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1969–1975 Studies of Biology and Chemistry at the University of Freiburg

1969 Abitur at the Hermann-Billung-Gymnasium, Celle

**Academic positions**

1994-2018 Departmental Head of the Department of Stress and Developmental Biology, Leibniz Institute of Plant Biochemistry

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 Professor of Developmental Biology, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

2005-2007 Scientific Director of the Leibniz Institute of Plant Biochemistry

1998–2004 Scientific Director of the Leibniz Institute of Plant Biochemistry

1988 Visiting Scientist of the Frontier Research Program at the RIKEN Institute, Wako City, Japan

1983–1994 Research Group Leader at the Department of Biochemistry of the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breading Research, Cologne

1982-1983 Postdoctoral Researcher (DFG Fellowship) at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, Pesticide Chemistry and Toxicology Laboratory

**Awards**

2000 Member of the Leopoldina, National Academy of Sciences

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Plant-microbe interaction, plant immunity, metabolomics, signal transduction.