

Academic mentors 2026-2027			
Name	Institute	Topic	Website
Mareike Albert	TU Dresden	Neurocortex, epigenetics	https://tu-dresden.de/cmcb/crtd/forschungsgruppen/crtd-forschungsgruppen/albert
Sina Bartfeld	Technical University Berlin	Medical biotechnology, organoids	https://www.tu.berlin/medbt/ueber-uns
Ivan Bedzhov	Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine, Münster	Embryonic Self-Organization	https://www.mpi-muenster.mpg.de/335989/bedzhov
Hartmut Geiger	University Ulm, Institute of Molecular Medicine	Hematopoietic stem cells, aging	https://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/instmolmed2/
Mina Gouti	Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin	Stem Cell Modeling of Development & Disease	https://www.goutilab.com/
Dieter Groneberg	Fraunhofer Institut für Silicatforschung ISC Translationszentrum Regenerative Therapien	Skin organoids, skin models	https://www.regenerative-therapien.fraunhofer.de/en/fields-of-activity/in-vitro-test-systems/In-vitro-models.html#1608283750
Zoltan Ivics	Fraunhofer IZI Leipzig / University of Leipzig	Medical biotechnology	https://magazin.uni-leipzig.de/das-leipziger-universitaetsmagazin/artikel/gesichter-der-uni-leipzig-prof-dr-zoltan-ivics-2024-12-09
Marisa Karow	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Neuronal reprogramming and brain organoids	https://www.karowlab.org
Nico Lachmann	MHH Hannover	Macrophages, rare diseases	https://www.mhh.de/institute-zentren-forschungseinrichtungen/institut-fuer-experimentelle-haematologie/employees/nico-lachmann/ag-lachmann/hauptseite
Carsten Marr	Helmholtz Zentrum München	AI in hematopoiesis and blood diseases	https://www.helmholtz-munich.de/en/aih/pi/carsten-marr
Ulrich Martin	Hannover Medical School	iPS cells reprogramming	https://www.mhh.de/lebao/arbeitsgruppen/ag-martin
Elvira Mass	Uni Bonn, Limes Institute	Ontogeny and functions of tissue-resident macrophages	https://www.limes-institut-bonn.de/en/research/research-departments/unit-1/mass-lab/mass-lab-home/
Michael Rieger	Frankfurt University Hospital	Basic Mechanisms in Stem Cell Biology	http://www.rieger-lab.uni-frankfurt.de/
Maria-Elena Torres-Padilla	Helmholtz Zentrum München	Epigenetics and Cell-Fate in Early Mammalian Development	https://www.helmholtz-munich.de/en/ies/research-groups/torres-padilla-lab
Ole Pless	Fraunhofer Institute for Translational Medicine and Pharmacology ITMP	Early stage drug discovery using pluripotent stem cell derived models	https://www.itmp.fraunhofer.de/de/institut/standorte/hamburg/stammzellbiologie.html
Wolfgang Wagner	RWTH Aachen University	Molecular mechanisms regulating human stem cells. Hematopoietic, mesenchymal and induced pluripotent stem cells. Epigenetic changes during cell differentiation, aging, and tumor disease.	https://www.ukaachen.de/kliniken-institute/institut-fuer-zellbiologie/institute/division-of-stem-cell-biology-and-cellular-engineering/team/prof-wagner-1/
Claudia Waskow	FLI Leibniz Institute on Aging - Jena	Hematopoietic stem cells	https://www.leibniz-fli.de/research/research-groups/waskow
Carola Voss	LEBAO / MHH	Liver Organoids and Toxicity	https://www.mhh.de/lebao/arbeitsgruppen/ag-voss/mitarbeiter-ag-voss
Non-academic mentors			
Katharina Debowski	Stemcell Technologies	Manager, Field Applications Scientist	https://www.linkedin.com/in/katharina-debowski-406547b3/
Ira Herrmann	LIFE & BRAIN GmbH, Bonn	Head of Administration and Business Development	https://www.linkedin.com/in/ira-herrmann-043640a4/

Bärbel Icheln	Active Bioscience, Company	Entrepreneur and Director of Active Bioscience, a biotech company offering research products in life science	https://www.active-bioscience.de/index.html
Daniel Klimmeck	The EMBO Journal	Editor	https://www.embopress.org/editors
Elke Luger	Network Office Gene- and Cell Therapies	Science Management	https://www.bihealth.org/de/translation/nationales-netzwerkbuero-fuer-gen-und-zelltherapien