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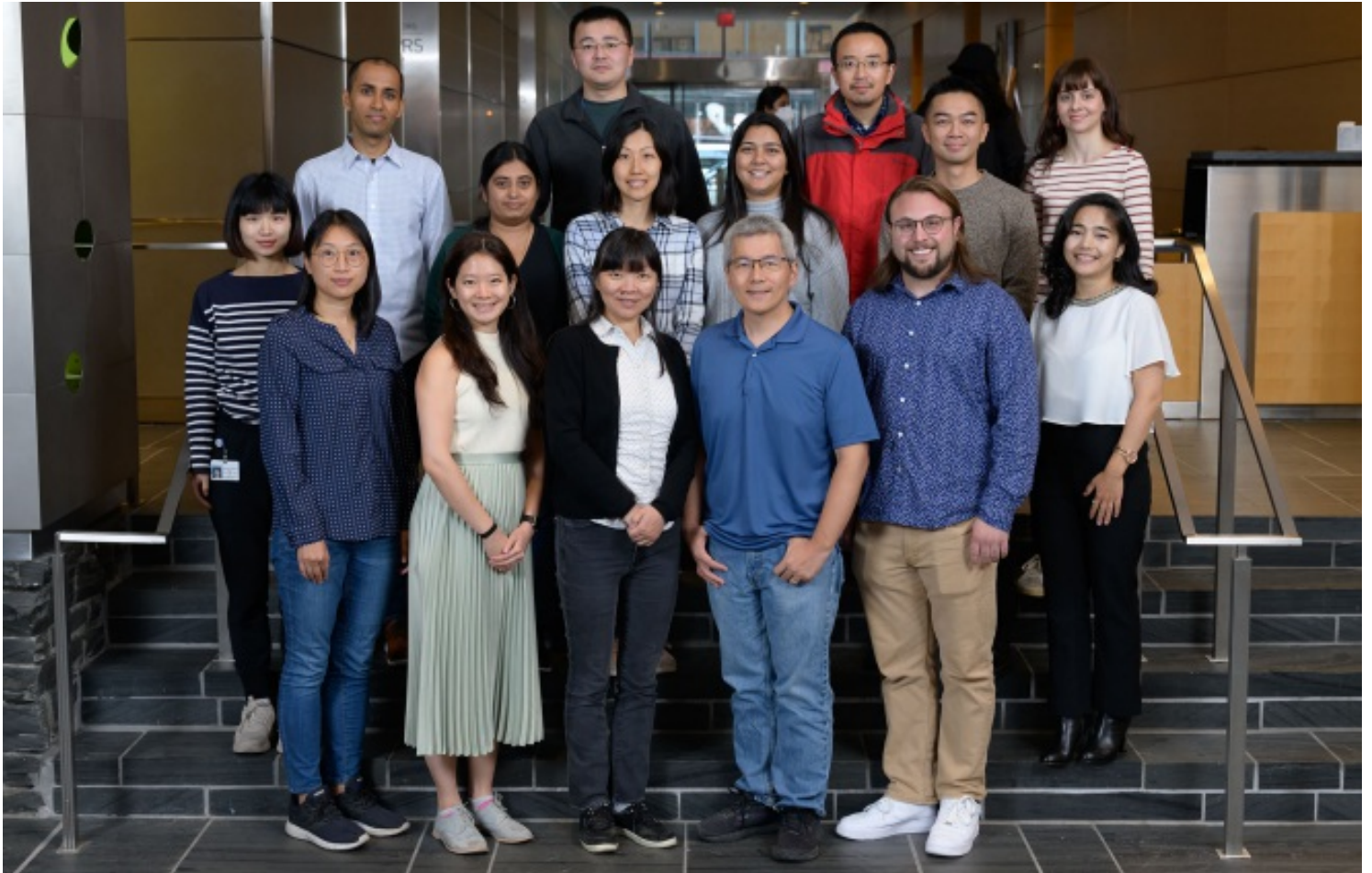


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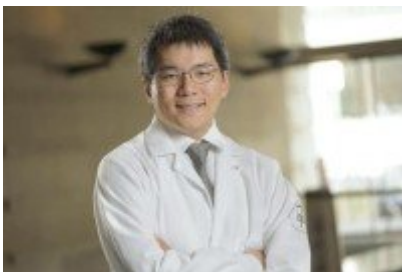
The major goal of my laboratory is to understand how critical transcription factors mediate prostate cancer oncogenesis. Prostate cancers uniquely harbor very few mutations in well-known driver oncogenes (e.g., RAS, BRAF, etc.). Instead, they are characterized by aberrations in transcription factors, including the androgen receptor (AR) and ETS family transcription factors. These oncogenic transcription factors regulate a transcriptional program that determines cellular lineage, specifies the responses to external stimuli, and contributes to the oncogenic cellular context in prostate cancer. Our long-term goal is to generate an integrative understanding of how transcription factors normally guide the prostate lineage

determination and how their deregulation leads to cancer. In addition, using biochemistry and genetic screens, we are pursuing ways to target the activity of these transcription factors that can lead to drug discovery.

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The findings could pave the way toward more targeted treatments for the disease.

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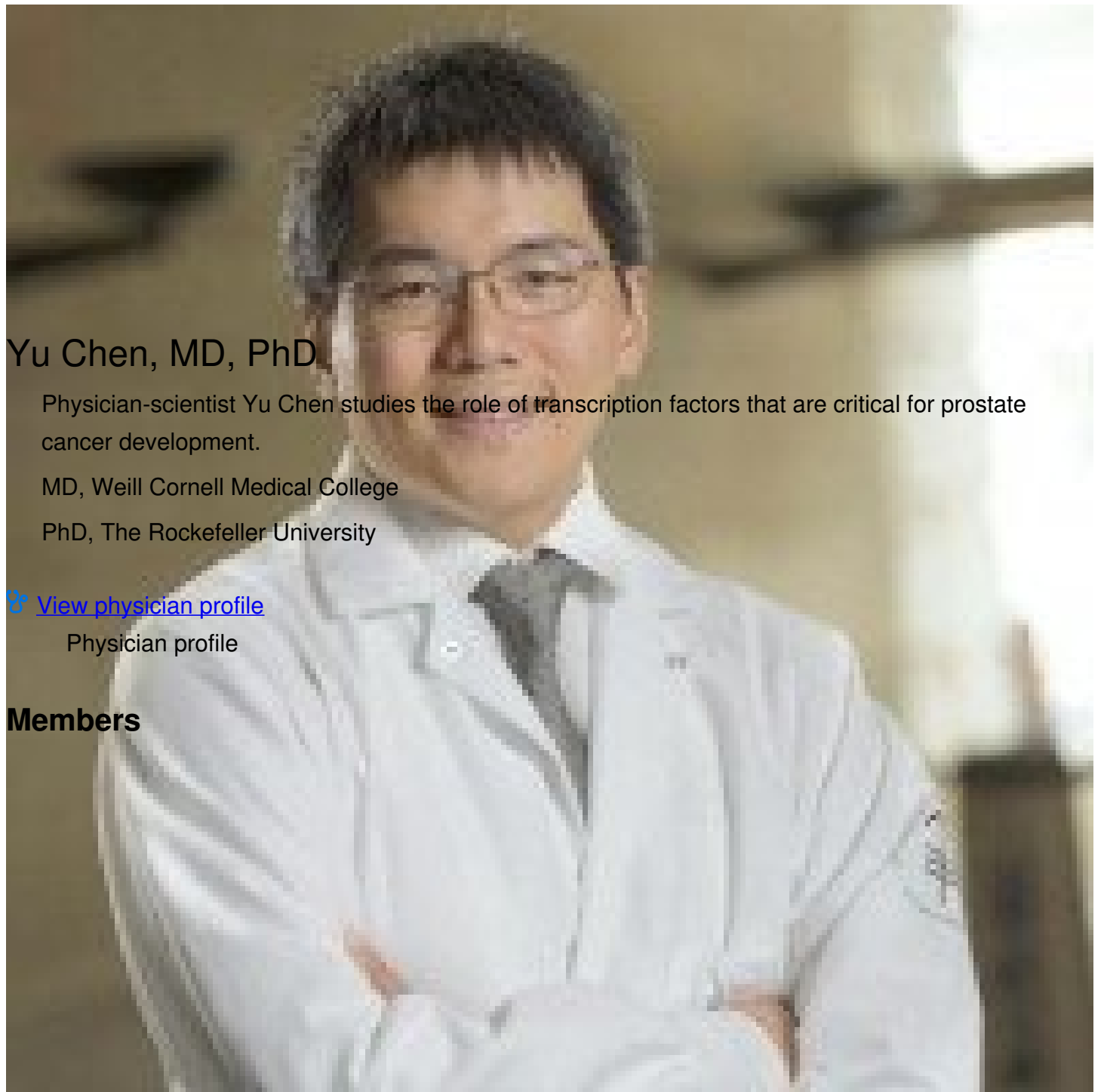
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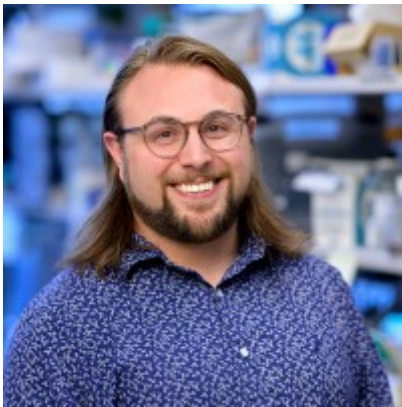
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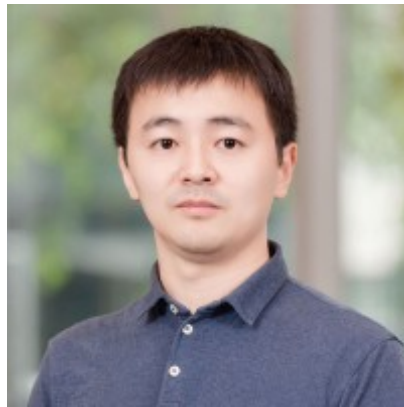
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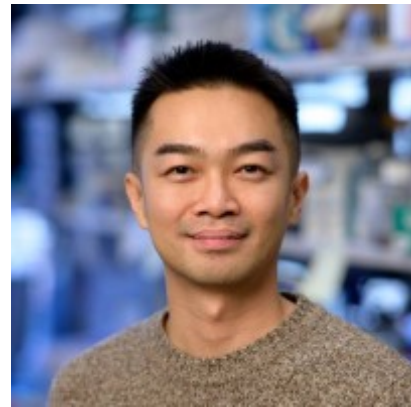
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Young Investigator Award, Prostate Cancer Foundation (2011)

Physician Research Training Award, Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program (2010)

Advanced Fellowship Award, Charles H. Revson Foundation (2009)

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