

## **Brief Biography of Prof. Peter J. Hotez**

Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D., is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, Texas, USA), the Co-Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics.

Dr. Hotez is an internationally-recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development. As co-director of the CVD, Dr. Hotez works to develop new vaccines for hookworm infection, schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, Chagas disease, and SARS/MERS/SARS-2 coronavirus, diseases affecting hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide, while championing access to vaccines globally and in the United States.

Dr. Hotez has authored more than 600 original papers and is the author of four single-author books, including the recently published "Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Anti-Science" (Johns Hopkins University Press). He is also the *founding Editor-in-Chief of PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*.

Dr. Hotez served previously as President of the *American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*. He is an elected member of the *National Academy of Medicine* and the *American Academy of Arts & Sciences*. In 2006 at the Clinton Global Initiative, he co-founded the *Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases* to provide access to essential medicines for hundreds of millions of people. In 2014-16, he served in *the Obama Administration as US Envoy*, focusing on vaccine diplomacy initiatives between the US Government and countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2018, he was appointed by the US State Department to serve on the Board of Governors for the US Israel Binational Science Foundation. He has served on infectious disease task forces for two consecutive Texas Governors.

Dr. Hotez is a recipient of numerous awards, including the Abraham Horwitz Award (2011) for Excellence in Leadership in Inter-American Health by the Pan American Health Organization of the World Health Organization, Sustained Leadership Award (2018) from Research!America, Ronald McDonald House Charities Award (2019), the Award for Leadership in Advocacy for Vaccines (2019) by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Weill Cornell Medical College Alumni Association Award of Distinction (2021), and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation David E. Rogers Award (2021). In 2017, he was named by FORTUNE Magazine as one of the 34 most influential people in health care.

Dr. Hotez appears frequently on television (including BBC, CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC), radio, and in newspaper interviews (including the New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal).

Dr. Hotez's detailed biography can be found at <https://peterhotez.org/>.

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