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I received my undergraduate education at Sichuan University of China from 1978 to 1982, and then I served as a junior faculty at Sichuan University for one year. In 1983, I went to Michigan State University for graduate study. I studied under the guidance of **Dr. Chris Somerville** in the MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory from 1983 to 1989. After receiving Ph.D. degree, I went to **Dr. Howard Goodman**'s laboratory at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to do postdoctoral research. In 1995, I established my own laboratory at Texas Tech University. My laboratory is located in the Experimental Sciences Building and there are 8 graduate students, one postdoctoral fellow, one visiting scholar, and several undergraduate students conducting research in my laboratory. We study plant molecular biology and plant cell biology. We are also using genetic engineering approach to improve crop yield and quality under stress conditions. I welcome students who share similar research interests to apply graduate study in my laboratory.