Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications and awards
1977-80 B.Sc.(Hons) 2.1 in Zoology, Kings College London
1980-83 Ph.D. in Zoology, Kings College London
1986-89 Beit Memorial Research Fellow
1989-97 Royal Society University Research Fellow
2005-06 Leverhulme Research Fellow
2012- Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology

Career
2021-24 Consultant, World Health Organisation (WHO), Neglected Tropical Diseases programme
2014-31 Hon Professor, University of Glasgow
2014-21 **Wellcome Trust, London.** Head of Infection and Immunobiology 2014-18 and Director of Science 2019-20
1983-2013 **University of Glasgow.** Professor of Parasitology 2004-13, prior to which Research Assistant, Independent Research Fellowships, Senior Lecturer/Reader

Managerial roles
2019-21 Director of Science and member of Senior Executive at Wellcome. Also acting director in 2016
2014-21 Head of Infection and Immunobiology at Wellcome; acting head of Population Health; lead on epidemic response work – Ebola, Zika, Yellow Fever, covid19; head of snakebite initiative; head of Major Science Investments.
2015-18 Nominating agent for Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.
2012-13 Deputy Dean of Graduate School
2006-08 Head of Division of Infection and Immunity
2001-04 Assistant Director of Faculty

Non-executive director and trustee roles
2024-current Chair of oversight committee MRC Gambia Unit
2022-current Chair of Board of Trustees/Directors 2026 onwards. Previously member of board and Risk and Assurance committee, The Pirbright Institute
2024-current Trustee, Lindfield Arts
2020-current Member of Council plus Audit and Risk Committee and Governance Effectiveness Steering Group, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
2023-24 Member of Costing and Finance, and Climate Change/NTD groups, WHO, Neglected Tropical Diseases
2019-21 Management Board, DIAMOND synchotron light source, Harwell
2019-21 Management Board, Sainsbury Welcome Centre, London
2016 and 2019-21 Board of Directors, eLife (academic journal), Cambridge
2015-19 Trustee of the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance, India

Funding committees and advisory positions
2020-23 Science Advisory Board, Centre for Virus Research, Glasgow
2019 Science Advisory Board, Novartis Tropical Diseases, CA USA
2016 European Union, Zika advisory panel
2010-13 Qatar Research Foundation Adviser
2009-13 The Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance. Chairman of Senior and Intermediate Fellowships Selection Committee and member of Strategy Advisory Group

2009-15 Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Advisory Panel member
2005-09 MRC College of Experts, Infection and Immunity Board
2004-08 Wellcome Trust Basic Science Interview Committee.
2002–04 Wellcome Trust Research Career Development Fellowships Interview Committee
2001-04 Wellcome Trust Infection and Immunity Panel.
1997-2007 Consultant, Mitsubishi Pharma Co.

Wellcome
As Director of Science and Member of the Senior Executive. I was accountable and responsible for budget planning and distribution of ~£650M of funding for scientific research. Approximately half our funding was to major initiatives [Sanger, Crick, DIAMOND, 10 UK Centres, 5 major programmes in Africa and Asia], some 40% we distributed as individual awards and 10% for special initiatives.

Prior to that, as Head of Department I had responsibility for supervision of all science in infectious diseases and immunology. This included strategic oversight, triaging applications, advising potential applicants, giving feedback, determining committee membership, dealing with complaints, ambassadorial work, cross-divisional working. I undertook a similar role for the Public Health portfolio of work in 2015. I led major reviews of our major science investments in Thailand (twice), Viet Nam, South Africa (AHRI and CIDRI), Kenya (KEMRI-Wellcome and AAS), Malawi, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Diamond Light Source and India (twice).

I represented Wellcome in a number of different fora including WHO and UK Department of Health SAGE committees and working groups. I led special initiatives on Antimicrobial Resistance and Pandemic/Epidemic Preparedness. I led a programme on snakebite which became a separate £80M funded initiative. I co-led our response to the Ebola crisis, Zika and Yellow Fever. I led our funding work for research on covid19.

University of Glasgow
Research
My research group numbered up to 12 people for more than 25 years, not including PhD, MRes and BSc placement and project students. Twenty-two postgraduates from my group submitted theses, twenty-one of them on time.

I received funding from multiple sources. Most notably, three personal Fellowships (Beit, Royal Society and Leverhulme), two Wellcome Trust programme grants and other project, fellowship and studentship funds from MRC, BBSRC, Wellcome Trust, European Union, WHO, Leverhulme, ISID, Kelvin Smith and Sir Halley Stuart.

Approximately 130 publications. As of August 2026, all citations 10838, h index = 53.

Teaching
Undergraduate and Masters teaching experience for over 25 years, ranging from half to full teaching loads (~80-160 student contact hours), depending on research fellowships and managerial responsibilities. All standard teaching modalities used and at all levels.

Management and academic leadership
I undertook multiple different managerial roles including as Head of Division of Infection and Immunity (~120 staff and six degree programmes), Deputy Dean of Graduate School (~650 PhD students) and Assistant Director of Faculty with particular responsibility for Infrastructure.