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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Urology
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Young Investigator Award, Prostate Cancer Foundation (2026)
- SCI Innovation Awards, Stanford Cancer Institute (2026)
- Seed Grant Program, The Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research (2026)
- The Cancer League Research Award, The Cancer League (2026)
- NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award, NCI (2022-2027)
- Young Investigator Award, The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) (2023)
- Stanford Translational Medicine (TRAM) Scholar, Stanford (2022)
- Stanford Molecular Imaging Scholar (SMIS Fellow), Stanford (2018-2021)
- Student Travel Award, World Molecular Imaging Congress (WMIC) (2017)
- Outstanding Translational Research Award, Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University (2016)
- Rising Stars in Biomedical Engineering and Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (2016)
- Coulter Fellowship, The Wallace H. Coulter Foundation (2009-2012)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University , Biomedical Engineering
- Master of Science, Georgia Institute of Technology , Electrical and Computer Engineering

LINKS

- My lab website: https://med.stanford.edu/guolanlulab.html

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

The Lu Lab develops spatial omics and computational methods to measure, model, and predict how cells, tissues, and therapeutic agents interact in their native spatial context, and how these interactions drive disease progression and treatment response.

Current Research Areas:

• Joint spatial transcriptomics and spatial proteomics for mapping 2D and 3D tissue architecture in clinical samples

• Generative and foundation models for spatial and spatiotemporal omics analysis

• Single-cell drug–target–microenvironment mapping in human tumors

• Mechanisms of cancer progression, immune evasion, and therapeutic resistance

Teaching

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Frida Bjoerklund

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Changlin Li, Kunyu Wang

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Cancer Biology (PhD Program)
- Immunology (PhD Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Single-cell spatial pharmacobiology for imaging antibody-based therapies in solid tumors** *NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY*
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2025

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  2024

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  2022

- **A real-time GPU-accelerated parallelized image processor for large-scale multiplexed fluorescence microscopy data.** *Frontiers in immunology*
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- **Tumour-specific fluorescence-guided surgery for pancreatic cancer using panitumumab-IRDye800CW: a phase 1 single-centre, open-label, single-arm, dose-escalation study.** *The lancet. Gastroenterology & hepatology*
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- **Translating a fluorescent DNA-repair inhibitor.** *Nature biomedical engineering*
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  2020

- **Co-administered antibody improves penetration of antibody-dye conjugate into human cancers with implications for antibody-drug conjugates.** *Nature communications*
  Lu, G., Nishio, N., van den Berg, N. S., Martin, B. A., Fakurnejad, S., van Keulen, S., Colevas, A. D., Thurber, G. M., Rosenthal, E. L.
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- **Deep convolutional neural networks for classifying head and neck cancer using hyperspectral imaging.** *Journal of biomedical optics*
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- **A Minimum Spanning Forest-Based Method for Noninvasive Cancer Detection With Hyperspectral Imaging** *IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING*
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