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We have immediate openings for Ph.D. students in the lab to work on (1) super-resolution optical microscopy (single-molecule localization microscopy), optical instrumentation, new molecular labeling, single-cell/ single-molecule analysis, and molecular interaction imaging; (2) ophthalmology research focusing on clinical management of blinding diseases (i.e., glaucoma and retinal degeneration), experimental animal models, and new ocular imaging technology/system development; and (3) high-performance computing and image/data processing.

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