

Dr. Peter Hotez

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Dr. Peter Hotez, President of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, serves as Distinguished Research Professor and the Walter G. Ross Professor and Chair of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine at The George Washington University in Washington DC. Dr. Hotez' academic research focuses on vaccine development for a wide range of neglected tropical diseases around the globe.

Dr. Hotez founded the Human Hookworm Vaccine Initiative (HHVI) at Sabin, a unique partnership with The George Washington University, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a vaccine to prevent the spread of human hookworm disease. In addition, Dr. Hotez was instrumental in creating the Global Network for Tropical Neglected Diseases Control, an innovative new partnership dedicated to controlling the spread of tropical diseases in developing nations. He is also the Founding Editor-in-Chief of PLoS Tropical Neglected Diseases, the first online open access medical journal focused exclusively on neglected tropical diseases.

Dr. Hotez graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1980 with a degree in Molecular Biophysics, and obtained both his M.D. and Ph.D. from the medical scientist-training program at Weill Cornell Medical College and The Rockefeller University in New York. After completing his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Hotez returned to Yale University where he served on the faculty for 12 years before joining GWU in 2000.

In 2008, Dr. Hotez was elected into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. Also in 2008, Dr. Hotez was given the title of Distinguished Research Professor at GWU. Dr. Hotez holds a license to practice medicine in the District of Columbia, was board certified in pediatrics in 1998, and re-certified in 2005.