

Curriculum vitae Anna Akhmanova

Personal Information

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Academic education and degrees

University Education: 1984-1989, Moscow State University

MS degree: June 1989 *Discipline:* Biochemistry

PhD thesis: March 4, 1997 *University:* Catholic University of Nijmegen

Appointments

2023-current: Director of the Institute of Biodynamics and Biocomplexity, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands

2011-current: Professor and co-chair, Division of Cell Biology, Faculty of Science, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

2008-2010: Associate Professor (UHD), Department of Cell Biology, Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

2003-2008: Assistant Professor (UD), tenure position at the Department of Cell Biology, Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

2001-2002: group leader at the Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

1997-2001: postdoc, Department of Cell Biology and Genetics, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

1996-1997: postdoc, Department of Microbiology and Evolutionary Biology, Catholic University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

1992-1996: Ph.D. student, Department of Genetics, Catholic University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

1991-1992: Research Scholar, Microscopy Group, Department of Applied Physics, University of Twente, The Netherlands.

1989-1991: junior scientist at A.N.Belozersky Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry and Molecular Biology, Moscow State University.

Memberships and honors

Elected member of EMBO (European Molecular Biology Organization)

Elected member the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)

Leadership of national and international organizations

2020-current: Scientific delegate of the EMBC/EMBL Council

2011-2017 Chair of the Netherlands Microscopy Society

Major Grants and Awards

2022. Programme leader Gravitation grant “IMAGINE! Innovative microscopy and guidance of cells in their native environment” ~20 M€ for 10 years, 19 research groups.

2022. European Research Council (ERC) Synergy grant “PushingCell”, together with Michael Sixt (IST Austria), Patricia Bassereau and Pierre Sens (Institut cure, France), 10 M€.
2022. Programme leader ENW-XL grant “On form and growth: Correlative molecular imaging of microtubule structure and dynamics”, ~2,5 M€ for 5 years, 6 research groups.
2018. Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Spinoza Prize, the highest academic distinction in the Netherlands. 2.5 M€ to be spent freely on research.
2013. European Research Council (ERC) Synergy grant “ModelCell”, together with Marileen Dogterom (TU Delft), 7.1 M€.
2007. Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Innovational Research Incentives Scheme VICI award and Aspasia Award (1.250 M € to expand the research group)
2001. Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Innovational Research Incentives Scheme award (600, 000 € to start an independent research group)

Overview of scientific career

Dr. Anna Akhmanova is a Professor of Cellular Dynamics at the Faculty of Science at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. Anna Akhmanova was trained as a biochemist and a molecular biologist and graduated from Moscow State University, Russia, in 1989. She completed her PhD on chromatin proteins in the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster* at the University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands in 1997. She did her first postdoctoral research on the early eukaryotic evolution in anaerobic environments at the Department of Microbiology at the University of Nijmegen (1997). During this period, Akhmanova demonstrated for the first time the presence of a genome in a hydrogen-producing organelle of an anaerobic protozoan (A.Akhmanova et al., 1998, Nature, 396,527-8). Akhmanova then moved to the Department of Cell Biology at the Erasmus MC, where she was first a postdoctoral fellow, and later, since 2001, a group leader. In 2011, Akhmanova became a full Professor and co-chair of the Division of Cell Biology at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Since 2023, Akhmanova is also the director of the Institute of Biodynamics and Biocomplexity at Utrecht University. Since 2024, Akhmanova is the Chair of the Science for Life community of the Utrecht University Strategic Theme Life Sciences.

Scientific achievements of Akhmanova's group:

- Employed mouse GFP knock-in technology, mass spectrometry and advanced live cell imaging to unravel key interactions within protein networks that regulate microtubule dynamics.
- Delineated fundamental structural principles of protein recruitment to microtubule ends and used these insights for in-vitro reconstitution experiments with purified proteins and functional in vivo studies.
- Characterized basic mechanisms of bi-directional microtubule-based motility of membrane organelles such as cell nuclei and exocytotic vesicles, and identified the mechanisms of molecular motor recruitment to membranes.
- Used advanced microscopy approaches such as laser microsurgery in combination with in vitro reconstitution to identify the mechanistic basis of a major pathway for microtubule minus-end stabilization in mammalian cells
- Revealed the mechanistic basis of human neurodevelopmental syndrome Congenital Fibrosis of the Extraocular Muscles (CFEOM1)
- Demonstrated the importance of microtubule plus end dynamics for cancer cell motility in 3D and cancer metastasis
- Revealed the role of the major microcephaly-related factors, ASPM and katanin, in regulation of minus end dynamics at spindle poles and the mitotic spindle architecture
- Identified the molecular mechanism of microtubule minus-end binding by the members of CAMSAP family of proteins
- Provided insights into the activity of microtubule-targeting cancer therapy agents by directly imaging the interactions of their fluorescent analogues with microtubules
- Reconstituted control of microtubule dynamics by centriolar cap and ciliary tip proteins

Research output in numbers

- 246 publications (research papers, reviews and editorials) in peer-reviewed journals
- 18 PhD students completed their PhD within Akhmanova group

Membership of scientific committees

2025 Chair of the Cell&Developmental Biology panel ATIP Avenir young group leader
2024 Chair of the Cell&Developmental Biology panel ATIP Avenir young group leader
2022 Member of the NWO ENW VICI committee.
2021 Chair KNAW selection committee MMBG domain.
2020 Member of the NWO ENW VICI and Incentive Grants for Women in STEM committees.
2019 Chair of the Cell&Developmental Biology panel ATIP Avenir young group leader, Chair KNAW selection committee MMBG domain, Inserm and CNRS, France; member of the NWO ENW VICI committee.
2018 Chair of the ERC LS3 Starting grant panel, Chair KNAW selection committee MMBG domain, NWO ZonMW VIDI committee.
2017 Member KNAW selection committee MMBG domain, NWO ZonMW VIDI committee,
2016 Chair of the ERC LS3 Starting grant panel, member of the ERC Advanced panel, committee member EMBO Long Term Fellowship, NWO ZonMW VIDI committee.
2015 EMBO Long Term Fellowship, NWO VENI committee.
2014 Grant Panel member and vice-chair for ERC Starting Grant, Agence Nationale de la Recherche France, AERES evaluation committee of Curie Institute Genotoxic Stress and Cancer unit, EMBO Long Term Fellowship, Faculty Search committee Curie Institute France.
2013 Agence Nationale de la Recherche France, Academy of Finland, EMBO Long Term Fellowship.
2012 Grant Panel member for ERC Starting Grant, Agence Nationale de la Recherche France, Academy of Finland EMBO Long Term Fellowship, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research ALW (Earth and Life Sciences) Open program, Faculty search committee Curie Institute France; Faculty Search Committee ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
2011 Member of the Jury of the FOM projects (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Physics).
2009 Evaluator and committee member for the EU 7th Framework Programme in the area of Systems Biology.
2008, 2009 Member of the Advisory Committee (Benoemingsadviescommissie (BAC)) Bionanoscience TU Delft.
2007, 2008 Member of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Mosaic advisory committee, which awards PhD grants for national minorities in the Netherlands.

Membership in Scientific Advisory Boards

2023-current: NWO Institute AMOLF - Physics of functional complex matter, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
2016-2024: Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience, Amsterdam, the Netherlands,
2017-current: Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde (i3S), Porto, Portugal
2019 Evaluation committee by the Scientific Advisory Board CRG Cell and Developmental Biology programme Barcelona, Spain (2019).

Editorial activities

- Journal of Cell Biology, Academic Editor 2025-
- Elife, Deputy Editor 2018-2023
- Current Opinion in Cell Biology, Guest Editor 2012, Editorial Board member 2017-present
- Journal of Cell Science, Editorial Advisory Board Member
- PLoS Biology, Editorial Board Member
- Journal of Biological Chemistry, Reviewing Editor 2014-2016
- Encyclopedia of Cell Biology, Section Editor 2014

Organization of Scientific Meetings

2022, 2020, 2018. Organisation of the EMBO/EMBL Symposium “Microtubules: From Atoms to Complex Systems”, Heidelberg, Germany.

2014-2017. Organisation of QBio Summer School, July 14-18, 2014, Utrecht University.

2014. Biophysical Society meeting "Disordered Motifs and Domains in Cell Control", Dublin, Ireland.

2011-2017 Organisation of the Joint Annual meeting of the Dutch Microscopy Society (NVvM) and the “Dutch meeting on Molecular and Cellular Biophysics”, Veldhoven, the Netherlands

2009, 2010. Member of the program committee for the “Dutch meeting on Molecular and Cellular Biophysics”, Veldhoven, the Netherlands.

2006. Invited co-chair of the minisymposium “Life at the Microtubule Plus End” at the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) Annual Meeting, San Diego, USA.

2005. Invited co-chair of the minisymposium “The Cytoskeleton” at the European Life Scientist Organisation Meeting (ELSO), Dresden, Germany.

Publications

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3. Volkov VA and **Akhmanova A**. Phase separation on microtubules: from droplet formation to cellular function? *Trends Cell Biol*, 2024. 34: 18-30.
4. Thery M and **Akhmanova A**. Confined migration: Microtubules control the cell rear. *Curr Biol*, 2024. 34: R728-R731.
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11. Li Y, Kucera O, Cuvelier D, Rutkowski DM, Deygas M, Rai D, Pavlovic T, Vicente FN, Piel M, Giannone G, Vayylonis D, **Akhmanova A**, Blanchoin L, and Thery M. Compressive forces stabilize microtubules in living cells. *Nat Mater*, 2023. 22: 913-924.
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60. Bijvoet Tutorial Symposium, Soesterberg, the Netherlands.
61. Symposium “Life Simplified”, 2014, AMOLF, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
62. IGC PhD Course on Structural and Molecular Biology. “Regulation of Microtubule Cytoskeleton”, 2014, Oeiras, Portugal.
63. 3rd Symposium on Physiology and Dynamics of Cellular Microcompartments, 2013, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
64. The 5th EMBO meeting, 2013, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
65. The British Society for Cell Biology meeting on Mechanochemical Cell Biology, 2013, Windermere, UK.
66. Gordon Research conference on Motile & Contractile Systems, 2013, New London, USA.
67. Gordon Research conference on Molecular Membrane Biology, 2013, Proctor Academy, USA.
68. ICTS-TIFR Advanced School on Axonal Transport and Neurodegenerative Disorders, 2013, IIT-Bombay, India.
69. Hunter Cellular Biology meeting, 2012, Pokolbin, Hunter valley, Australia.
70. European Microscopy Congress, 2012, Manchester, UK.
71. International Conference “Linking the Nuclear Envelope to the Cytoskeleton”, 2011, Fondation Les Treilles, France.
72. EMBO conference “Dynamic Endosomes: Mechanisms Controlling Endocytosis”, 2011 Crete, Greece.
73. EMBO members workshop, 2011, Heidelberg, Germany.
74. ASCB Annual Meeting, 2011, 3-7 December, Denver, Colorado, USA. Subgroup Meeting “Posttranslational Regulation of the Cytoskeleton”.
75. Dutch Cell Biology meeting “Molecular Cell Dynamics”, 2010, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
76. International Workshop “Mechanisms of cytoskeleton dynamics and intracellular trafficking”, 2010, Warshaw, Poland.
77. ESF-EMBO Symposium “Emergent Properties of the Cytoskeleton”, 2010, Sant Feliu, Spain.
78. INSERM Workshop “Microtubule dynamics in cell migration”, 2010, Saint-Raphael, France.

79. FEBS/EMBO Lecture course "The Cytoskeleton in Development and Pathology", 2010, Djurönäs, Stockholm, Sweden.
80. Lecture course "Cytoskeleton in Cell Division and Migration", Institut Curie in Paris 2010, Paris, France.
81. EMBO Conference Series "Microtubules - Structure, Regulation and Functions", 2010, Heidelberg, Germany.
82. 8th EMBO-Annaberg Conference "Protein and Lipid Function in secretion and endocytosis", 2010, Goldegg, Austria
83. Keynote lecture for the 12th "Young Researchers and Life Science" meeting, 2009, Paris, France.
84. Annual meeting of the Japanese Molecular Biology Society, 2009, Yokohama, Japan.
85. Annual Meeting of the Dutch Microscopy Society (NVvM), 2009, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
86. CRG Symposium "Imaging approaches to study cytoskeleton dynamics", 2009, Barcelona, Spain.
87. 3rd Mechanobiology Workshop, 2009, Singapore.
88. Annual Dutch Meeting on Molecular and Cellular Biophysics 2009, Veldhoven, The Netherlands
89. Gordon Research conference on Molecular Membrane Biology, 2009, Proctor Academy, USA.
90. Gordon Research conference on Motile & Contractile Systems, 2009, New London, USA.
91. "The Dynamic Cell" meeting of the Biochemical Society and the British Society for Cell Biology, 2009, Edinburgh, UK.
92. 1st Joint Meeting of the German and Swiss Societies of Cell Biology (DGZ/ZMG), 2009, Konstanz, Germany.
93. Subgroup meeting at the European Life Scientist Organisation Meeting, 2008, Nice, France.
94. MCRI Microtubule Dynamics Workshop, 2008, Oxted, UK.
95. Subgroup meeting, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting 2007, Washington DC, USA.
96. Gordon Research conference on Motile & Contractile Systems, 2007, New London, USA.
97. Minisymposium, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting 2006, San Diego, USA.
98. Minisymposium, 78th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society, 2005, Kobe, Japan.
99. Minisymposium, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting 2004, Washington DC, USA.
100. Subgroup meeting, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting 2004, Washington DC, USA.
101. Minisymposium, European Life Scientist Organisation Meeting, 2003, Dresden, Germany.

Invited seminars:

1. University of Cologne, Germany, October 2024
2. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany, May 2024
3. Frontier Seminar Series, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, March 2024
4. Princess Máxima Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands, February 2024
5. Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, February 2024

6. University of Tokyo, Japan, July 2023
7. Institute of Molecular Biology, University of Oregon, USA, October 2022, online.
8. Francis Crick Institute, London, UK, March 2022.
9. National Institutes of Health, NHLBI Cell & Developmental Biology Center, December 2021, online
10. University of Oxford, UK, February 2021 - online
11. University of Sheffield, UK, November 2020 – online.
12. Centre for Mechanochemical Cell Biology, Motors in Quarantine – Meet -Your-Heroes. University of Warwick, UK; October 2020 – online.
13. McGill University, Canada, October 2020 – online.
14. EMBO Global Lecture, Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bangalore, February 2020.
15. EMBO Global Lecture, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, India, February 2020.
16. EMBO Global Lecture, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India, February 2020.
17. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India, February 2020.
18. Janelia Research Campus, USA, January 2020.
19. IST Austria, Klosterneuburg, Austria, December 2019.
20. Ruysch Lecture, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, June 2019.
21. The Rockefeller University, New York, March 2019.
22. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, March 2019.
23. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2019.
24. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA, March 2019.
25. UT Southwestern, Dallas, USA, March 2019.
26. Kings College London, UK, March 2019.
27. University of Nottingham, UK, November 2018.
28. Institute of Human Genetics, France, June 2018.
29. London Molecular Cancer Seminar series, Queen Mary University of London, UK, 2018
30. École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, June 2018
31. University of Munster, Germany, April 2018
32. Tel Aviv University, Israel, March 2018
33. Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel, March 2018
34. The Francis Crick Institute, London, UK, February 2018
35. University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, June 2017
36. Leiden University, the Netherlands, June 2017
37. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May 2017
38. GIGA research centre, University of Liège, Belgium, March 2017
39. Brandeis University, Waltham, USA, July 2016
40. Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal, July 2016
41. IST Austria, Klosterneuburg, Austria, April 2016
42. University of Edinburgh, UK, March 2013
43. Institut Pasteur, Paris, France, February 2016
44. Physiology course at Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, USA, June 2015
45. University of California Berkley, USA, May 2015
46. University of California San Francisco, USA, May 2015
47. University of California San Diego, USA, May 2015
48. University of California Davis, USA, May 2015
49. Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, 2014.
50. ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 2014.

51. Institut Albert Bonniot, Grenoble, France, 2014.
52. University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA 2014
53. Northwestern University, Chicago, USA, June 2014
54. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, April 2014.
55. Scripps Research Institute, San Diego, USA, April 2014.
56. Institute Curie, Orsay, France, February 2014.
57. Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal, January 2014.
58. CRG-Center for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona, Spain, June 2013.
59. Medical University Innsbruck, Austria, April 2013.
60. Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge, March 2013
61. University of Turku, Finland, February 2013
62. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India, 2013
63. Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Berlin, Germany, June 2012
64. Temasek Lifesciences Laboratory, Singapore, April 2012.
65. University of Liverpool, UK, March 2013
66. Centre for Mechanochemical Cell Biology, Warwick Medical School, UK, January 2012
67. University of Antwerp, Belgium, January 2012
68. Institut Cochin, Paris, France, November 2011
69. Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, UK, May 2011
70. Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Manchester, UK, March 2011
71. Wadsworth Center, Albany, USA, December 2010
72. IMP-Research Institute of Molecular Pathology, Vienna, Austria, April 2010
73. University College London, UK, April 2010
74. Nagoya University, Japan, December 2009
75. RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology (CDB), Kobe, Japan, December 2009
76. Physiology course at Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, USA, July 2009
77. Max-Planck-Institute of Neurobiology, Martinsried, Germany, June 2009
78. Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany, March 2009
79. University of Copenhagen, Denmark, March 2009
80. Centre de Recherches de Biochimie, Montpellier, France, November 2008
81. University of Wageningen, The Netherlands; October 2008
82. Helmholtz Zentrum für Infektionsforschung, Braunschweig, Germany; February 2008
83. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany; January 2008
84. University of Groningen, The Netherlands; December 2007
85. The Johns Hopkins University, USA; December 2007
86. National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA; December 2007
87. University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands; November 2007
88. Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA; July 2007
89. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA; July 2007
90. University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, USA; July 2007
91. Marie Curie Research Institute, Oxted, United Kingdom; June 2007
92. Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, USA, December; 2006.
93. Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen, Switzerland; October 2006
94. Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom; June 2006.
95. Institut Curie, Paris, France; April 2006.
96. The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; January 2006.

97. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan; October 2005.
98. Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany; February 2003.
99. Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, USA; June 2003.
100. Institute of Molecular Biology, Salzburg, Austria; July 2002.