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**Biography:**

Jian Yang is a Senior Research Fellow at Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland. He received his PhD in 2008 from Zhejiang University, China, which was followed by postdoctoral research at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. He joined The University of Queensland in 2012. His research interests are in developing novel methods and software tools to better understand the genetic architecture of complex diseases and traits using high-throughput genetic and genomic data. In 2012, he won the Centenary Institute Lawrence Creative Prize, which is awarded annually to only one young medical researcher in Australia. He was awarded a NHMRC RD Wright Career Development Fellowship in the same year, and was part of a team shortlisted for the Eureka Prize in Scientific Research. In 2013, he received a UQ Foundation Research Excellence award and was one of two recipients of the Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation's Senior Medical Research Fellowship.