

Following a brief sojourn as a rock critique and DJ, Josh Brickman did his PhD on fundamental mechanisms of transcription with Mark Ptashne at Harvard University. He then focused on how transcriptional changes could lead to cell fate specification in embryogenesis as a post doctoral fellow with Rosa Beddington at National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill in the UK. In 2001, he established his own laboratory at the Institute for Stem Cell Research at the University of Edinburgh focused on the regulation of transcription and its impact on early development and embryonic stem cell differentiation. In 2011 he moved his laboratory to the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Stem Cell Biology (DanStem) at the University of Copenhagen, where he is now deputy director. In Copenhagen Josh also has worked hard to build collaborations between Physicists (at the Niels Bohr Institute) and Biologists and was a founding member of the interdisciplinary Danish National Research Foundation Centre of Excellence for Stem Cell Decision Making.