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**Biography**

Dr. Chun Kit Kwok obtained his B.Sc. in Chemistry (2009) from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, after completing an exchange programme at the University of California, Los Angeles in 2007-2008. He completed his PhD in Pennsylvania State University (2014), mentored by Professor Philip C. Bevilacqua and Professor Sarah M. Assmann. From 2014 to 2016, Dr. Kwok worked as a Croucher Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Cambridge under Professor Sir Shankar Balasubramanian. In October 2016, Dr. Kwok joined the Department of Chemistry in City University of Hong Kong as an Assistant Professor.



Dr. Kwok's current research focus is to explore the role of RNA structures and interactions in biology, especially the functions of G-quadruplex structures / interactions and long non-coding RNA structures / interactions in the mammalian transcriptome and their relevance to gene regulation, RNA metabolism and diseases. A new research direction in the Kwok lab is to develop targeting tools for detection, imaging, or intervention of these important RNA structures and interactions. See [www.kitkwok.com](http://www.kitkwok.com) for more details.

To cultivate a stimulating learning environment for students and to establish RNA community in Hong Kong, Dr. Kwok, together with Dr. Le Minh, has founded the Hong Kong RNA Club in August 2017 and organised RNA seminar and symposium events regularly. (<http://www.kitkwok.com/hk-rna-club.html>)

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

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| 2019 | Croucher Innovation Award, Croucher Foundation                                  |
| 2017 | Kan Tong Po International Visiting Fellowship, Royal Society                    |
| 2015 | Selected Young Scientist Participant for the 65th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting |
| 2014 | Croucher Postdoctoral Fellowship, Croucher Foundation                           |
| 2014 | Inventor Incentive Award, Pennsylvania State University                         |
| 2014 | Alumni Association Dissertation Award, Pennsylvania State University            |