

Name: Valentina Piano

Institute, main affiliation: Institute of Human genetics/ Institute of Biochemistry

Research field: Mitochondrial biology, mitosis, structural biology

Funding / grant(s):

- DFG (including SFB)
- ERC Starting (invited to interview)

Last two research positions:

(position, time period, lab or PI, research institute, Country)

1. Current: Junior Research Group leader 2022-2028 University of Cologne
2. Previous: Post-doc RG Prof. Musacchio, MPI for molecular physiology

What do you think were the major milestones in your career that led to your position as group leader (e.g. could be motivations, publications, coincidences, "right" field of science, network)?

- Publications
- Motivation, ability to navigate difficult situations, good networking skills
- Luck

