

Curriculum Vitae/Biosketch

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Education

- Licenciatura in Environmental Engineering (5-year University degree, equivalent to B.Sc. + M.Sc.), University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal 1981
- Ph.D., University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, U.S.A. Dissertation Title: "*Heme Biosynthesis: Characterization of the Two Terminal Membrane-bound Enzymes*" 1986
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biological Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, U.S.A. 1987 - 1988
- Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biological Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, U.S.A. 1988 - 1990

Positions Held

- Laboratory Demonstrator, Department of Chemistry, University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal 1979 - 1981
- Teaching Fellow, Department of Chemistry, University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal 1981 - 1982
- Research Assistant Scientist, Department of Microbiology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 1990 - 1991
- Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 1991 - 1995
- Member, Institute for Biomolecular Science, University of South Florida, Tampa 1991 - 2001
- Member, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 1993 - 2013
- Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 1995 - 1999
- Sabbatical leave at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Baltimore, Maryland Mar 1 - May 31, 1998
- Visiting Associate Professor, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, Baltimore, Maryland May 1 - Dec. 31, 1998
- Professor, Department of Molecular Medicine (concentration in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)*, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida [*Departmental name changed in 2006] 1999 - present
- Member, Florida Center of Excellence for Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics (FCoE-BITT), University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 2007 - 2010
- Professor, Affiliate Appointment, Department of Chemistry, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 2007 - present
- Professor, Courtesy Appointment, Department of Global Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 2017 - present

Honors

- Highest grade point average - Environmental Engineering, University of Aveiro 1981
- Sea Grant Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Georgia 1982 - 1983
- Department of Microbiology Stipend Enhancement, University of Georgia 1983 - 1984
- University of Georgia System Board of Regents Stipend Enhancement 1984 - 1985
- Gordon Research Conference (Bioenergetics) Registration Fee and Housing Award 1989
- American Cancer Society Junior Faculty Award 1992 - 1995

- National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award 1992 - 1997
- University of South Florida Presidential Young Faculty Award 1995 - 1996
- Elected Vice-Chair of the Gordon Research Conference on “*The Chemistry and Biology of Tetrapyrroles*” 2000
- Elected Chair of the Gordon Research Conference on “*The Chemistry and Biology of Tetrapyrroles*” 2002
- Representative of the Gordon Research Conference on “*The Chemistry and Biology of Tetrapyrroles*” July 2002 - 2004
- Elected Member of the Nominating Committee of the Division of Biological Chemistry, American Chemical Society 2002 - 2004
- Member of the USF Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) 2014 - present

Membership in Professional Societies

- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biophysical Society
- Protein Society
- American Association for Advancement of Science
- American Chemical Society
- American Society for Hematology
- American Porphyria Foundation
- Society of Porphyrins & Phthalocyanines

Other Experience (selected)

- Editor and Organizer for Minireview Series for the *Journal of Bioenergetics and Biomembranes*; Topic: “*Heme: Its Biosynthesis and Relationship to Disease*”. 1995
- Member: American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant Peer Review Committee 1995 - 1999
- Member: American Heart Association, Florida Affiliate, Research Peer Review Committee 1996 - 1997
- Co-Organizer of *Symposium on Inorganic Biochemistry & Regulatory Mechanisms of Iron Metabolism*, Portugal 1998
- Senior Editor of a Book Entitled “*Inorganic Biochemistry and Regulatory Mechanisms of Iron Metabolism*”. Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, Germany, 1999. 412 PP. 1999
- Member: International Advisory Board for the Vitamin B6 and Quinoproteins 2001 - 2002
- National Science Foundation, Metabolic Biochemistry, panelist 2003
- Member: International Advisory Board for the Vitamin B6 and Quinoproteins 2004 - 2010
- NIH, Cell Development & Function (CDF), Pre-doctoral Minorities/Disabilities Fellowship Program (F31) 2004
- NIH, Protein Structure and Function Study Section, Special Emphasis Panel 2004
- NIH/NHLB, Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) to review Conference Grant Applications by Asynchronous Electronic Discussion (AED) 2008
- Guest Editor of 5-volume set (2000 pages) of “*The Handbook of Porphyrin Science*”: 2014
 1. “*Heme Biochemistry*”, (Ferreira, G.C., Editor), Vol. 26 of “Handbook of Porphyrin Science” series (Kadish, K. M., Smith, K. M., and Guilard, R., series Eds.), World Scientific Publishing Co., Singapore, 2013. 478 PP.
 2. “*Erythropoiesis, Heme and Applications to Biomedicine*”, (Ferreira, G.C., Editor), Vol. 27 of “Handbook of Porphyrin Science” series

- (Kadish, K. M., Smith, K. M., and Guilard, R., series Eds.), World Scientific Publishing Co., Singapore, 2013. 431 PP.
3. "Chlorophyll, Photosynthesis and Bio-inspired Energy", (Ferreira, G.C., Editor), Vol. 28 of "Handbook of Porphyrin Science" series (Kadish, K. M., Smith, K. M., and Guilard, R., series Eds.), World Scientific Publishing Co., Singapore, 2013. 327 PP.
 4. "Porphyrias and Sideroblastic Anemias", (Ferreira, G.C., Editor), Vol. 29 of "Handbook of Porphyrin Science" series (Kadish, K. M., Smith, K. M., and Guilard, R., series Eds.), World Scientific Publishing Co., Singapore, 2013. 496 PP.
 5. "Heme Proteins – Part II", (Ferreira, G.C., Editor), Vol. 30 of "Handbook of Porphyrin Science" series (Kadish, K. M., Smith, K. M., and Guilard, R., series Eds.), World Scientific Publishing Co., Ne Singapore, 2013. 450 PP.
- Member: Anna Valentine University of South Florida – H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Research Award program 2013, 2015, 2017

Teaching Experience: Lectured in 30 different courses

Major Professor for Ph.D. Candidates: 13 students

Major Professor for M.Sc. Candidates: 4 students

Co- Major Professor for Ph.D. Candidates: 4 students

USF Ph.D. Graduate Student Dissertation Committees: 49 students

External Ph.D. Graduate Student Dissertation Committees: 3 students

Master of Science Thesis Committees: 3 students

Undergraduate Honor Student Dissertation Committees: 2 students

Undergraduate Student Participants in Laboratory Studies: 15 students

M.Sc. Student Participants in Laboratory Studies: 17 students

Medical Student Participants in Laboratory Studies: 8 students

Postdoctoral Fellows: 14 fellows

Research Assistant Professor: 1

Visiting Students: 7

Publications (<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-9279-2217>)

Articles (selected of 129)

1985 – 1990

1. Ferreira, G.C., and Dailey, H.A. (1987) [Reconstitution of the two terminal enzymes of the heme biosynthetic pathway into phospholipid vesicles](#). *J. Biol. Chem.* **262**, 4407-4412. PubMed PMID: [3558411](#). [Link to article](#).
2. Ferreira, G.C., Andrew, T.L., Karr, S.W. and Dailey, H.A. (1988) [Organization of the terminal two enzymes of the heme biosynthetic pathway. Orientation of protoporphyrinogen oxidase and evidence of a membrane complex](#). *J. Biol. Chem.* **263**, 3835-3839. PubMed PMID: [3346226](#). [Link to article](#).
3. Ferreira, G.C., Pratt, R.D., and Pedersen, P.L. (1989) [Energy-linked anion transport. Cloning, sequencing, and characterization of a full length cDNA encoding the rat liver mitochondrial proton/phosphate symporter](#). *J. Biol. Chem.* **264**, 15628-15633. PMID: [2670944](#). [Link to article](#)

4. Ferreira, G.C., Pratt, R.D., and Pedersen, P.L. (1990) Mitochondrial proton/phosphate transporter. An antibody directed against the COOH terminus and proteolytic cleavage experiments provide new insights about its membrane topology. *J. Biol. Chem.* **265**, 21202-21206. PMID: [2250020](#). [Link to article](#)

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5. Pratt, R.D., Ferreira, G.C., and Pedersen, P.L. (1991) Mitochondrial phosphate transport. Import of the H₊/Pi symporter and role of the presequence. *J. Biol. Chem.* **266**, 1276-1280. PMID: [1985946](#). [Link to article](#)
6. Ferreira, G.C. and Pedersen, P.L. (1992) Overexpression of higher eukaryotic membrane proteins in bacteria. Novel insights obtained with the liver mitochondrial proton/phosphate symporter. *J. Biol. Chem.* **267**, 5460-5466. PMID: [1531983](#). [Link to article](#)
7. Ferreira, G.C. and Dailey, H.A. (1993) Expression of mammalian 5-aminolevulinate synthase in Escherichia coli. Overproduction, purification, and characterization. *J. Biol. Chem.* **268**: 584-590. PMID: [8416963](#). [Link to article](#)
8. Ferreira, G. C., Neame, P. J., and Dailey, H. A. (1993) Heme biosynthesis in mammalian systems: Evidence of a Schiff base linkage between the pyridoxal 5'-phosphate cofactor and a lysine residue in 5-aminolevulinate synthase. *Protein Science* **2**, 1959-1965. PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2142290. PubMed PMID: [8268805](#). DOI: [10.1002/pro.5560021117](#).
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10. Ferreira, G. C., Franco, R., Lloyd, S., Pereira, A.S., Moura, I., Moura, J. J. G., and Huynh, B. H. (1994) Mammalian ferrochelatase, a new addition to the metalloenzyme family. *J. Biol. Chem.* **269**, 7062-7065. PubMed PMID: [8125912](#). [Link to article](#)
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12. Hunter, G. A. and Ferreira, G.C. (1995) A continuous spectrophotometric assay for 5-aminolevulinate synthase that utilizes substrate cycling. *Anal. Biochem.* **226**, 221-224. PubMed PMID: [7793621](#). DOI: [10.1006/abio.1995.1217](#).
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14. Tan, D. and Ferreira, G. C. (1996) Active site of 5-aminolevulinate synthase resides at the subunit interface. Evidence from in vivo heterodimer formation. *Biochemistry* **35**, 8934-8941. PubMed PMID: [8688429](#) DOI: [10.1021/bi952918m](#).
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1190-1200. PubMed Central **PMCID:** PMC2253255. PubMed **PMID:** [15840827](#) DOI: [10.1110/ps.041258305](https://doi.org/10.1110/ps.041258305).

2006 – 2010

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2011 – 2015

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