# CHICAGO LIFE SCIENCE SUCCESS



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# **AREA(S) OF FOCUS:**

# Defining the molecular pathways leading to nervous system degeneration

The Krainc lab focuses oon understanding fundamental molecular mechanisms of neuronal function in health and disease.

# **KEY RESEARCH AREAS:**

#### Parkinson's disease

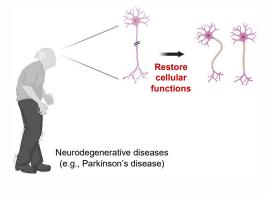
Identify and interrupt the toxic signaling leading to neurodegeneration.

# Personalized medicine

Investigate linkage between cell recycling systems & energy metabolism in preclinical human models of neurodegeneration.

# Huntington's disease and Frontotemporal Dementia

Understand the biological mechanisms regulating neuronal death and protein degradation.



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# **ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS:**



Vangua BIO is developing innovative programs for treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.

The company has a unique screening platform that uses patient-induced pluripotent stem cells to develop neurological diseases therapies.

The pipeline includes:

- Small-molecule activators targeting the lipid recycling system in Parkinson's, Gauche disease, and Lewy Body Dementia
- Small molecules targeting the immune system for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and peripheral diseases
- Novel therapies for neurodegenerative diseases

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