



Dr. G. Goldsmith

Designation: Assistant Professor


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Qualification: M. Sc (Biophysics), Ph.D.

Area of Specialization: Computational Structural Biology


Research Interest: Molecular Biophysics; Biomolecular Structure, Dynamics, and interactions; Molecular Modelling; MD simulation; Free Energy calculation; *In silico* Mutational studies; Protein- Nucleic Acid Docking; Computer Aided Drug Design (CADD)

Professional experience

 **Aug 2024-** present ✈ Dr. D.Y.Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Tathawade, Pune, India.

Assistant Professor (Teaching & Research)

- Lecturer in subjects like Bioinformatics, Structural Biology and Molecular Modeling and Drug design (Theory & practical's)

 **Dec 2022- March 2024** ✈ NyBerMan Bioinformatics, Europe
Computational Scientist, Tutor, research consultant

- Executed client research projects from planning to closure related to computational structural biology.
- Supervised academic dissertation of master degree and doctoral students.
- Tutored post graduate students/industry professionals on concepts of structural biology/stereochemistry/molecular dynamics simulation.
- Acted as a scientific advisory committee member of the organization.

Research experience

 **Sep 2020-Mar 2021** ✈ **IBAB, Bangalore, India**

Post-doctoral Fellow; Supervisor: Prof. N. Yathindra

- Developed MD trajectory analysis pipeline for analyzing protein-nucleic acid complex interactions.
- Identified potential small molecule inhibitor molecules against RNase HI, an enzyme critical in antisense method of gene regulation.
- Authored internal reports and prepared manuscript for publication.

 **Nov 2010-Aug 2020** ✈ **IBAB, Bangalore, India**

Bioinformatician & Doctoral researcher (Ph.D.)

- Taught courses on Molecular modelling, MD simulation, docking, bioinformatics techniques (theory & hands-on) for M. Sc. students under UGC-IGNOU and University of Mysore, India. Framed syllabus, question paper & graded examination answer script for above mentioned course.
- Conducted workshop/training programs in computational structural biology and CADD catering to academicians & industry personnel.

- Guided post graduate students (M.Sc.) in end-semester research projects.
- Assisted in lectures on 'Stereochemistry of macromolecule (proteins, nucleic acids and carbohydrate) structures' and also evaluated internal & university semester examination answer scripts of this subject.
- Conceived & developed a tool 'IntScan' to catalogue all intra molecular and inter molecular interactions within a protein and protein-complexes from MD trajectories. (Coded in Python by my project trainee)
- Liaised with multi-disciplinary scientists within and outside the organization on various collaborative projects.

Jan 2005-Sep 2010 ✈ IBAB, Bangalore, India; *Junior Research Fellow*

- Trained Post graduate diploma in Bioinformatics (PGDB) students (7 batches) on aspects of molecular modelling through usage of computational structural biology software's.
- Performed MD simulation of few antiparallel DNA triple helices followed by analyses of their trajectories.
- Conducted multiple workshop/training programs in structural bioinformatics and drug discovery process (docking, QSAR concept) catering to academicians & industry personnel in cooperation with Accelrys Inc & faculty members from premier institutes like IISc, NCBS, IGIB etc.

Publications

- **Goldsmith G**, Raja S, N Yathindra (2003) *Journal of Biomol. Struc. and Dynamics*, 20, 929.
- Nambiar M, **Goldsmith G**, Moorthy BT, Joshi MV, Hosur RV, Raghavan SC. (2011) *Nucleic Acids Research*, 39, 936.
- Srivastava M, Nambiar M, Sharma S, **Goldsmith G**, Karki S, Pandey M, Singh RK, Ray P, Kelkar M, Choudhary B, Raghavan SC. (2012) *Cell*. 151, 1474.
- Ananth P, **Goldsmith G**, N Yathindra. (2013) *RNA*. 19, 1038.
- M Srivastava, M Nambiar, S Sharma, SS Karki, **Goldsmith G**, M Hegde (2013), *Cancer discovery*, 3,135.
- **G Goldsmith**, N Yathindra (2015) *Journal of Proteins and Proteomics* 6 (1), 38.
- **Goldsmith G**, Rathinavelan T, N. Yathindra (2016) *PLoS One*. 11, e0152102.
- Iyer D[#], Vartak SV[#], **Goldsmith G***, Mishra A*, Kumar S, Hegde M, Velusamy M, Choudhary B, Karki S, Surolia A, Raghavan SC (2016). *FEBS J*. 283, 3408. [#] Equal first authorship ^{*}Equal 2nd author
- Lilian Olivieri, **G. Goldsmith**, N. Yathindra (2015) *Journal of Proteins and Proteomics* 6 (1), 98.
- Pandey M, **Goldsmith G**, Kumar S, Srivastava M, Elango S, Shameem M, Bannerjee D, Choudhary B, Karki S, Raghavan SC (2017) *Mol. Carcinog.* 56, 550.
- Vartak SV, Iyer D, S kumar, Sharma S, **Goldsmith G**, Srivastava S, Karki S, Surolia, Choudhary B, Raghavan SC (2017) *Biochem Pharmacol.* 131, 16.
- Vadivel K, Schreuder HA, Liesum A, Schmidt AE, **Goldsmith G**, Bajaj SP. (2019) *J. Thromb Haemost.* 17, 574.
- Goldsmith G*, Ayesha SP, Rujula SD, Isha Zafar, Soumya Basu, Satish Sasikumar* (2025); *IEEE Xplore* (manuscript accepted for publication) *corresponding author
- Goldsmith G*, Rujula SD, Vishaka Choube, Shuchi Nagar, Nilay Mitash* (2025) Inhibition of TEAD2 to combat pulmonary fibrosis; *IEEE Xplore* (manuscript accepted for publication) * corresponding author
- Gunaseelan Goldsmith* (2025) 'Mechanistic influence of the hybrid binding domain on substrate recognition in full- length *Halalkalibacterium halodurans* RNase HI'; *IEEE Xplore* (manuscript accepted for publication) *corresponding author

Total Number of Citations: 786

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=kAisfB8AAAAJ&hl=en>

🏆 Scientific Patent

Co-inventor of an Indian patent (No: **386398**) titled "*Novel inhibitors of antiapoptotic BCL-2 protein*". **Grant date:11/01/2022**

Selected Poster/Oral presentations in Conferences and Symposia

- **G. Goldsmith** and N. Yathindra. **Poster presentation** titled '*Mechanistic insights into the effects of nonisomorphic base triplets in DNA triplexes. Extreme effects of NBT render parallel GT TFO less suited for Triplex formation*' in "Conference on Informatics & Integrative Biology": Dec 14 -16, 2011 @ Bose institute, Kolkata. **"Won best poster award"**
- **G. Goldsmith** and N. Yathindra. **Poster presentation** titled '*Insights into the conformational dynamics of RNase H enzymes and their role in substrate recognition*' in "International conference on Biomolecular forms and functions: A celebration of 50 years of Ramachandran map": Jan 8-11, 2013 @ IISc, Bangalore, India.
- **G. Goldsmith: Oral presentation** titled '*Rational drug design*' under the lecture series 'Relevance of computational studies in research & society (Bio-IT)' in "**Bangalore India Bio**": Feb 4-6,2013. Bangalore, India.
- **G. Goldsmith** and N. Yathindra. **Oral presentation** titled '*Substrate specificity of RNase H enzymes*'. in "National Symposium on Biophysics & Golden Jubilee Meeting of Indian Biophysical Society": Feb 14-17, 2015 @ Jamia Millia University, New Delhi.
- Ayesha SP, Dimple Davray, Goldsmith G*, Satish Sasikumar* (2024) 'Exploring potential protein interactions of Grainyhead-like 2 transcription factor' International Conference on Advances in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (ICABB 2024)" 26th-29th November 2024 at DYPBBI, DPU, Pune. *Corresponding author

Book Chapter:

Goldsmith G*, Aarti Nakat, Ridhi D, Sneha B, Sejuti N, Shuchi Nagar* (2025) 'Protein structure prediction using a comparative modeling approach' (communicated) *Corresponding author

🔧 Technical Skills

- **Operating System:** Linux, Windows, Mac, Sgi-Irix
- **Platform:** Linux desktops, GPU, HPC
- **Programming languages:** Shell scripting, R (familiar)
- **Molecular Modelling:** Insight II, Discovery Studio, Cerius2, Chimera, PyMOL, Modeller, XPLOR, Schrodinger
- **MD Simulation:** AMBER, GROMACS. CHARMM-GUI
- **Sequence Analysis:** Clustal W, CLANS, MEGA EMBOSS & other online tools.
- **Molecular Docking:** Ligand-fit, AutoDock, AutoDockVina, DOCK, ZDOCK, OpenBabel
- **Machine Learning in CADD:** Weka (familiar)

🏆 Recognition/Honour

- Received a grant of over **One crore Indian Rupees** for the institute IBAB, from the Govt. of Karnataka, India in recognition of my work on finding potential drug against anti-cancer target Ligase 4 (2013)
- Won the **best research poster** award on several occasions in scientific research Review Meet/conferences.
- College **Top rank holder** throughout the 3-year **B.Sc. Physics** degree course.

Education

- **Ph.D.** in Computational Structural Biology from *IBAB, Bangalore* & Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, India. (2020).
- **M. Sc.** in **Biophysics** from the *Dept. of Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras*, Chennai, India.
- **B.Sc.** in **Physics** with Chemistry and Mathematics as ancillaries, New College, **University of Madras**, Chennai, India.

No. of Ph.D., Postdoctoral, B. Tech, M. Tech. /M.Sc. students Guided:

1. M.Sc: 6
2. PGDB: 5
3. Postdoctoral: 1

Institute Level Academic and Administrative Responsibility

- Local organizing committee member in “International Conference on Advances in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (ICABB 2024)” 26th-29th November 2024 at Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology & Biotechnology & Bioinformatics Institute, Pune.