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Peter was trained as a molecular biologist at Cambridge and Stanford, California and has since worked at Imperial College, the MRC National Institute for Medical Research and the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), all in London. From 1999 to 2011 he was Chief Executive of the ICR, where he remains as Professor Emeritus of Developmental Biology. His research has been concerned with the regulation of gene expression during the development of the vertebrate embryo.

As well as being a Director of the Company of Biologists, he serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustee Directors of the Babraham Institute and is a member of the Board of Marie Curie. He previously served as a Governor of the Wellcome Trust, the global charitable foundation, where he was Deputy Chairman from 2010 to 2013.

He has had extensive experience of advising research funders and biotechnology companies, and was for thirteen years the European Editor of *Cell*.

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