

Biographical Note

David Ernest Coufal was born at Edwards Air Force Base in Lancaster, California on January 24, 1969, 177 days before the first moon landing, 441 days before the Beatles broke up and 4457 days before the first Space Shuttle landing at Edwards. He was raised in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he graduated from General William Mitchell High School in 1987. The California Institute of Technology (Pasadena, California) was his next stop, where he worked with both Dr. Daniel Diner in the robotics division at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on 3-dimensional vision systems, and Prof. John Richard in the Caltech chemistry department on β -lactamase. After earning a B.Sc. in Chemical Biology in 1991, he went on to attend graduate school in the chemistry department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, Massachusetts), where his thesis advisor was Prof. Stephen J. Lippard. He earned a Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry in September of 1998. After graduation, he will join Tigris Microsystems (<http://www.tigris.com/>) in New York City as a consultant.



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