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POSITION TITLE: Professor of Bioengineering, Genetics, &amp; Medicine and, by courtesy, of Computer Science

**EDUCATION/TRAINING**

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
Harvard College	A.B.	06/1983	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Stanford University Medical School	Ph.D.	06/1989	Medical Information Sciences
Stanford University Medical School	M.D.	06/1990	Medicine

**A. Personal Statement**

I am a Professor of Bioengineering, Genetics, Medicine and (by courtesy) Computer Science. My area of professional expertise is bioinformatics, the creation of methods to analyze molecular data of importance to problems in medicine and health. My specific application area of interest is drug action, including molecular analysis of protein structure and dynamics, datamining for discovery of unexpected drug actions, functional genomics (particularly pharmacogenomics) to understand drug action and the impact of human variation on drug response. The PharmGKB resource (<http://www.pharmgkb.org/>) is the premier repository of curated information about how human genetic variation impacts drug-response phenotypes. We use the contents of PharmGKB to create new applications in data mining, drug discovery and personal genomics. We develop and use a broad array of machine learning algorithms for natural language processing, clustering, classification and deep learning.

**B. Positions and Honors****RESEARCH AND/OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1982 Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Prof. William N. Lipscomb, Nobel Laureate, Harvard Department of Chemistry

1982-1983 Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Prof. Stephen C. Harrison, Harvard Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

1984-1988 Graduate Research Assistant to Bruce G. Buchanan, Stanford Dept. of Computer Science

1989-1992 Post-Doctoral fellow (part time). Prof. Oleg Jardetzky, Stanford Magnetic Resonance Laboratory

1990-1992 Intern and Resident, Stanford University Medical Center

1992 Assistant Professor of Medicine (& Computer Science, by courtesy), Stanford University

1993-1997 Member, Executive Steering Committee, San Diego Supercomputer Center

1994-1995 Organizing Committee, 2nd & 3rd Intl. Conf. on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology

1996- Organizing Committee, Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing

1996 Founding Board of Directors, International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)

1997 Molecular Science Thrust Leader, National Partnership for Advanced Computer Infrastructure

1999 Associate Professor of Medicine (& Computer Science, by courtesy) tenure, Stanford University

2000- Director, Biomedical Informatics Program, Stanford University

2000-2002 President, International Society for Computational Biology

2003 Professor of Genetics, Bioengineering, & Medicine (& Comp. Sci., by courtesy) Stanford University

2007 Chair, Department of Bioengineering, Stanford University

2009-2012 Guidant Chair of Bioengineering, Stanford University

2012 President-Elect, American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

2013 President, American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics  
2013- Chair, Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

1983 Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College Chapter  
1983 Summa Cum Laude, Harvard College  
1983 NIH Medical Scientist Training Program pre-doctoral fellowship at Stanford  
1987 Departmental Ph.D. oral exams passed "with high distinction"  
1991 Howard Hughes Fellowship for Physicians  
1993 Charles E. Culpeper Scholarship in Medical Science  
1996 National Science Foundation CAREER Award  
1997 U.S. Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (NIH)  
1998 Western Society for Clinical Investigation, Annual Young Investigator Award  
1998 Fellow, American College of Medical Informatics  
1999 Fellow, American College of Physicians  
2000 Stanford Graduate Teaching Award  
2005 General Internal Medicine, Honorable Mention for Clinical Teaching  
2009 Fellow, American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering  
2009 Member, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies  
2010 Fellow, International Society for Computational Biology  
2014 Stanford Medical School Mentorship Award  
2014 Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science

## **C. Contribution to Science**

For the purposes of this grant, my contributions to training are the most pertinent.

1. I have been the Director of the Stanford Biomedical Informatics program since 2000. During that time, we have had nearly 100 MS and PhD graduates who have taken leadership positions in academia and industry.
2. I have trained 22 PhD students in my laboratory, including faculty currently at Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, UCSF, U. Peking, and industry.
3. I have taught "Representations and Algorithms for Molecular Biology" (Biomedical Informatics 214 = Computer Science 274) for more than twenty years. The class had 130 students last fall, and introduces algorithms for sequence, structure and function analysis.
4. I teach Biomedical Informatics 212 = Introduction to methods of research in biomedical informatics, which is a project class, involving students in groups of 3-4 proposing, reviewing, executing and presenting a software projects in 2.5 months—about 20% of these projects are published in peer-reviewed proceedings.
5. I serve on the Biodiversity Committee at Stanford and am committed to diversity in biomedical sciences along all dimensions.

## **D. Research Support**

### **Active**

**2 R01 LM05652** (PI: Altman)

09/01/04 – 08/31/15

NIH / NLM

*Annotating Functional Sites in 3D Biological Structures*

The main goal is to apply methods and develop methods for annotating biological structures so that active sites, binding sites and interaction sites in biological structures can be automatically identified and annotated.

Role: PI

**5 U01 GM061374** (PI: Altman)

08/08/05-06/30/15

NIH / NIGMS

*PharmGKB: From Association to Mechanism*

The Stanford Pharmacogenomics Knowledge Base (PharmGKB, <http://www.pharmgkb.org/>), an integrated data resource to support the NIGMS Pharmacogenetic Research Network and Database Initiative focuses on how genetic variation contributes to variation in the response to drugs, and will produce data from a wide range

of sources, therefore interlinking genomic, molecular, cellular and clinical information about gene systems important for modulating.

Role: PI

**U54 GM072970** (PI: Altman)

09/15/04-8/31/15

NIH/NIGMS

*Physics-Based Simulation of Biological Structures*

The goal of this project is to establish a National Center for Simulation of Biological Structures (Simbios). The center develops, disseminates, and supports a simulation toolkit (SimTK) that enables users to create and visualize accurate models and simulations of biological structures at a large range of scales—from molecules to organisms.

Role: PI

**NIH/University of Florida**

08/01/10 - 07/31/15

Subcontract

*Pharmacogenomic Evaluation of Antihypertensive Drugs*

The goal of this position is to provide design, implementation and maintenance for all content and educational materials for NIH Pharmacogenomics Research Network (PGRN) scientific website and act as the PharmGKB - PGRN liaison.

Role: PI

**1 P50 MH094267**

NIH/University of Chicago

09/22/11 - 06/30/16

Subcontract

*Conte Center for Computational Systems Genomics of Neuropsychiatric Phenotypes*

The goal is to consolidate in a single modeling framework a number of disparate approaches for analysis of complex neuropsychiatric disorders.

Role: PI

**U10 HL105198**

NIH/University of Maryland, Baltimore

8/30/2011 – 6/30/2015

Subcontract

*Translational Pharmacogenetics Program*

The overall goal of the TPP is to operationalize the work of the PGRN Clinical Pharmacogenomics Implementation Committee (CPIC) by translating widely accepted actionable pharmacogenetic discoveries into real-world clinical practice.

Role: PI

**U54-HL117798**

NIH/University of Pennsylvania

08/01/2012-05/31/2015

Subcontract

*Personalization of Therapeutic Efficacy and Risk*

The goal is to build an integrated network of genes, drugs and phenotypes that will be an important asset in integrating information from multiple integrated efforts to understand the individual response to NSAIDs.

Role: PI

**R01 GM102365**

NIH/NIGMS

09/01/2012 - 05/31/2017

*Combining systems biology and structural biology to find new therapeutics*

Goal: To combine systems biology approaches with structure-based approaches to find new purposes for existing drugs, and to better predict off-target effects of drugs.

Role: PI

**R01 GM10734001** (PI: Delp, Scott)

NIH

09/01/2013 - 04/30/2017

*Simtk.org: A Resource to Enable Collaboration & Reproducibility of Biosimulations*

Simtk.org is the home of the software framework initiated and developed by [Simbios](#), the National NIH Center for Biomedical Computing focusing on Physics-based Simulation of Biological Structures. Dr. Altman is funded on the parent grant.

Role: Co-Investigator

**U54 EB020405** (PI: Delp, Scott)

NIH

09/29/2014 – 09/30/2018

*Mobility Data Integration to Insight*

This project will transform mobility research by developing tools for data analysis and releasing software that will advance research to prevent, diagnose, and improve impairments that limit human movement

Role: Co-Investigator

**UCSF / FDA**

04/15/2014 – 03/31/2017

Subcontract

*UCSF-Stanford Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation*

Goal: Stanford will engage in research collaborations with UCSF and FDA scientists to pursue projects in the area of regulatory science, with a focus on informatics.

Role: PI

**IC2014-1387** (PI: Altman)

11/17/14-11/16/15

Pfizer

*Strategic Effort in Precision Immunology –I-GPS*

The vision for this collaboration is to create analytic methods for understanding drug response at the molecular level and quantitatively based on retrospective and prospective data analysis.

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**PARSA Community Foundation** (PI: Altman)

11/01/10 - 10/31/14

*Iranian Genome Project*

An initiative for better understanding of the genes of the Iranian population.

Role: PI

**1S10RR026647**

8/1/2010 – 7/31/2012

*Tesla GPU Cluster*

This is a multi-investigator hardware-only grant for a cluster. I am the nominal PI only, and it is run by a faculty committee who are devoted to high performance computing.

NOTE: This grant provides no funds or research support for my lab.

Role: PI

**HHS-NIH-LM-RDS-10-121-KP**

9/27/10-9/26/12

NIH

*Computational thinking for pharmacogenomics curation and discovery*

The long term vision for this work is to build a system capable of reasoning about genes, drugs and drug response phenotypes.

Role: PI