

# Dr. Andrés Bedensky

Andrés Bendesky grew up in Mexico City, where he attended medical school at UNAM, the National University. Afterwards, Andrés earned a PhD from Rockefeller University, where he worked with Cori Bargmann studying the genetics and neurobiology of exploration-exploitation decisions and social behavior in nematodes. As a Helen Hay Whitney postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University, he studied the evolution of parental care in monogamous rodents in the laboratories of Hopi Hoekstra and Catherine Dulac. Andrés is now Assistant Professor of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology and an Investigator of the Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute at Columbia University, where he works to identify genetic and neuronal mechanisms underlying variation and evolution of animal behavior. In recognition of his work, he was recently named a Searle Scholar.

