



2018 Provost Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship

Dr. Chris Lantz
Department of Biology

Dr. Chris Lantz is a professor of biology at James Madison University where he teaches lecture and laboratory courses in immunology and parasitology. He received his A.A.S. (Veterinary Technology) from Blue Ridge Community College, his B.S. (Biology) from JMU, and his Ph.D. (Microbiology and Immunology) from the Medical College of Virginia at VCU. He completed a postdoctoral appointment in immunology at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Lantz has conducted research on immunologic disorders with an emphasis on allergy and parasitic disease. His current research focuses on understanding host immunity to malaria infection. Since arriving at JMU, he has been awarded \$900,000 in extramural funds, primarily from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Lantz has mentored over 60 JMU undergraduate and graduate research students, 17 of which were co-authors on 10 peer-reviewed publications. He is a member of the American Association of Immunologists and the American Society of Microbiology. He is a native of Bergton, VA, and currently lives in Penn Laird with his wife Rachel and son Dylan.