

Short Bio

Christian Münz has been trained in immunology at the German Cancer Research Institute, the University of Tübingen, Germany, and the Rockefeller University in New York, USA. He became Assistant Professor and Head of Laboratory at the Rockefeller University in 2003. In 2008 he was recruited as Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Institute of Experimental Immunology to the University of Zürich, Switzerland, and became Full Professor in 2015. Since 2010 he is also Visiting Professor at the Imperial College in London, UK. In 2006 he received the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Investigators in Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease Award for his studies on antigen processing via macroautophagy, and in 2012 the Sobek Award for his studies on the association of Epstein Barr virus (EBV) infection with multiple sclerosis (MS). His research focusses on understanding the cell-mediated immune control of oncogenic gamma-herpesviruses, and he has established humanized mouse models to follow in vivo infection, virus induced pathologies and their immune control for the two human oncogenic γ -herpesviruses EBV and Kaposi sarcoma associated herpesvirus (KSHV).