Michel Rickhaus



Michel Rickhaus (*1985, Switzerland) received his Master's degree in Organic Chemistry from the University of Basel (2011, with honours). During that time, he was working with Prof. Lawrence T. Scott in Boston College (USA, 2010) as a visiting scholar, before beginning his PhD studies with Prof. Marcel Mayor (2011-2015, *summa cum laude*) at the University of Basel on helical polyaromatics. He then joined Dr. med. Johannes Beck as a research associate (2015-2016, Swiss Civil Service) working on depression predictors in sleep stages. From 2016 to 2019, Michel was a SNSF funded postdoctoral researcher at Oxford University with Prof. Harry L. Anderson investigating non-planar π -conjugation in porphyrin rings and related topologies. In August 2019, Michel started his independent research as group leader (SNSF Ambizione) at the University of Zurich. In August 2023, following his call to the University of Geneva, Michel has begun his position at the University of Geneva as a Sandoz assistant professor for organic chemistry. With his latest grant (SNSF Starting Grant) – the translational ERC equivalent – the group sets sail to distant (supra)molecular lands.