

Short CV: Yasmine Belkaid

Dr. Yasmine Belkaid obtained her Ph.D. in 1996 from the Pasteur Institute in France exploring innate immune responses to parasitic infections. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in the US, she joined the Children's Hospital Research Foundation in Cincinnati as an assistant professor. In 2005, she joined NIAID and was appointed Senior Scientist in 2008. Dr. Belkaid is also an Adjunct professor in the department of Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania and is currently the chief of the Mucosal Immunology section and Director of the NIAID Microbiome initiative. Her work explores mechanisms that regulate host immune responses to microbes at barrier sites such as the gut and the skin and revealed key roles for the microbiota and dietary factors in the control of immunity and inflammation.