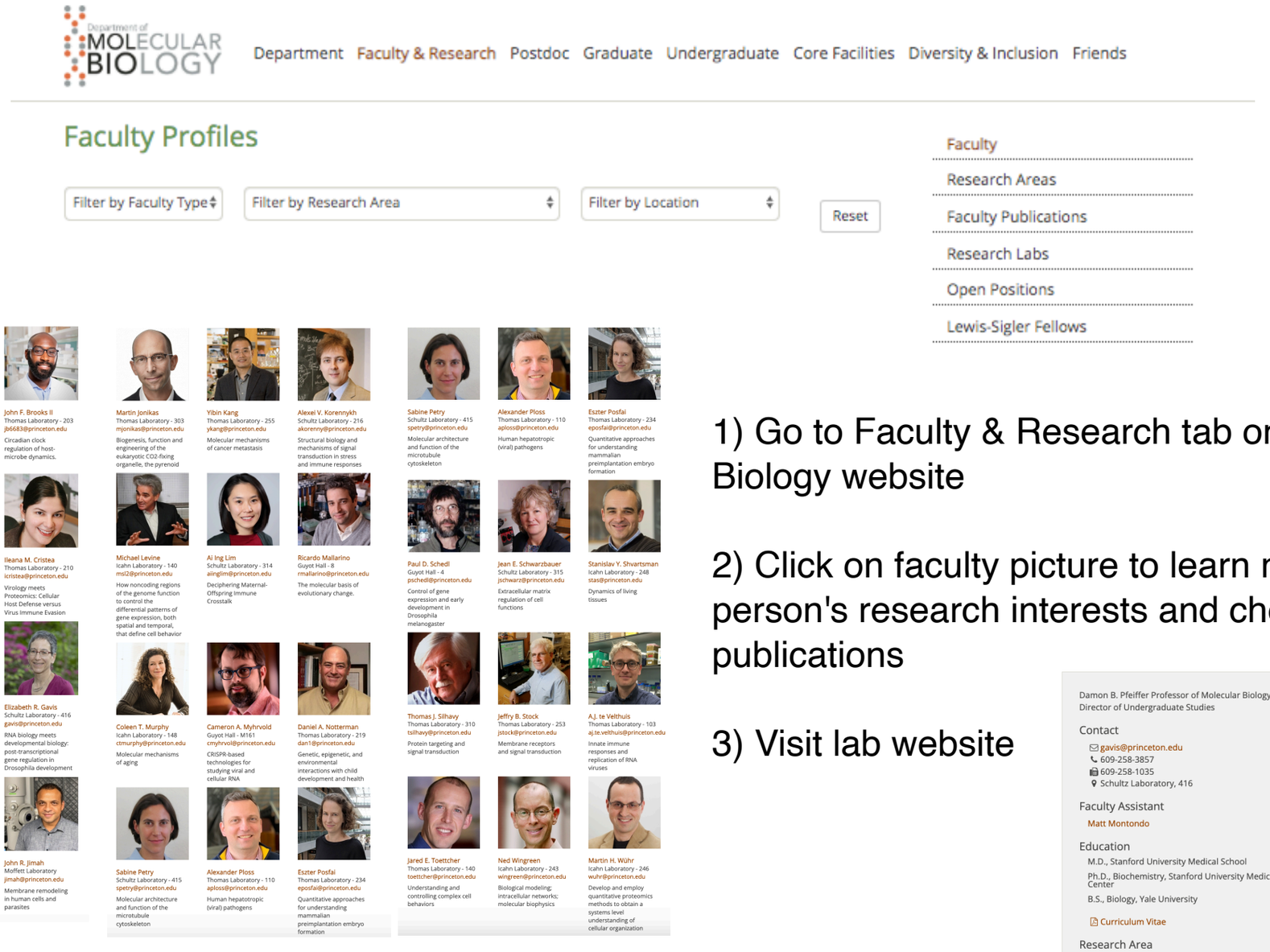
Tips on finding an adviser/lab for MOL 280/281

Learn about faculty research programs

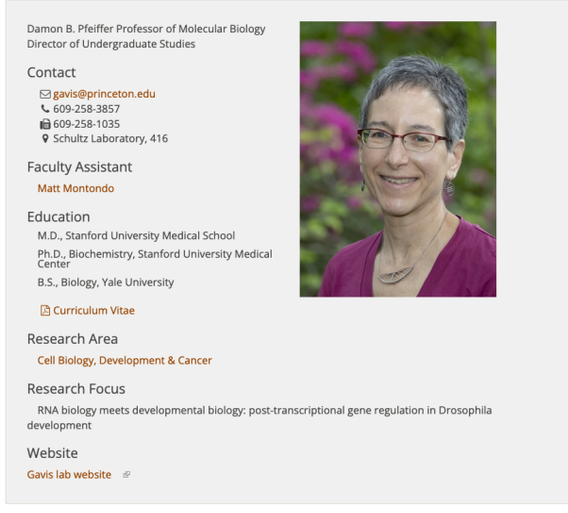


also Associated Faculty

1) Go to Faculty & Research tab on Dept. of Molecular Biology website

2) Click on faculty picture to learn more about that person's research interests and check out their publications

3) Visit lab website



Contact Faculty

- Pick faculty who are doing research that sounds interesting to you.
- Read the abstracts from a few of their recent papers.
- Send an email that
    - Introduces yourself: I am a rising sophomore, prospective MOL major, am taking/have taken MOL 214 (or other relevant courses or experiences)
    - Indicates your interest in their research, including a brief explanation of why.
    - State that you want to get an early start on lab research, in fall 2025, and hope that they will consider taking you into their lab.
    - Indicates that you are available to meet in person or by Zoom to discuss opportunities.
    - Indicates that you plan to enroll in the MOL 280/281 sequence.
- Be sure to contact multiple faculty - not everyone has space available
- Be patient - faculty are busy, especially at the end of the academic year
- Send a follow up email if you don't hear back in 7-10 days.
- Understand that some faculty may not respond or may not have space - it isn't personal!