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Dissertation

[Sensing and Relayaing of the Autophagic Signal by the ULK1 Kinase Complex \(2016\)](#)

Mentor

[Xuejun Jiang, PhD](#)

Start Year

2009

Cindy Puente

End Year

2016

Education

Hunter College

To me, being a scientist is akin to being an adventurer. I like knowing that I might be the only person who's ever known one specific fact. When I was little in Colombia, my family owned a coffee farm, where I became enthralled by nature's beauty and mystery. I still like working with my hands and seeking knowledge. I am an avid gardener. Currently, I grow okra, asparagus, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, figs, apples — my garden is very extensive. Diverse experiences like this can help define a PhD applicant. Students should have extensive research interests but also be passionate and show leadership.

Fellowships

[Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award \(NIH F31\)](#) (2013-2016)

Publications

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[Wong P, Puente C, Ganley I, Jiang X. \(2013\) The ULK1 complex: sensing nutrient signals for autophagy activation. *Autophagy*. 9, 124-137. PMID: PMC3552878.](#)

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