

## Curriculum Vitae: Thomas A. Richards

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### Qualifications

D. Phil.	University of Oxford and the Natural History Museum, London (BBSRC Studentship)	Awarded: 2006
	Title: Horizontal Gene Transfer and the Evolution of Eukaryotes	
	Supervisors: Prof. T. Martin Embley FRS (University of Newcastle) Prof. Tom Cavalier-Smith FRS (University of Oxford)	
M.Sc.	University of Oxford (BBSRC studentship)	Awarded: 2001
B.Sc.	University College, London	Awarded: 1999

### Appointments

2020-	Professor of Evolutionary Genomics (University of Oxford)
2019-	Tutorial Fellow (Merton College Oxford)
2015-19	Professor of Evolutionary Genomics (University of Exeter)
2014-23	Royal Society University Research Fellow
2013-15	Senior Research Fellow (University of Exeter)
2010-13	80% FTE, Group Leader (Natural History Museum, London) 20% FTE, Senior Research Fellow (University of Exeter)
2009-10	Senior Research Fellow (University of Exeter)
2007-9	Early Career Fellow, The Leverhulme Trust
2005-7	DEFRA Postdoctoral Fellow with Nicholas J. Talbot FRS

### Personal Awards

2023-24	Wissenschaftskolleg Zu Berlin Fellowship, Germany
2019-23	Royal Society University Research Fellowship, Renewal
2018	Hutner Award (International Society of Protistology)
2016/17	Miller Visiting Professorship, University of California, Berkeley
2014	Philip Leverhulme Award, Biology
2014-19	Royal Society University Research Fellowship
2012	European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO), Young Investigator Program Award
2012	Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Fellow of the Integrated Microbial Biodiversity program
2012	Berkeley Award, British Mycology Society
2009	President's Medal for Cell Biology, Society for Experimental Biology
2007-10	The Leverhulme Trust, Early Career Fellowship
2000	NASA Planetary Biology Internship, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA

### Awards for People and Work under My Supervision

2021	EMBO Long Term Fellowship; Varsha Mathur (€125,000)
2020	Marie Curie Fellowship; Luis Javier Galindo (€213,000)
2019	Merton College, Oxford, Junior Research Fellowship; Nick Irwin
2017	Royal Society Newton Fellowship; Elisabet Alacid-Fernandez (£113,000)
2015	Marie Curie Fellowship; Estelle Kilas (€183,454)

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2013	EMBO Long Term Fellowship; Jeremy Wideman (€100,000)
2012	Royal Society Newton Fellowship; Adam Monier (£82,875)
2011	EMBO Long Term Fellowship; Aurélie Chambouvet (€50,000)
2011	Marie Curie Fellowship; Aurélie Chambouvet (€209,033)

### External Responsibilities and Commissions of Trust

2023-	Editorial advisory board member, Current Biology
2023-	Biodiversity Cell Atlas, Committee Member
2022-	Darwin Tree of Life, Steering Group Member
2022-24	Royal Society Secondment to Food Standard Agency, UK Government, to support development of the '2023 Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act' Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation on elements of primary legislation (passed into law March 2023)</li><li>• Part of the team developing secondary legislation</li><li>• General council and authors of briefs on novel food innovations</li></ul>
2021	Consultant for Tree of Life Redisplay, Diversity of Life Gallery, Central Aisle, Oxford Natural History Museum Oxford
2021	Cosignatory/Applicant Culture Collections Algae Protist (CCAP – National Scientific Infrastructure - funded by NERC) community needs statement for facility renewal to NERC
2020-25	Scientific Advisory Board, NERC Culture Collections Algae Protist (CCAP – National Scientific Infrastructure - funded by NERC)
2021-	Ad hoc reviewer and panel member for The Research Council of Norway
2020-	Ad hoc reviewer and panel member for Wellcome Trust grant review panel
2020-	Board of Visitors (similar to governing body member and trustee) at the Oxford Natural History Museum Oxford
2019-	Governing Body Member and Trustee, Merton College Oxford
2019-23	Member of the Board of Trustee, BBSRC Earlham Institute
2017-20	Steering group member for the University of Exeter's Translational Research Exchange
2016-	Associate Editor, Environmental Microbiology
2012-2015	Elected as council member to The Linnean Society, London
2011-2015	Associate Editor, Ecology and Evolution
2010-2014	Associate Editor, BMC Evolutionary Biology
2009-2012	Chair of SynTax and administrator for UK Grant Review Panel <i>Joint research initiative funding systematics and taxonomy, supported by the BBSRC, NERC, DEFRA, Linnean Society and Systematics Association, awarding £300,000 annually</i>
2008-11	Chair of The Linnean Society / Systematics Association Systematic Research Fund
2008-11	Elected as council member to the Society for General Microbiology
2007-11	Elected as council member of the Systematics Association and trustee of the associated Charitable Association (I was also Grants and Awards Officer)
2005-	Peer reviewer for: <i>BBSRC, NERC, NSF, NSERC, ANR, ERC, NASA postdoctoral fellowship program, Trends in Genetics, Environmental Microbiology, Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology, ISME Journal, Molecular Ecology, BMC Evolutionary</i>

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*Biology, BMC Genomics, Aquatic Biology, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Eukaryotic Cell, PLoS Genetics, Heredity, PNAS, Current Biology, Nature Microbiology, and Nature*

### Memberships of Professional Bodies

2015	Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology
2012	Fellow of the Linnean Society
2008	Member of the British Mycology Society
2008	Member of Society of General Microbiology
2005	Member of the Systematics Association

### Invited Presentations

> 50, selection highlighted here:

Nov. 2022	Company of Biologists Workshop, Genotype to phenotype: bridging comparative genomics and cell biology. Sussex, UK.
Oct. 2022	Quest for Orthologues meeting, Sitges, Spain
Sept. 2022	Plenary Lecture, EMBO meeting of Comparative Genomics, San Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), Spain
Aug. 2018	Hutner Award Lecture, International Society of Protistology, UBC, Vancouver, Canada
Nov. 2017	2017 Sir Julian Huxley Lecturer, for The Systematics Association at the Linnean Society, London
March 2017	Joint Genome Institute, Users Meeting, California, USA
March 2017	Departmental Lecture, Plant & Microbial Biology, University of California Berkeley, California, USA
June 2016	Gordon Research Seminar, Marine Microbes, Girona, Spain
June 2016	Gordon Research Conference, Cellular & Molecular Fungal Biology, New Hampshire, USA
Dec. 2015	Public Bioscience Lecture, University of York, UK
Nov. 2014	Current Trends in Biomedicine Workshop: Comparative and Functional Genomics of fungal pathogens, Baeza, Spain
Oct. 2013	European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), Bangalore, India Ambassadorial trip
Oct. 2013	EMBO meeting of Comparative Genomics, San Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), Spain
Sep. 2013	Berkeley Award Lecture, British Society of Mycology, Cardiff, Wales, UK
July 2013	International Congress of Protistology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
May 2013	Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution, University of California Davis, USA
July 2012	American Mycology Society Annual Meeting, Yale, Connecticut, USA
June 2012	American Society of Microbiology, 112 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting, San Francisco, USA
Feb. 2012	Plenary Talk, Status workshop, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin
Oct. 2011	EMBO meeting of Comparative Genomics, San Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), Spain
July 2010	Gordon Conference, Marine Microbes, New Hampshire, USA
Feb. 2010	American Society of Limnology and Oceanography: Ocean Sciences Meeting, Portland, Oregon, USA

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July 2009 Presidents' Medal Lecture, Society of Experimental Biology, Glasgow, UK

March 2009 Plenary talk, 25th Fungal Genetics Conference, Asilomar, USA

### Meetings Organized

March 2023 *Chair/Organizer: The Mechanics of Endosymbiosis*, EMBO/EMBL Symposia, Heidelberg, Germany

Nov. 2018 *Chair/Organizer: Single Cell Ecology*. Royal Society Hooke Symposium, London/Buckinghamshire, UK

Feb. 2018 *Chair/Organizer: Using genomic comparisons to understand cellular complexity in our ancestors*, Royal Society International Scientific Seminar, Buckinghamshire, UK

Oct. 2018 *Chair/Organizer: EMBO meeting of Comparative Genomics*, San Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), Spain

Sep. 2016 *Session Chair/Organizer: Fungal genome biology and evolution*, British Mycology Society. Exeter, UK

2014-2018 *Organizing committee: EMBO meeting of Comparative Genomics*, San Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), Spain

Sept. 2011 *Chair/Organizer: Horizontal gene flow & evolution*, Society of General Microbiology, York, UK

March 2010 *Chair/Organizer: Microbiology of Oceans*, Society of General Microbiology, Edinburgh, UK

Dec. 2009 *Chair/Organizer: Young Systematists' Forum*, Systematics Association, Natural History Museum, London, UK

Sept. 2009 *Chair/Organizer: Darwin's tree of life*, Society of General Microbiology, Edinburgh, UK

### Research Visits and Expeditions

October 2018 Sampling expedition to Panamanian Rain Forests

*Project: developing and testing new tools for disease assessment in captured and wild endangered frog populations* (funded by Royal Society / GCRF challenge grant)

April 2015-19 Sampling expedition to Curaçao, Dutch Antilles

*Project: Sampling diseased soft corals* (funded by CIFAR program grant and NERC OMICS grant)

Sept. 2011 Research visit to Dr A. Worden, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, USA

*Project: Molecular Adaptations in Deep Sea Fungi*

*Expedition: deep-sea sampling using remote operated vehicles* (funded by a Royal Society Small Grant).

Sept.-Oct. 2009 Research visit to Dr F. Not, Station Biologique de Roscoff, France

*Project: novel algae in European oceans* (funded by the British Council).

July-Aug. 2005 Sample collection expedition to Peruvian: deserts, mountains and rainforest

### Education, media and public outreach activities (examples)

June 2022 'Tadpole Doctor' stand at the Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition

June 2021 'Tadpole Doctor' featured in the Guardian and BBC Radio 4 Inside Science. See <http://tadpole-doctor.co.uk> for relevant links

Sept. 2020 Tadpole-Doctor.co.uk, Royal Society Public Engagement Fund (£6,000), working with multiple stakeholders (e.g. Schools, Zoos, Aquaria, and NGOs) to understand the distribution of tadpole pathogens in the UK and imported aquarium animals

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Aug. 2015	Tadpole infection work featured with quotes across several news outlets including New York Times and the Guardian
July 2015	Lecture to School forum 'Britain Needs Biosciences' on 'Microbial Eyes'
May 2011	Interview for BBC Radio 4 <i>Material World</i> , BBC Science news webpage, National Public Radio USA, Nature Pod Cast on our identification of 'Novel Fungi'
Sept. 2009	Feature on Horizontal Gene Transfer in plants for education outreach journal <i>Scope</i>
2009	I took part in the British Council's <i>Science for Schools Initiative</i> in Brittany, France
Annually	Our laboratory regularly hosts school-age and undergraduate work experience students
July 2008	Presentation to Sir David Attenborough as part of University of Exeter Honorary Graduands' reception on the tree of life

### Teaching and Project Supervision

2020-	Co-ordinator, 'Evolution of Secretion' two-week intensive molecular cell biology course
2013-2020	Visiting Lecturer, University College, London
2006-	I teach a range of subjects/lectures across the University undergraduate syllabus
2007-	Supervision of over twenty Postdoctoral Fellows/Scientists
2007-	Supervision to completion of nine PhD students
2003-06	University of Oxford M.Sc. Integrative Bioscience (Molecular Biology Course Co-director)

**External Examination.** PhD dissertations examined at the Universities of: Exeter, Sheffield, UC London, Maynooth Ireland, Uppsala Sweden, Barcelona Spain (x 3), Dalhousie Canada, and Oslo Norway.

### Institutional Responsibility.

- I have acted as departmental academic lead for evolutionary biology, line managing nine academic staff including fellowship application, "tenure" progression and promotion.
- I was the lead organiser for Exeter Campus' Bioscience UK Universities Research Excellence Framework UoA5 submission (the mechanism by which the UK government competitively assign research funding to universities).
- As associate Director of Research at Exeter I had formal mentorship for seven junior faculty members (i.e. conducting personal development reviews). I have sat on the Departmental Research Committee and the Living Systems Institute at Exeter management committee.

**Mentorship.** I have mentored numerous individuals to award of independent research fellowships (for example three Royal Society University Research Fellowships and one CNRS fellowship position).

### Grants Awarded

Grant type	Title ( <i>further information, PI status and direct funding to our lab</i> )	End date
Moore Foundation, program grant	<b>Understanding symbiotic interaction networks in the lab and the field.</b> <i>Combining single cell transcriptome and sRNA sequencing with RNAi experiments to understand what drives long term symbiotic interactions (Pi, funding \$2,075,625).</i>	June 2027
BBSRC Responsive Mode Grant	<b>The architecture and evolution of host control in a microbial symbiosis.</b> <i>In collaboration with Professors Brockhurst &amp; Cameron at the University of Manchester. We will use reverse genetics and evolution experiments to</i>	Sept. 2026

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	<i>understand how host control systems function in a stable endosymbiosis (Co-PI, funding £583,868.70).</i>	
Leverhulme Project Grant	<b>The evolutionary diversification of a sub-cellular fungal eye.</b> <i>In collaboration with Prof Higgins in the Department of Biochemistry Oxford, we will study the structure and proteome composition of microbial eyes in single celled fungi (PI, funding = £263,885).</i>	Sept. 2027
Wellcome Trust, Discretionary Award	<b>Darwin Tree of Life Project</b> (phase 2). <i>Large consortium grant led by the Sanger Institute with the aim of sequencing large representation of all eukaryotic species in the UK. I am responsible for the UK protist culture collection sequencing (Co/Associate-PI, funding = £178,235).</i>	Nov. 2024
NERC Responsive Mode Grant	<b>Host-parasite coadaptation in a warming world.</b> <i>(Co -PI).</i>	Feb. 2026
Royal Society URF Enhancement award	<b>The role of PDS1 as membrane translocon component for RNA substrates.</b> <i>(Personal fellowship enhancement funding = £169,000).</i>	Dec. 2023
NSF center Grant	<b>NSF Center for Mechanisms of Evolution.</b> <i>(Associate Investigator and exchange host, \$12,500,000, no direct funding).</i>	Sept. 2025
EMBO long-term Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant, awarded to Varsha Mathur	<b>The evolution of parasitism in the pseudofungi.</b> <i>Using comparative genomics of diverse stramenopiles to understand the evolution of parasitic traits in the Pseudofungi (Supervisor of fellowship, €125,000).</i>	Sept. 2023
Royal Society Partnership Grant	<b>Bringing microscopy and the study of pond ecology to St Patricks School Liverpool.</b> <i>(Supporting academic, funding = £3,000 to the school).</i>	Sept. 2026
Royal Society Public Engagement Fund Grant 2020	<b>Tadpole Doctor.</b> <i>Using public engagement to identify the spread of protist pathogens of tadpoles in the UK (PI, funding = £6,100).</i>	Sept. 2023
Moore & Simons Foundation, Origin of the Eukaryotic Cell program.	<b>Resolving archaeal contributions to the first eukaryotic common ancestor: Developing tools for accessing the genomes of uncultivated archaea</b> <i>(Co -PI, funding = \$41,000).</i>	Oct. 2024
Moore Foundation, Aquatic Symbiosis Sequencing Initiative	<b>Ciliate and symbiont genome sequencing initiative.</b> <i>Large-scale genome sequencing initiative to sequence ciliate protist genomes and their endosymbionts (partner lab, no funding).</i>	Aug. 2023
Marie Curie Fellowship Grant, awarded to Luis Javier Galindo	<b>FungEye.</b> <i>Characterization of the architecture, composition and evolution of a novel light perception organelle in an emerging model fungus (Supervisor of fellowship, €213,000).</i>	Aug. 2023
Moore Foundation, Aquatic Systems Symbiosis Initiative	<b>Develop new genetic manipulations systems in endosymbiotic algae to track interaction dynamics in host ciliates.</b> <i>(PI, funding = \$290,000).</i>	May 2023

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Wellcome Trust, Discretionary Award I	<b>Darwin Tree of Life Project</b> (phase 1). <i>Large consortium grant led by the Sanger Institute with the aim of sequencing large representation of all eukaryotic species in the UK. I am responsible protist sequencing (Co/Associate-PI, funding = £480,000).</i>	July 2022
Royal Society University Research Fellowship Renewal	<b>Dissecting a nascent phototrophic endosymbiotic interaction.</b> ( <i>£494,500 personal salary and research award for 3 years</i> ).	Jan. 2024
ERC Consolidator Grant	<b>CELL-in-CELL. Understanding host cellular systems that drive an endosymbiotic interaction.</b> <i>Developing systems biology approaches for understanding the cellular systems that control and allow endosymbiotic interactions (PI, funding = €2,600,000).</i>	June 2025
NERC & STFC 'omics workshop grant	<b>Workshop for 'omics methodology development: use of secretome enriched meta-transcriptome sequencing for understanding interactions in diseased corals.</b> <i>Working together in an international community we will develop new methods for understanding how corals interact with their disease microbiome through the diversity of secreted proteins (PI, funding = £57,593).</i>	Dec. 2019
Royal Society / GCRF challenge grant	<b>Assessing protist pathogen threats to endangered ecological keystone frog species of Panama.</b> <i>Developing field diagnostics for tracking protists infections of frogs (PI, funding = £82,100).</i>	July 2019
Newton Fellowship Grant, awarded to Elisabet Alacid- Fernandez	<b>'Omics' and environmental approaches to study host-parasite interactions in dinoflagellate blooms.</b> <i>Using multiple 'omics tools to understand complex heterotrophic interactions in the ocean. (Supervisor of fellowship, £113,000).</i>	Mar. 2019
Moore Foundation, Marine Microbe initiative, program grant	<b>Transporter function and kinetics in uncultivated marine microbes.</b> <i>Developing protein functional analysis methods for studying nutrient transporters of uncultivated microbes (PI, Funding = \$1015,000).</i>	June 2022
NERC grant	<b>Calibrating eDNA tools for biodiversity monitoring in the ocean.</b> <i>Developing eDNA techniques to understand ecosystem function and community diversity (Co-PI, Funding = £ 238,948).</i>	Jan.2020
Marie Curie International Training Network Grant	<b>SINGEK: Promoting SINGle cell genomics to explore the ecology and evolution of hidden microEuKaryotes.</b> <i>Developing cross European expertise to study microbial eukaryotes directly from the environment using single cell sequencing approaches (Co-PI, Funding = €546,575).</i>	Jan. 2020
Marie Curie Fellowship Grant, awarded to Estelle Kiliias	<b>Significant or trivial: Fungi in Polar ecosystems (F-POLE).</b> <i>Using environmental 'omic'-based approaches to investigate the diversity, abundance and role of fungi in the marine environment (Supervisor of fellowship, €183,454.80).</i>	Sep. 2018

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Philip Leverhulme award	<b>Personal Award for research development.</b> <i>Develop new tools to link genomic data with phenotype analysis of individual microbes and how they interact in communities (PI, funding = £100,000).</i>	Nov. 2017
Royal Society University Research Fellowship	<b>Dissecting a nascent phototrophic endosymbiotic interaction.</b> <i>Using transcriptomics, proteomics and reverse genetics to investigate cellular functions interactions in the Paramecium bursaria photosynthetic endosymbiosis (personal fellowship funding = £448,000).</i>	Dec. 2023
Department of Energy (DOE) Joint Genome Institute Community Sequencing Program	<b>CSP: Revealing the ecological function of uncultured fungal dark matter in freshwater ecosystems using single cell genomics.</b> <i>Community sequencing program to conduct single cell genome sequencing of 'chytrid' fungi from natural environmental samples (Co-PI).</i>	Oct. 2018
EMBO Long Term Fellowship, awarded to Jeremy Wideman	<b>Comparative genomics of diatoms and Bolidophyceae: insight into the evolution of one of Earth's most productive phototrophs.</b> <i>Taking a single cell genome sequencing approach, we explored the genome diversity of marine protists and algae (Supervisor of fellowship, funding = €100,000).</i>	Feb. 2017
Department of Energy (DOE) Joint Genome Institute, Technology Development Program	<b>TDP: Life on the Darkside.</b> <i>Technology Development Program partnership to develop methods for targeted isolation and sequencing of eukaryotic single cell isolates from the marine environment (Co-PI).</i>	June 2017
Leverhulme Project Grant	<b>Ancestral gene repertoires at the dawn &amp; diversification of the Eukaryotes.</b> <i>Using ancestral gene complement reconstruction, we will identify the gene complement of the Last Eukaryotic Common Ancestor (PI, funding = £212,986).</i>	Nov. 2017
Newton Fellowship, awarded to Adam Monier	<b>Did horizontal gene transfer 'rewire' ocean microbial metabolic networks?</b> <i>Aim of this project is to look at the impact of gene transfer on the metabolic network encoded by microbial eukaryotes in the marine environment (Supervisor of fellowship, funding = £82,875).</i>	Mar. 2016
EMBO young investigator fellowship	<b>Evolution of endosymbiosis.</b> <i>Using transcriptomics, proteomics and reverse genetics to investigate cellular functions in the Paramecium bursaria photosynthetic endosymbiosis (PI, funding = €70,000).</i>	Jan. 2016
Moore Foundation, Marine Microbe initiative, program grant	<b>Life on the dark side: complex trophic interactions of marine microbial eukaryotes.</b> <i>Using meta-transcriptomics and single cell isolation and genome sequencing we will investigate the role and interactions of eukaryotic microbes in marine ecosystems (Co-PI, funding = \$422,909).</i>	Apr. 2016
EMBO Long Term Fellowship, awarded to Aurelie Chambouvet	<b>Emerging Protist Parasites of Frogs: Genome and cellular biology of a previously unrecognized parasitic group.</b> <i>Using transcriptome and genome sequencing methods combined with cell biology with the aim of identifying host pathogen interactions (Supervisor of fellowship, funding = €50,000).</i>	Aug. 2015

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Marie Curie Fellowship, awarded to Aurelie Chambouvet	<b>“PARAFROGS” Emerging Protist Parasites of Frogs: Global Prevalence and Host/Parasite Interaction.</b> <i>Using molecular methods to identify the global prevalence and host range of this parasite group (Supervisor of fellowship, funding = € 209,033.40).</i>	Aug. 2014
SynTax (NERC/BBSRC/DEFRA)	<b>Global evolutionary complexity of freshwater alveolates: a new threat to frogs?</b> <i>Using environmental DNA methods to explore the diversity and host specificity of novel group of alveolates that infect frogs (PI, funding = £26,500).</i>	Jan. 2012
Royal Society Small Grant	<b>Investigating active eukaryotic microbial communities in deep-sea environments.</b> <i>In collaboration with Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, USA, we have developed and are pilot testing a novel approach to sampling community RNA from deep-sea sediments for meta-transcriptome sequencing (PI, funding = £14,780).</i>	Jan. 2012
FP6 Biodiversa ERA-net	<b>Biodiversity of Marine EuKaryotes (BioMarKs).</b> <i>European collaboration using 454 diversity tag sequencing to investigate the complexity of marine protist and fungal communities (Co-I, funding = €265,000).</i>	Jan. 2013
BBSRC New Investigator Grant	<b>The diversity and phylogeny of molecular motor proteins and fungal cell evolution.</b> <i>Integrating next generation genome sequencing technologies, we use comparative genomics to investigate major events in fungal and eukaryotic cell evolution (PI, funding = £402,281).</i>	Oct. 2012
British Academy Franco-British research alliance grant:	<b>Tracking the diversity and abundance of phototrophic life in the oceans.</b> <i>Collaboration with Fabrice Not to investigate the evolutionary diversity of marine algae using next generation sequencing methodology (PI, funding = £4,000 &amp; €5,000).</i>	Dec. 2010
NERC Grant	<b>Diversity, identity and ecological role of a novel fungal super clade.</b> <i>Using environmental DNA we identified the phylogenetic position and cell biology of a new highly diverse microbial group branching with the fungi (PI, funding = £143,846).</i>	Nov. 2010
BBSRC/NERC CoSyst grant	<b>Molecular diversity of microbial eukaryotes using a large-scale parallel tag sequencing strategy.</b> <i>This project developed the 454-tag sequencing for investigating the diversity of microbial eukaryotes (PI, funding = £19,608).</i>	Dec. 2010
Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship	<b>Comparative genomics and eukaryote cell evolution.</b> <i>(PI, funding = £60,000).</i>	Dec.-2009

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### Publications

#### Refereed Journal Articles (\*corresponding author – bold for member of our team)

- **Milner, D.\*, Jenkins, B. H., Irwin, N. A., Savory, F. R., Richards. T. A\*.** A viral-derived metabolic switch controls the fate of a nascent photosymbiosis. *In preparation*
- **Irwin, N. A.\*, Richards. T. A.** Self-assembling viral histones unravel early nucleosome evolution. *Submitted*

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