

Nobel Laureate Anecdotes

Part 2

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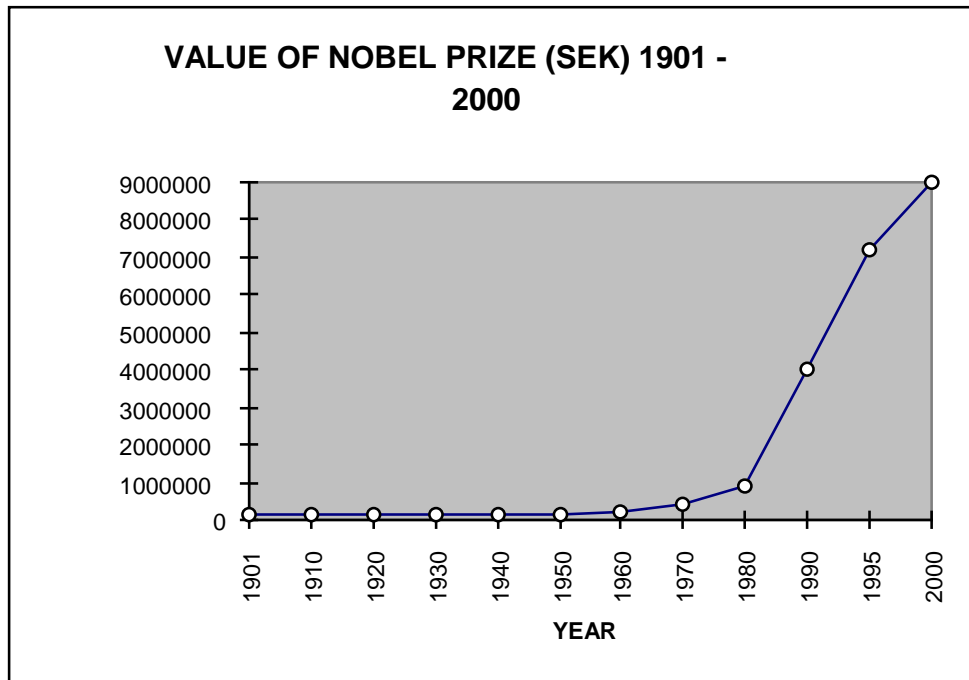
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Growth of Nobel Prize Money



How Do Nobel Laureates Spend Their Winnings?

Albert Einstein (Physics, 1921) used his winnings as part of his divorce settlement from Mileva Maric in 1919.

Michael Smith (Chemistry, 1999) donated his winnings to research on schizophrenia, science outreach programs, and the encouragement of women in science.

Dorothy H. Crowfoot (Chemistry, 1964) donated her winnings to various charities.

Günther Blobel (Medicine, 1999) used his winnings to help in the reconstruction of Dresden, Germany after its destruction in World War II.

Philip W. Anderson (Physics, 1977) bought a new family home.

Frederick Banting (Medicine, 1923) shared part of his prize money with his graduate student Charles Best and **J.J.R. Macleod** (Medicine, 1923) shared his part with the biochemist J.B. Collip who found a method of isolating insulin from the islets of Langerhans in pancreas tissue.

Harold Urey (Chemistry, 1934) shared his prize with F.G. Brickwedde and G.M. Murphy.*

*Personal communication from Dr. Joel S. Leventhal, Emeritus Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, November 28, 2005.

Parallels Between Nobel Prize Winners and Wolf Prize Winners

(see <http://www.aquanet.co.il/wolf/wolfpriz.html>)

| SCIENTIST | WOLF PRIZE | NOBEL PRIZE |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| John C. Polanyi | Chemistry, 1982 | Chemistry, 1986 |
| Rudolph A. Marcus | Chemistry, 1984/5 | Chemistry, 1992 |
| Elias J. Corey | Chemistry, 1986 | Chemistry, 1990 |
| Richard R. Ernst | Chemistry, 1991 | Chemistry, 1991 |
| John A. Pople | Chemistry, 1992 | Chemistry, 1998 |
| Ahmed Zewail | Chemistry, 1993 | Chemistry, 1999 |
| Ryoji Noyori | Chemistry, 2001 | Chemistry, 2001 |
| K. Barry Sharpless | Chemistry, 2001 | Chemistry, 2001 |
| Kenneth G. Wilson | Physics, 1980 | Physics, 1982 |
| Gerhardus 't Hooft | Physics, 1981 | Physics, 1999 |
| Riccardo Giacconi | Physics, 1987 | Physics, 2002 |
| Pierre-Gilles de Gennes | Physics, 1990 | Physics, 1991 |
| Joseph H. Taylor, Jr. | Physics, 1992 | Physics, 1993 |
| Raymond Davis Jr. | Physics, 2000 | Physics, 2002 |
| Masatoshi Koshihira | Physics, 2000 | Physics, 2002 |
| Roger W. Sperry | Medicine, 1979 | Medicine, 1981 |
| Arvid Carlsson | Medicine, 1979 | Medicine, 2000 |
| Cesar Milstein | Medicine, 1980 | Medicine, 1984 |
| Barbara McClintock | Medicine, 1981 | Medicine, 1983 |
| Cohen, Stanley S. | Medicine, 1981 | Medicine, 1986 |
| Sir James W. Black | Medicine, 1982 | Medicine, 1988 |
| Edward B. Lewis | Medicine, 1989 | Medicine, 1995 |
| Stanley B. Prusiner | Medicine, 1995/6 | Medicine, 1997 |
| Eric R. Kandel | Medicine, 1999 | Medicine, 2000 |

Brain Gain vs. Brain Drain

(see Nobel Anecdotes Part 1)

Top importers of Nobel Laureates:

1. United States
2. Great Britain

Top exporters of Nobel Laureates:

1. Germany
2. Austria
3. Canada
4. Hungary
5. Italy
6. Poland

Scientists whose achievements were not recognized by a Nobel Prize

| SCIENTIST | CATEGORY | ACHIEVEMENT |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| AVERY, OSWALD | MED | discovery that DNA is source of heredity |
| BARTLETT, NEIL | CHEM | discovery of noble gas compounds |
| BERNAL, JOHN D. | CHEM | x-ray structure of hemoglobin |
| DYSON, FREEMAN | PHYS | contributions to quantum electrodynamic theory |
| FURKA, ARPAD | CHEM | combinatorial chemistry concept |
| GOMBERG, MOSES | CHEM | discovery of stable organic radicals |
| GOUDSMIT, SAMUEL | PHYS | concept of electron spin to explain atomic fine structure |
| HEIDELBERGER, MICHAEL | MED | discovery that DNA is source of heredity |
| HEITLER, WALTER | PHYS | contributions to quantum theory and atomic structure |
| HORNYKIEWICZ, OLEH | MED | discovery of connection between L-dopamine deficiency and Parkinson's disease |
| HUND, FRIEDRICH | PHYS | contributions to quantum mechanics and structure of matter |
| INGOLD, CHRISTOPHER K. | CHEM | concepts in mechanistic chemistry |
| KAMEN, MARTIN | CHEM | discovery of C-14 isotope |
| KATO, GENICHI | MED | muscle and nerve fibers, reflex inhibitory and |

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| | | excitatory nerves |
| KEILIN, DAVID | MED | discovery of cytochromes; cell respiration |
| KUFFLER, STANLEY W. | MED | receptive field arrangements of cat retinal-ganglion cells |
| LEWIS, GILBERT N. | CHEM | concepts in chemical structure and bonding |
| LONDON, FRIEDRICH | PHYS | contributions to theoretical chemistry and physics |
| MACLEOD, COLIN | MED | discovery that DNA is source of heredity |
| MCCARTY, MACLYN | MED | discovery that DNA is source of heredity |
| MENDELEEV, DIMITRI I. | CHEM | discovery of periodicity law of elements and concept of periodic table |
| PIMENTEL, GEORGE | CHEM | contributions to reaction dynamics |
| RUBEN, SAMUEL | CHEM | discovery of C-14 isotope |
| SABIN, ALBERT | MED | discovery of polio vaccine |
| SALK, JONAS E. | MED | discovery of polio vaccine |
| SCHLENK, WILHELM | CHEM | discovery of stable organic radicals |
| SHECHTMAN, DAN | PHYS | discovery of quasicrystals |
| SOMMERFELD, ARNOLD | PHYS | contributions to atomic structure |
| SZILARD, LEO | PHYS | contributions to nuclear physics (fission, chain reaction) |
| TELLER, EDWARD | PHYS | contributions to theoretical physics |
| THOMAS, L.H. | PHYS | discovery of relativistic effect necessary to explain observed fine structure with respect to concept of spin |
| TSWETT, MIKHAIL | CHEM | discovery of chromatographic separation |
| UHLENBECK, G.E. | PHYS | concept of electron spin to explain atomic fine structure |
| WINSTEIN, SAUL* | CHEM | contributions to mechanistic chemistry |
| WESTHEIMER, FRANK | CHEM | contributions to mechanistic chemistry |

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Missing scientists from recognized Nobel Prizes

| NOBEL PRIZE | WINNERS | MISSING SCIENTISTS |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1901 MED | VON BEHRING, EMIL | KITASATO, SHIBASABURO |
| 1914 PHYS | VON LAUE, MAX | EWALD, PAUL |
| 1914 PHYS | VON LAUE, MAX | FRIEDRICH, WALTER |
| 1914 PHYS | VON LAUE, MAX | KNIPPING, PAUL |
| 1923 MED | BANTING, FREDRICK | BEST, CHARLES |
| 1927 MED | FIBIGER, JOHANNES | YAMAGIWA, KATSUSABURO |
| 1930 PHYS | RAMAN, C.V. | MANDELSTAM, L.I. |
| 1930 PHYS | RAMAN, C.V. | KRISHNAN, K.S. |
| 1930PHYS | RAMAN, C.V. | LANDSBERG, G.S. |
| 1931 MED | WARBURG, OTTO; LIPMANN, FRITZ A. | ENGELHARDT, VLADIMIR A. |
| 1944 CHEM | HAHN, OTTO | MEITNER, LISE |
| 1944 CHEM | HAHN, OTTO | STRASSMANN, FRITZ |
| 1944 CHEM | HAHN, OTTO | FRITSCH, OTTO |
| 1951 CHEM | SEABORG, GLENN MCMILLAN, EDWIN M. | KENNEDY, JOSEPH; ABELSON, P.* |
| 1952 MED | WAKSMAN, SELMAN A. | SCHATZ, ALBERT I. |
| 1954 CHEM | PAULING, LINUS | ASTBURY, WILLIAM T. LEWIS, GILBERT N. |
| 1957 PHYS | YANG, CHEN N.; LEE, TSUNG-DAO | WU, CHIEN-SHIUNG |
| 1959 PHYS | SEGRE, EMILE; CHAMBERLAIN, OWEN | WIEGAND, CLYDE |
| 1959 PHYS | SEGRE, EMILE; CHAMBERLAIN, OWEN | YPSILANTIS, THOMAS J. |
| 1960 CHEM | LIBBY, WILLARD | ANDERSON, ERNEST C. ARNOLD, JAMES* |
| 1961 CHEM | CALVIN MELVIN | RUBEN, SAMUEL* KAMEN, MARTIN* |
| 1962 MED | WATSON, JAMES; CRICK, FRANCIS; | FRANKLIN, ROSALIND |

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| | WILKINS, MAURICE | |
| 1962 MED | WATSON, JAMES; CRICK, FRANCIS; WILKINS, MAURICE | CHARGAFF, EUGENE |
| 1969 CHEM | BARTON, DEREK; HASSEL, O. | PITZER, KENNETH S. |
| 1969 PHYS | GELL-MANN, MURRAY | NE'EMANN, YUVAL |
| 1973 CHEM | WILKINSON, GEOFFREY | WOODWARD, ROBERT B. |
| 1974 PHYS | HEWISH, ANTONY | BELL, JOCELYN |
| 1977 MED | YALOW, ROSALYN | BERSON, SOLOMON |
| 1980 CHEM | GILBERT, WALTER | SVERDLOV, EUGENE |
| 1981 PHYS | SCHAWLOW, ARTHUR L.; TOWNES, CHARLES H. | GOULD, GORDON |
| 1982 PHYS | WILSON, KENNETH G. | KADANOFF, LEO |
| 1982 PHYS | WILSON, KENNETH G. | FISHER, MICHAEL |
| 1985 CHEM | KARLE, JEROME; HAUPTMAN, HERBERT A. | KARLE, ISABELLA |
| 1986 MED | LEVI-MONTALCINI, RITA | HAMBURGER, VIKTOR |
| 1995 CHEM | CRUTZEN, PAUL | JOHNSTON, HAROLD S. |
| 1996 CHEM | KROTO, HARRY; SMALLEY, RICHARD; CURL, ROBERT | HUFFMAN, DONALD |
| 1996 CHEM | KROTO, HARRY; SMALLEY, RICHARD; CURL, ROBERT | KRAETSCHMER, WOLFGANG |
| 1997 MED | PRUSINER, STANLEY | WEISSMANN, CHARLES |
| 1998 MED | FURCHGOTT, ROBERT F.; IGNARRO, LOUIS J.; MURAD, FERID | MONCADA, SALVADOR |
| 2001 CHEM | NOYORI, R.; KNOWLES, W.S.; SHARPLESS, K.B. | KAGAN, HENRI |

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Those missing scientists from recognized or unrecognized Nobel Prizes who received Wolf Prizes

| SCIENTIST | WOLF PRIZE |
|-----------|------------|
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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Pimentel, George | Chemistry, 1982 |
| Kagan, Henri | Chemistry, 2001 |
| Wu, Chien-Shiung | Physics, 1978 |
| Uhlenbeck, George | Physics, 1979 |
| Fisher, Michael Ellis | Physics, 1980 |
| Kadanoff, Leo P. | Physics, 1980 |
| Dyson, Freeman J. | Physics, 1981 |
| Shechtman, Dan | Physics, 1999 |
| Hornykiewicz, Oleh | Medicine, 1979 |
| McCarty, Maclyn | Medicine, 1990 |

Compilation of non-Nobel Laureate scientists cited in Hargittai's book

| NAME OF SCIENTIST | SCIENCE | DATES | BORN | PHD | PHD | PHD ADVISOR | POST-DOC | POST-DOC ADVISOR |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | TYPE | | | YEAR | LOCATION | | LOCATION | |
| AHLQUIST, RAYMOND PERRY | pharmacologist | 1914 - | Missoula, Montana, USA | 1940 | WASHINGTON | DILLE, JAMES M. | | |
| AMALDI, EDOARDO | physicist | 1908 - | Carpaneto, Italy | 1929 | ROME | SEGRE, EMILIO | | |
| ANDERSON, ERNEST CARL | physicist | 1920 - | Rock Island, Illinois, USA | 1949 | CHICAGO | LIBBY, WILLARD | COPENHAGEN | |
| ASTBURY, WILLIAM THOMAS | x-ray crystallographer | 1889 - 1961 | London, England | 1919 | CAMBRIDGE | HUTCHINSON, A. | ROY. INST. GR. BRITAIN | BRAGG, SIR WILLIAM HENRY |
| AVERY, OSTWALD THEODORE | medicine | 1877 - 1955 | Halifax, Canada | 1904 | COLUMBIA (MD) | | | |
| BANGA, ILONA | chemist | 1906 - | Hodmezovasarhely, Hungary | 1929 | SZEGED | | VIENNA; BUDAPEST | SZENT-GYORGI, ALBERT |
| BARANY, ANDERS | physicist | | | | UPPSALA | | | |
| BARTLETT, NEIL | chemist | 1932 - | Newcastle, England | 1957 | DURHAM | ROBINSON, PERRY L. | | |
| BASTIANSEN, OTTO | chemist | 1918 - 1995 | Norway | | OSLO | HASSEL, OTTO | | |
| BELL-BURNELL, S. JOCELYN | physicist | 1943 - | Belfast, Northern Ireland | 1968 | CAMBRIDGE | HEWISH, ANTONY | | |
| BERGMANN, MAX | chemist | 1886 - 1944 | Fuerth, Germany | 1911 | BERLIN | BLOCH, IGNAZ | BERLIN | FISCHER, EMIL |

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| BERSON, SOLOMON AARON | medicine | 1918 - 1972 | NYC, NY, USA | 1945 | NYU (MD) | | | |
| BERSTROEM, INGMAR | physicist | | Sweden | | | | | |
| BONHOEFFER, KARL FRIEDRICH | physicist | 1899 - 1957 | Breslau, Prussia | 1922 | BERLIN | NERNST, WALTER; HABER, FRITZ | KW0-BERLIN | HARTECK, PAUL |
| BONNER, JAMES F. | biologist | 1910 - 1996 | Ansley, Nebraska, USA | 1934 | CAL TECH | DOLK, HERMAN E.; THIMANN, KENNETH V. | UTRECHT; ZURICH | KRUYT; WENT, F.A.F.C.; FREY-WYSSLING, A. |
| BRADLEY, DAN FORDHAM | biochemist | 1929 - | Toledo, Ohio, USA | 1953 | UC BERKELEY | CALVIN, MELVIN | | |
| BURN, HAROLD | biologist | | | | | | | |
| CHARGAFF, ERWIN | chemist | 1905 - | Chernovtsy, Ukraine | 1928 | VIENNA | FEIGL, FRITZ | YALE; BERLIN; INST. PASTEUR | |
| CHEKHOV, ANTON PAVLOVICH | medicine | 1860 - 1904 | Taganrog, Russia | 1884 | MOSCOW (MD) | | | |
| CHIBNALL, ALBERT C. | biochemist | 1894 - 1988 | London, England | 1922 | IMP. COLL. | BLACKMAN, F.F.; SCHRYVER, S.B. | YALE | MENDEL, L.B. |
| DARWIN, CHARLES GALTON | physicist | 1897 - 1962 | Cambridge, England | 1910 | MANCHESTER | RUTHERFORD, ERNEST | CAMBRIDGE | FOWLER, R.H. |
| DE KRUIF, PAUL | bacteriologist | 1890 - | Zeeland, Michigan, USA | 1916 | MICHIGAN | NOVY, FREDERICK G. | ROCKEFELLER | NORTHROP, JOHN |
| DHAR, N.R. | chemist | 1892 - | Jessore, Bengal, E. Pakistan | 1917, 1919 | LONDON; SORBONNE | URBAIN, GEORGES | | |
| DUBOS, RENE JULES | bacteriologist | 1901 - 1982 | Saint-Brice, France | 1927 | RUTGERS | | ROCKEFELLER | |
| DYSON, FREEMAN JOHN | physicist | 1923 - | Crowthorne, England | 1945 | | | CORNELL; PRINCETON | BETHE, HANS A. |
| EDSALL, JOHN TILESTON | medicine | 1902 - | Philadelphia, USA | 1928 | HARVARD (MD) | | | |
| EKSPONG, GOSTA ELGUERO, JOSE | physicist | | | | | | | |
| ENGELHARDT, VLADIMIR A. | biochemist | 1894 - 1984 | Moscow, Russia | 1919 | MOSCOW (MD) | | | |
| EPP, OTTO | biochemist | | | | | | | |
| ERNSTER, LARS | Biochemist | 1920 - 1998 | Hungary | | | | | |
| EWALD, PAUL P. | physicist | 1888 - 1985 | Berlin, Germany | 1912 | MUNICH | SOMMERFELD, ARNOLD | GOETTINGEN | HILBERT, DAVID |
| FISHER, MICHAEL | physicist | 1931 - | Fyzabad, Trinidad | 1957 | LONDON | DOMB, CYRIL | | |

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| ELLIS | | | | | | | | |
| FRAHM, JENS | physicist | | | 1977 | GOETTINGEN | | | |
| FRANCIS, THOMAS JR. | medicine | 1900 - | Gas City, Indiana, USA | 1925 | YALE (MD) | | ROCKEFELLER | |
| FRANK, NATHANIEL HERMAN | physicist | 1903 - | Boston, Mass., USA | 1926 | MIT | GOODWIN, H.M. | | |
| FREDGA, ARNE | chemist | 1902 - | Uppsala, Sweden | 1935 | UPPSALA | RAMBERG, LUDWIG | | |
| FRIEDRICH, WALTER | physicist | 1883 - | Salbke, Germany | 1911 | MUNICH | ROENTGEN, WILHELM C. | | |
| FRISCH, OTTO ROBERT | physicist | 1904 - | Vienna, Austria | 1926 | VIENNA | PRZIBRAM, KARL | | |
| FRUTON, JOSEPH STEWART | biochemist | 1912 - | Czestochowa, Poland | 1935 | COLUMBIA | CLARKE, HANS T. | ROCKEFELLER | BERGMANN, MAX |
| FULLER, MICHAEL | lab steward | | England | | | | | |
| FURKA, ARPAD | chemist | 1931 - | Kristyor, Romania | 1959 | SZEGED | FODOR, GABOR | ALBERTA | SMILLIE, L.B. |
| GARFIELD, EUGENE ELI | chemist | 1925 - | NYC, NY, USA | 1961 | PENNSYLVANIA | | | |
| GOLDHABER, MAURICE | physicist | 1911 - | Lemberg, Austria | 1936 | CAMBRIDGE | CHADWICK, JAMES | | |
| GOULD, GORDON | physicist | 1920 - | NYC, NY, USA | 1952 | COLUMBIA (MSC) | | | |
| GREENSPAN, NANCY | | | | | | | | |
| GRIFFITH, JOHN S. | mathematician | | England | | | | | |
| GROWE, G.R. | physicist | | England | | | RUTHERFORD, ERNEST | | |
| HAMBURGER, VIKTOR | zoologist | 1900 - | Landeshut, Germany | 1925 | FREIBURG | | KWI-BERLIN; CHICAGO | |
| HARGITAI, ISTVAN | chemist | 1941 - | Hungary | 1972 | EOTVOS | | | |
| HEPPEL, LEON ALMA | biochemist | 1912 - | Granger, Utah, USA | 1938 | UC BERKELEY | | | |
| HERRING, CONYERS | physicist | 1914 - | Scotia, NY, USA | 1937 | PRINCETON | WIGNER, EUGENE | MIT | |
| HETTNER, GERHARD | physicist | 1892 - 1968 | Berlin, Germany | 1918 | BERLIN | RUBENS, HANS | | |
| HILLMANN, GUENTHER | biochemist | 1919 - 1975 | Ludwigslust, Germany | 1947 | BERLIN | BUTENANDT, A. | | |
| HORECKER, | biochemist | 1914 - | Chicago, Illinois, | 1940 | CHICAGO | HOGRESS, THORTIN R. | | |

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| BERNARD LEONARD | | | USA | | | | | |
| HORNYKIEWICZ, OLEH | medicine | 1926 - | Sykhiv, Ukraine | 1951 | VIENNA (MD) | | | |
| HUFFMAN, DONALD RAY | physicist | 1935 - | Fort Worth, Texas, USA | 1966 | UC RIVERSIDE | WILD, ROBERT L. | FRANKFURT | |
| HYLLERAAS, EGIL ANDERSEN | physicist | 1898 - 1965 | Engerdal, Norway | 1924 | OSLO | VEGARD, LARS | GOETTINGEN | |
| IMANISHI-KARI, THEREZA | immunologist | | | | | | | |
| JOHNSTON, HAROLD SLEDGE | chemist | 1920 - | Woodstock, Georgia, USA | 1948 | CAL TECH | | | |
| KADANOFF, LEO PHILIP | physicist | 1937 - | NYC, NY, USA | 1960 | HARVARD | MARTIN, PAUL C. | | |
| KALCKAR, HERMAN MORITZ | biochemist | 1908 - 1991 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 1933 | COPENHAGEN | LUNDSGAARD, EJNAR; LIPMANN, FRITZ | CAL TECH; WASHINGTON (ST. LOUIS) | PAULING, L.; CORI, G., CORI, C. |
| KAMEN, MARTIN DAVID | physicist | 1913 - | Toronto, Canada | 1937 | CHICAGO | HARKINS, WILLIAM D. | UC BERKELEY | MCMILLAN, EDWIN |
| KARMAN, THEODORE VON | aerospace | 1881 - 1963 | Budapest, Hungary | 1908 | GOETTINGEN | PRANDTL, LUDWIG | | |
| KATO, GENICHI | medicine | 1890 - 1979 | Japan | | | | | |
| KEILIN, DAVID | biochemist | 1887 - 1963 | Moscow, Russia | 1914 | SORBONNE | CAULLERY, MAURICE | | |
| KITASATO, SHIBASABURO | medicine | 1856 - 1931 | Kumamoto, Japan | 1883 | TOKYO (MD) | | GERMANY | KOCH, ROBERT |
| KLEIN, OSKAR BENJAMIN | physicist | 1894 - | Moerby, Sweden | 1921 | STOCKHOLM | | | |
| KNIPPING, C.M. PAUL | physicist | 1883 - 1935 | Neuweid, Germany | 1913 | MUNICH | ROENTGEN, WILHELM C. | | |
| KRAETSCHMER, WOLFGANG | chemist | 1941 - | Germany | 1971 | MPI-NUCLEAR PHYSICS | GENTNER, WOLFGANG | | |
| KRISHNAN, K.S. | physicist | 1898 - 1961 | Watrap, Madras, India | 1920 | CALCUTTA | RAMAN, C.V. | | |
| KUFFLER, STEPHEN W. | biochemist | 1913 - 1980 | Tap, Hungary | 1937 | VIENNA (MD) | KATZ, BERNARD (MENTOR) | SYDNEY | ECCLES, JACK C. |
| LANDSBERG, GRIGORII S. | physicist | 1890 - 1957 | Vologda, Russia | 1915? | MOSCOW | MANDELSTAM, LEONID I. | | |

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| LILJESTRAND, GOERAN | medicine | 1886 - | Gothenburg, Sweden | 1917 | STOCKHOLM (MD) | | | |
| LIVINGSTON, M. STANLEY | physicist | 1905 - 1986 | Broadhead, Wisconsin, USA | 1931 | UC BERKELEY | LAWRENCE, ERNEST O. | | |
| LYSENKO, TROFIM DENISOVICH | geneticist | 1898 - 1976 | Karlovka, Ukraine | 1921 | BELAYA TSEKOV SELECTION STN., KIEV | | | |
| LYUBIMOVA, MILITZA | biochemist | | Russia | | | | | |
| MADDOX, SIR JOHN ROYDEN | physicist | 1925 - | England | | LONDON | | ROCKEFELLER | |
| MAJORANA, ETTORE | physicist | | Italy | | | | | |
| MANDELSTAM, LEONID I. | physicist | 1879 - 1944 | Mogilev, Russia | 1902 | STRASBOUR G | BRAUN, F. | | |
| MARK, HERMANN FRANZ | chemist | 1895 - | Vienna, Austria | 1921 | VIENNA | SCHLENK, WILHELM | BERLIN | |
| MARSH, RICHARD EDWARD | chemist | 1922 - | Jackson, Michigan, USA | 1951 | UCLA | PAULING, LINUS | CAL TECH | |
| MATTHAEI, HEINRICH J. | biochemist | | Germany | | | | NIH | NIRENBERG, MARSHALL W. |
| MIKI, KUNIO | biochemist | | Japan | | | | | |
| MILEVA, MARIC | physicist | 1875 - 1948 | Titel, Yugoslavia | | ETH | | | |
| MIRSKY, ALFRED EZRA | biochemist | 1900 - 1974 | Flushing, NY, USA | 1926 | CAMBRIDGE/ HARVARD | HENDERSON, LAWRENCE J. | | |
| MITTAG-LEFFLER, MANGUS GOSTA | mathematician | 1846 - 1927 | Stockholm, Sweden | 1872 | UPPSALA | | PARIS; BERLIN | HERMITE, C.; WEIERSTRASS, K. |
| MONCADA, SALVADOR E. | biochemist | 1944 - | Tegucigalpa, Honduras | 1973 | LONDON | VANE, JOHN R. | | |
| MUELLER-HILL, BENNO | geneticist | 1933 - | Germany | | | | HARVARD | GILBERT, WALTER |
| NE'EMANN, YUVAL | physicist | 1925 - | Tel-Aviv, Israel | 1961 | LONDON | | CAL TECH | GELL-MANN, MURRAY |
| NESMEYANOV, ALEKSANDR N. | chemist | 1899 - 1980 | Moscow, Russia | 1920 | MOSCOW STATE | | | |
| OLIPHANT, SIR MARCUS L.E. | physicist | 1901 - 2000 | Adelaide, Australia | 1929 | CAMBRIDGE | RUTHERFORD, ERNEST | | |
| OPARIN, ALEKSANDR | biochemist | 1894 - 1980 | Uglic, Russia | 1921 | MOSCOW | | HEIDELBERG | KOSSEL, ALBRECHT |

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| IVANOVICH | | | | | | | | |
| OVCHINNIKOV, YURI ANATOLEVICH | medicine | 1934 - 1988 | Moscow, Russia | 1957 | MOSCOW | ARBUZOV, YU. A. | | |
| PAIS, ABRAHAM | physicist | 1918 - | Amsterdam, Holland | 1941 | UTRECHT | | | |
| POPPER, ERWIN | medicine | | | | VIENNA | LANDERSTEINER, KARL | | |
| RALL, THEODORE WILLIAM | biochemist | 1928 - | Chicago, Illinois, USA | 1953 | CHICAGO | LEHNINGER, ALBERT | WESTERN RESERVE | |
| RESETTI, | physicist | | Italy | | | | | |
| RUBEN, SAMUEL | physicist | 1900 - | Harrison, NJ, USA | 1938 | UC BERKELEY | MCMILLAN, EDWIN; LIBBY, WILLARD | | |
| RYAN, FRANCIS JOSEPH | zoologist | 1916 - | Brooklyn, NY, USA | 1941 | COLUMBIA | TATUM, E.L. | STANFORD | |
| SABIN, ALBERT BRUCE | medicine | 1906 - 1993 | Poland | 1931 | NYU (MD) | | | |
| SALK, JONAS EDWARD | medicine | 1914 - 1995 | NY City, NY, USA | 1939 | NYU (MD) | | | |
| SCHAEFER, FITZPETER | physicist | 1931 - | Bad Hersfeld, Germany | 1960 | MARBURG | | | |
| SCHATZ, ALBERT ISRAEL | medicine | 1920 - | Norwich, Connecticut, USA | 1945 | RUTGERS | WAKSMAN, SELMAN | SLOAN-KETTERING INST. | |
| SELA, MICHAEL | biochemist | 1924 - | Tomaszow, Poland | 1954 | HEBREW U. | | GENEVA; NIH | ANFINSEN, A.B.; HARRINGTON, WILLIAM F. |
| SHECHTMAN, DAN | physicist | | | 1972 | TECHNION | | WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB | |
| SILLEN, LARS GUNNAR | chemist | 1916 - | Sweden | | | | | |
| SONNEBORN, TRACY MORTON | geneticist | 1905 - 1981 | Baltimore, Maryland, USA | 1928 | JOHNS HOPKINS | JENNINGS, HERBERT S. | | |
| STENT, GUNTHER SIEGMUND | chemist | 1924 - | Berlin, Germany | 1948 | ILLINOIS | WALL, FREDERICK T. | CAL TECH; COPENHAGEN; PASTEUR INST. | |
| SVERDLOV, EUGENE D. | medicine | | Russia | | | | | |
| TABOR, HERBERT | medicine | 1918 - | NYC, NY, USA | 1941 | HARVARD (MD) | | | |
| TRUTER, MARY ROSALEEN (NEE JACKMAN) | x-ray crystallographer | | England | 1952 | LEEDS | COX, ERNEST GORDON | | |
| VAINSHTAIN, | physicist | 1921 - | Moscow, Russia | 1945 | MOSCOW | | | |

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| BORIS K. VON VERSCHWER, OTMAR | medicine | 1896 - 1996 | Richelsdorfer, Germany | 1923 | MUNICH (MD) | | TUEBINGEN | |
| WADDINGTON, CONRAD HAL | geneticist | 1905 - 1975 | Evesham, England | 1938 | CAMBRIDGE | HALDANE, J.B.S.; NEEDHAM, J.; NEEDHAM, D.M. | | |
| WEBER, KLAUS | biochemist | | Germany | | | | HARVARD | WATSON, JAMES |
| WEIDEL, WOLFHARD | chemist | 1916 - | Magdeburg, Germany | 1940 | BERLIN | BUTENANDT, A. | | |
| WEISSMANN, CHARLES | biochemist | | | | | KARRER, PAUL | NYU | OCHOA, SEVERO |
| WERGELAND, HARALD | physicist | | | | | | | |
| WHETTEN, ROBERT LLOYD | chemist | 1959 - | Mesa, Arizona, USA | 1948 | CORNELL | GRANT, EDWARD R. | | BERNSTEIN, RICHARD |
| WHITEHEAD, ALFRED NORTH | mathematician | 1861 - 1947 | Ramsgate, Kent, England | 1905 | CAMBRIDGE | | | |
| WIDMAN, KARL OSKAR | chemist | 1852 - 1930 | Uppsala, Sweden | 1877 | UPPSALA | | | |
| WIEGAND, CLYDE EDWARD | physicist | 1915 - | Long Beach, Wash., USA | 1951 | UC BERKELEY | CHAMBELAIN, OWEN; SEGRE, EMILE | | |
| WOLLMAN, ELIE L. | biochemist | | | | | | INST. PASTEUR | JACOB, FRANCOIS |
| WOOLLEY, DILWORTH WAYNE | biochemist | 1914 - | Raymond, Alberta, Canada | 1938 | WISCONSIN | PETERSON, W.H. | ROCKEFELLER | |
| WU, CHIEN- SHIUNG | physicist | 1913 - 1997 | Shanghai, China | 1940 | UC BERKELEY | SEGRE, EMILE | | |
| YAMAGIWA, KATSUSABURO | medicine | 1863 - 1930 | | | | | | |
| YOST, DONALD MERLIN LEE | chemist | 1893 - 1977 | Tedrow, Ohio, USA | 1926 | CAL TECH | NOYES, A.A. | UPPSALA; BERLIN | SIEGBAHN, MANNE; PRINGSHEIM, PETER |
| YPSILANTIS, THOMAS JOHN | physicist | 1928 - | Salt Lake City, Utah, USA | 1956 | UC BERKELEY | SEGRE, EMILE G. | | |
| ZECHMEISTER, LASZLO | biochemist | 1889 - 1972 | Gyor, Hungary | 1913 | ETH | WILLSTATTER, RICHARD | KWI-BERLIN; COPENHAGEN | HEVESY, GEORGE DE |

Ingredients for success in science

I have always had the feeling that the most efficient way of restituting the benefits that are generously bestowed upon us by the society is by teaching. But why seek such categorical imperatives? I simply love my job as a teacher, and as we all know, one can give only what one has.

Artistic and intellectual goods differ essentially from material ones: by sharing them, they do not diminish but instead they increase and amplify; on being given to others, they are not lost to their owners, but they flourish.

Synthetic organic chemistry may be compared to architecture, because as in architecture, one first sketches a plan and then one proceeds to assemble complex molecules from a few well-defined building blocks.

Research must be learnt from a master, a professor, or a well-qualified researcher. This is the meaning of a scientific school (or a research school), that is often mentioned without actually knowing how it works. The professor must be allowed to choose his/her disciples for creating such a school. It is a costly error to permit that the graduates' selection towards research or factory jobs be dictated by anonymous irresponsible office holders.

A scientific leader is at most like a conductor of an orchestra, or even less, like a movie director. Success depends on the talent of the performers or of the actors. The role of the scientific director is to coordinate research, but at the same time the director has to perform research and to read the literature along with the team.

The mediocre persons in research must not outnumber the creative people, and the mediocre persons must not reach leading positions. In the former case, the creative people would be stifled because they work alone whereas mediocrity is quickly gregarious and powerfully efficient against the better ones. In the latter case, creative elements would be eliminated from the outset because a mediocre leader will choose to become surrounded by similar or inferior associates.

-- Costin Nenitzescu in Balaban, A.T.; Banciu, M.D. *The Chemical Intelligencer*, April 1999, 36

Interactions with other people

A decisive influence for a research career is for it to be launched in a strong environment. The adviser counts the most, but the whole atmosphere is important, the other professors and fellow students, the technological level of the institution, the visitors, and so on. The research seminar is probably the single most critical ingredient in shaping the young researcher's career. It broadens his horizon, introduces him to new fields and outside scientists, with different styles and approaches, and teaches him how to conduct scientific discussions. The beginner sees how questions are asked and answered, witnesses the debates, and gradually becomes part of the process. -- I. Hargittai (p. 129)

Avoid dumb people...always turn to people who are brighter than yourself. -- James Watson (p. 130)

From my late teens I understood that bright people hang out with other bright people. -- Carleton Gajdusek (p. 130)

James Black learned the tremendous importance of contacts with colleagues, and how vital it is to normalize one's intellectual activity. -- I. Hargittai (p. 130 - 131)

The importance of being surrounded by bright minds either by design or by luck in a "great" institution:

Cal Tech: C. Gajdusek, Aage Bohr, Jack Dunitz, R. Feynman, B. Mandelbrot, Linus Pauling, Gunther Stent, James Watson, Ellie Wollman, Wolf Weidel

Indiana: James Watson, H.J. Muller, Salvador Luria, Renato Dulbecco, Max Delbruck

Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge University: Fred Sanger, Max Perutz, John Kendrew, Francis Crick, James Watson, Aaron Klug, Cesar Milstein, G. Kohler, John Walker

Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University: Ernest Rutherford was the Director working with Edward Appleton, Francis Aston, Patrick Blackett, James Chadwick, John Cockcroft, Paul Dirac, Pyotr Kapitsa, Nevill Mott, Joseph J. Thomson, Ernest Walton, and Charles Wilson

UC Berkeley:* Ernest O. Lawrence, Edwin McMillan, Glenn Seaborg, Emilio Segre, Owen Chamberlain, Luis Alvarez, J. Robert Oppenheimer, G.N. Lewis, W. Latimer, W.F. Giaouque, W. Libby, K.S. Pitzer, J. Hildebrand

Copenhagen: Niels Bohr, Paul Dirac, Werner Heisenberg, Georg Hevesy, Lev Landau, Nevill Mott, Wolfgang Pauli, Harold Urey, John Wheeler, Ivar Waller

University of Berlin: Albert Einstein, Max Planck, Max von Laue, Walter Nernst, Denis Gabor, Werner Heisenberg, Wolfgang Pauli, Eugene Wigner

University of Munich: Arnold Sommerfeld, Wolfgang Pauli, Werner Heisenberg, Fritz London, Hans A. Bethe, Georg Wentzel, Karl Herzfeld, Walter Heitler

University of Goettingen: Max Born, J. Robert Oppenheimer, Maria Goeppert-Mayer, Viktor Weisskopf, Friedrich Hund, Max Delbrück, Peter Debye, Erich Hückel

Washington University at St. Louis: Carl Cori, Gerti Cori, Viktor Hamburger, Marshall W. Nirenberg, Heinrich Matthaei, Michael Sela, Edwin G. Krebs, Earl W. Sutherland

Rockefeller University: Gerald Edelman, George Palade, Fritz Lipmann, Gunther Blobel, David Baltimore, Henry G. Kunkel, Bruce Merrifield, Max Bergmann, Stanford Moore, William Stein, Sir John Maddox, Daniel Nathans

Harvard University: Paul D. Bartlett, Konrad Bloch, Louis Fieser, George Kistiakowski, Eugene G. Rochow, Frank Westheimer, E. Bright Wilson Jr., Robert B. Woodward, Elias J. Corey

Vienna: Peter Rona, Ernst Chain, Fritz Lipmann, Hans Krebs

Wisconsin: Eugene Wigner, Joshua Lederberg, Har Gobind Khorana, Howard Temin, Michael Smith, John van Vleck, John Bardeen, Peter Debye, Paul Boyer

University of Chicago:* Arthur Compton, Enrico Fermi, Willard Libby, Maria Goeppert-Mayer, Robert S. Mulliken, Henry Taube, Edward Teller, Harold Urey

Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies:* Albert Einstein, J. Robert Oppenheimer, Albert Pais

Los Alamos National Laboratory:* J. Robert Oppenheimer, Hans Bethe, Richard P. Feynman, Edward Teller, George Kistiakowski, Robert R. Wilson

*Personal communication from Dr. Joel S. Leventhal, Emeritus Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, November 28, 2005.

Mentorship

- Guide student to read important papers in literature
- Influence by example
- Encourage student independence; letting them shine
- Revise student first drafts of papers
- Allow students to write their own papers
- Emulate and imitate writing style of admired mentor

A good research student is like a fire which needs but a match to start it. -- Sir William H. Bragg (p. 155)

Guy Ourisson provided the spark that lighted everything up. -- Jean-Marie Lehn (p. 155)

Had he [Arthur Kornberg] put his name on the paper, as was traditional, he would've received all the credit and I would have been seen as a promising young student in his lab. As it was, right from the very beginning it was my discovery. I always remembered that it was an incredibly important happening because it provided national recognition. -- Paul Boyer (p. 163)

Man's knowledge has become man's knowledge rather than individual knowledge because people can communicate their knowledge and teach each other. -- Eugene Wigner (p. 166)

Most of what he [Michael Polanyi] taught me about physical chemistry I learned...from him. I was a student for six years in the department that he shaped in Manchester. The professor was one of his favourite students, Meredith Evans, and my PhD supervisor was another of this, Ernest Warhurst. What I learned from his students gave me a sense of scientific values -- where the field was going, what were the important questions to tackle, and, to a degree, how to tackle them. Without those things I would have been lost. But it happens that I didn't get them directly from him, but from people who owed a lot to him. -- John C. Polanyi (p. 167)

Examples of mentoring relationships:

| Scientist | Mentoring Scientist(s) | Scientist | Mentoring Scientist(s) |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Berg, Paul | Kornberg, Arthur | Molina, Mario | Pimentel, George; Rowland, S. |
| Bernal, John | Bragg, William Henry | Perutz, Max | Bernal, John; Bragg, William Lawrence |
| Chamberlain, Owen | Lawrence, Ernest O. | Polanyi, John C. | Polanyi, Michael |
| Cornforth, John W. | Robinson, Robert | Prelog, Vladimir | Robinson, Robert; Ruzicka, Leopold |
| Delbecco, Renato | Levi, Giuseppe | Rowland, Sherwood | Libby, Willard |
| Eigen, Manfred | Eucken, A.; Bonhoeffer, F.; Heisenberg, W. | Samuelsson, Bengt | Corey, E.J.; Bloch, K.; Westheimer, F.H.; Woodward, R.B. |
| Hofmann, Roald | Woodward, R.B.; Gouterman, Martin; Lipscomb, W. | Schawlow, Arthur | Rabi, I.I. |
| Hubel, David | Kuffler, S.W. | Segre, Emilio | Lawrence, E.O.; Zeeman, P.; Stern, Otto |

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|-------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| Klug, Aaron | Franklin, Rosalind; Bernal, John; Pauling, Linus; Fuller, B. | Tonegawa, Susumu | Delbecco, Renato |
| Kornberg, Arthur | Ochoa, S. | Vane, John | Burn, Harold |
| Lederberg, Joshua | Ryan, Francis | Watson, James | Pauling, Linus |
| Lehn, Jean-Marie | Ourisson, Guy | Westheimer, Frank H. | Conant, James B. |
| Luria, Salvador | Levi, Giuseppe | Whetten, Robert L. | Bernstein, Richard |
| McMillan, Edwin | Pauling, Linus; Lawrence, E.O. | Wiesel, Torsten | Kuffler, S.W. |
| Merrifield, Bruce | Dunn, Max; Woolley, D.W. | Zewail, Ahmed | Bernstein, Richard |
| Milstein, Cesar | Sanger, Frederick | | |

Doing research

Lars Ernster's concept of **driller** versus **digger**: the driller pursues the same project throughout an entire career and may or may not make an important discovery; the digger changes from topic to topic and in a lucky case may make one or more important discoveries. (p. 61)

Chance favours the prepared mind in scientific discovery. -- Louis Pasteur (p. 67)

Three components in deliberate effort to win Nobel Prize: (1) Do exceptional research; (2) Bring research to scientific marketplace via publications and conference presentations; (3) Longevity -- Donald J. Cram (p. 78)

We have a habit in writing articles published in scientific journals to make the work as finished as possible, to cover all the tracks, to not worry about the blind alleys or to describe how you had the wrong idea first, and so on. -- Richard Feynman (p. 84)

The path of research rarely leads in straightforward fashion from starting point to desired goal...chance occurrences along the way often enforce a change of course...as we come upon various points of interest which invite us to linger awhile. Ours, like all such rambling tours, possesses that special attention that comes from knowing that the landscape spread out before us will be opened to view, not by intention, but by chance and surprise. -- Georg Wittig (p. 84)

Concentrate on problems of central importance, approach them directly, and waste no time on trivialities. -- Sir William Lawrence Bragg (p. 89)

Never attempt a difficult problem, but it is an attribute of genius to see which of the problems are not really difficult. -- Ernest Rutherford (p. 89)

The right problem will be significant when you have solved it and will be solvable with the means at your disposal. So it's not good picking too large a problem or a problem where there are no tools to tackle it. -- Sir Derek Barton (p. 89)

No scientist is admired for failing in the attempt to solve problems that lie beyond his competence. -- Peter Medawar (p. 90)

It's no trick to get the right answer about some scientific question when you have got all the data. A computer can do that. A real trick is to get the right answer when you've only got half the data and half of what you have is wrong, and you don't know which half is wrong. Then when you get the right answer you're doing something creative...That philosophy can lead you also into great troubles, and it frequently does but you can make advances that way because then you won't be bothered too much by the dogma of the day. -- Melvin Calvin (p. 90 - 91)

It is essential in scientific research to make decisions on the basis of incomplete information. -- Istvan Hargittai (p. 90)

Concept of "gap jumping" for connecting remote observations. -- Sir Derek Barton (p. 91)

Research is to see what everybody has seen and think what nobody has thought. -- Albert Szent-Györgyi (p. 92)

Principle of "limited sloppiness": *If you are too sloppy, then you never get reproducible results, and then you never can draw any conclusions. But if you are just a little sloppy, then when you see something startling you....nail it down. -- Max Delbrück (p. 92)*

Research is not just going from mountain top to mountain top, you also have to work in the valleys, and that takes time and freedom. -- Aaron Klug (p. 97)

*From [Hans] Fischer I learnt the trade secrets of being a research chemist; I learnt from how to pose a research problem, what one may and what one may not investigate, where to start and where to stop. I learnt the tenacity which must accompany a research work. I learnt that one must have the audacity to attack difficult problems, even when they will take a long time and will require a substantial effort. -- Costin Nenitzescu in Balaban, A.T.; Banciu, M.D *The Chemical Intelligencer*, April 1999, 36.*

Encourage cross-fertilization between groups, particularly between different disciplines.

In science you sometimes find the solution to a problem from another field. -- Aaron Klug (p. 172)

There is nothing more rewarding than linking two quite different subjects. -- George Porter (p. 197)

Being an inventor involves knowing all kinds of apparently irrelevant connections about the world. -- Thomas Edison (p. 182)

Donald Cram philosophy: Retaining the fascination with science requires periodic changes in research areas -- these new areas are necessarily risky and the chances of failure is consequently high. (p. 174)

Institutional/Administrative/Funding

Experimental research needs a lot of support and it takes a far-sighted view from the funding agencies to back a scientist when he wants to leave a successful area of investigation for a new and risky one. -- I. Hargittai (p. 173)

It is not easy to get money for a thing which is wild -- where you cannot say this is going to have results. -- Peter Debye (p. 173)

Some additional pointers given by John C. Polanyi to students at an invitational lecture sponsored by the York Chemical Society, York University (February 20, 2002)

How research is done cannot be codified.

On the qualities of a researcher: (a) you need to have a willingness to ask questions -- big questions. Knowing what questions to ask is key. (b) You need to have a willingness to commit yourself to answering them. A distinguishing feature of a "great" university is that it is a place where people dare to answer big questions. (c) One must be able to admit to mistakes and accept the pain of errors -- this is how ideas are reshaped.

John Polanyi used the questions asked by his professors at Manchester as the basis for his own questioning and line of research.

The pursuit of truth is more important than who found it.

A discovery is getting a counter-intuitive result that can't be explained.

Good areas of science are selected on the basis of whether the ideas matter, whether they will change people's thinking rather than if the ideas will generate wealth.

There is a greater chance of making significant discoveries at universities that have an intellectual ferment of people who exchange ideas and who have great skill in generating ideas. One needs to learn the "style" of producing great ideas by apprenticing with such people. Good teachers tell students what to pay attention to, what to accept, what to reject, what to retain, what to discard.

Terms coined by scientists for a discovery or idea:

Actinide elements -- Glenn Seaborg

ATPase -- Vladimir Engelhardt

Black hole -- John Wheeler

Carbocation, carbenium ion, carbonium ion -- George Olah
 Crown ethers -- Charles Pedersen
 Fast reactions -- Manfred Eigen
 Host-guest chemistry, container, cavitands, caviplexes, carcerands -- Donald J. Cram
 Macromolecule -- Hermann Staudinger
 Magic acid -- George Olah
 Molecular biology -- Warren Weaver
 Nuclear fission -- Otto Frisch
 Prion -- Stanley Prusiner
 Quark -- R. Serber and Murray Gell-Mann
 Strangeness, eight-fold way -- Murray Gell-Mann
 Super acid -- James B. Conant
 Supramolecular biology -- Salvador Luria
 Ultrastructural biology -- Conrad H. Waddington

Good nomenclature elicits images and aids reasoning by analogy; it is the organic chemists 'best friend'. -- Donald J. Cram (p. 189)

Inspiration for Nobel Laureates at a young age

Books

Paul de Kruif *The Microbe Hunters*, 1926 inspired:

Paul Berg (Chemistry, 1980), Leon Lederman (Physics, 1988), Gertrude Elion (Medicine, 1988), Carleton Gajdusek (Medicine, 1976), Aaron Klug (Chemistry, 1982), Cesar Milstein (Medicine, 1984), and Frederick Robbins (Medicine, 1954).

The writings of Bertrand Russell inspired: Herbert Hauptman (Chemistry, 1985) and Edward Lewis (Medicine, 1995).

Chemistry Sets

William Lipscomb (Chemistry, 1976), Paul Boyer (Chemistry, 1997), Robert Curl (Chemistry, 1996), John Vane (Medicine, 1982), and George Porter (Chemistry, 1967).

Home or private laboratories

Nikolai Semenov (Chemistry 1956), George Olah (Chemistry, 1994), Leon Lederman (Physics, 1988), Jean-Marie Lehn (Chemistry, 1987), Karl Mullis (Chemistry, 1993), Ahmed Zewail (Chemistry, 1999)

Primary and high school teachers

Edward Teller, Arthur Kornberg, Jerome Karle, Paul Berg, Glenn Seaborg, John Cornforth, James Black, Joshua Lederberg, Roald Hoffmann, Leon Lederman, John Vane, John Walker, Jean-Marie Lehn, Eugene Wigner, Denis Gabor, George de Hevesy, George Olah, Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, Michael Polanyi, Leo Szilard

College teachers

Herbert C. Brown (Julius Stieglitz), Sune Bergstrom (Erik Jorpes), Aaron Klug (R.W. James)

Mentoring relatives

Mario Molina -- aunt
John Polanyi -- father Michael Polanyi
Kenneth Wilson -- father E. Bright Wilson Jr.
Carleton Gajdusek -- aunt Irene Dobroczi, a friend of Barbara McClintock
Richard Smalley -- aunt Sara Jane Rhoads; mother
Gertude Elion -- grandfather
Joshua Lederberg -- rabbi
Emilio Segre -- uncles
Owen Chamberlain -- father
Ilya Prigogine -- father; brother
Frederick Sanger -- father; brother

Interesting Tidbits from Hargittai's book:

1. **György de Hevesy** (Chemistry, 1944) dissolved the Nobel medals of Max von Laue (Physics, 1914) and James Franck (Physics, 1926) in aqua regia at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen during the Nazi occupation of Denmark.
2. **Howard W. Florey** (Medicine, 1945) smeared spores of penicillin mould into the linings of his clothing as a precaution to prevent the Germans from acquiring this product should Oxford be invaded by Nazi forces during World War II.
3. **György de Hevesy's** (Chemistry, 1944) true name is **György Bischoitz**. The name Hevesy comes from the region of Hungary called Heves.

4. According to B. Feldman *The Nobel Prize: A History of Genius, Controversy, and Prestige*, Arcade Publishing: New York, 2000 there are a total of 116 Jewish science Nobel Laureates representing about 20% of all science Nobel prizes: 36 in physics, 22 in chemistry, and 39 in physiology and medicine. More information can be found at the website <http://www.science.co.il>
5. Otmar von Verschuer (1896 - ?, MD 1923 Munich) was Josef Mengele's advisor.
6. **Frederick Sanger**, the only double chemistry Nobel Laureate, was not included in the top 75 chemists given in the 75th anniversary issue of *Chem. Eng. News* (**give reference**) commemorating the most influential chemists of the century.
7. The following British Nobel Laureates refused knighthoods: **Frederick Sanger** (Chemistry 1958 and 1980), **Francis Crick** (Medicine, 1962), and **Max Perutz** (Chemistry, 1962).
8. **Sir William Henry Bragg** (Physics, 1915) started doing research at age 42 and **Max Planck** (Physics, 19) came up with quantum theory also at age 42.
9. Nobel Laureates without doctoral degrees: **Francis W. Aston** (Chemistry, 1922), **Charles J. Pedersen** (Chemistry, 1987), **Gertrude Elion** (Medicine, 1988), and **Sir James W. Black** (Medicine, 1988).
10. Leo Szilard patented the idea of nuclear chain reactions:

GB 440,023 (1935-12-12) Artificial radioactive preparations

US 2,161,985 (1939-06-13) Radioactive elements

US 2,708,656 (1955-05-17) Neutronic reactor (with Enrico Fermi)

US 2,796,396 (1957-06-18) Intermittent operation of a neutronic reactor

US 2,807,581 (1957-09-24) Neutronic reactor (with Enrico Fermi)

US 2,832,733 (1958-04-29) Heavy water moderated neutronic reactor

US 2,836,554 (1958-05-27) Air cooled neutronic reactor (with Enrico Fermi)

US 2,798,847 (1957-07-09) Operating a neutronic reactor (with Enrico Fermi)

US 2,825,689 (1958-03-04) Fuel elements for neutronic reactors (with G.J. Young)

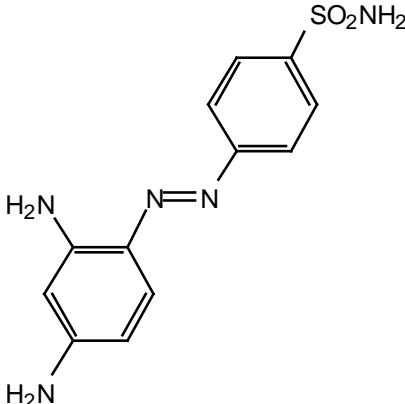
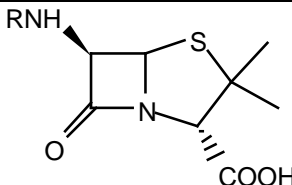
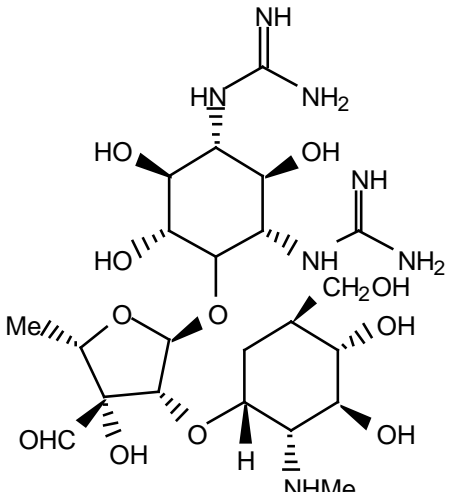
11. Categories of Physiology & Medicine Nobels: (I) Anatomy, Histology, Genetics (II) General Biology, Physiology, Physiological Chemistry, Theory of Drugs (III) Pathology, Pathological Anatomy (IV) Medicine, Surgery, Therapy (V) Bacteriology, Ethology, Hygiene (VI) Immunology. Basic science awards prevail over clinical medicine awards.
12. Industrial and technological Nobel Prizes:

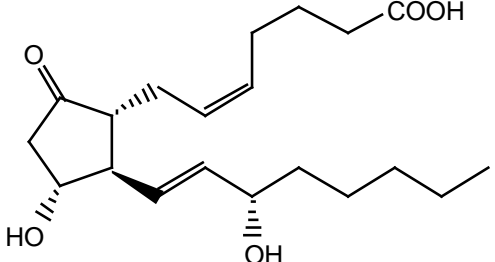
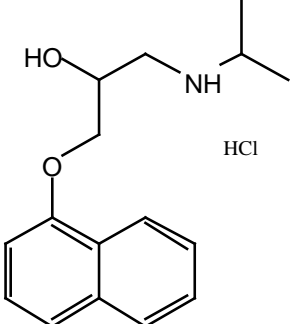
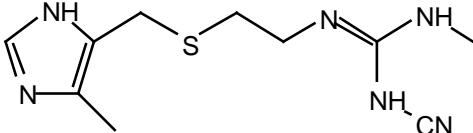
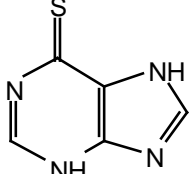
| Nobel Prize | Scientists | Citation |
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| Physics, 1909 | Guglielmo Marconi, Carl F. Braun | In recognition of their contributions to the development of wireless |

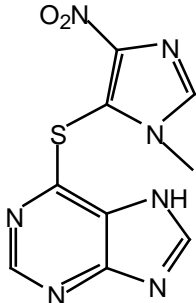
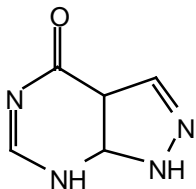
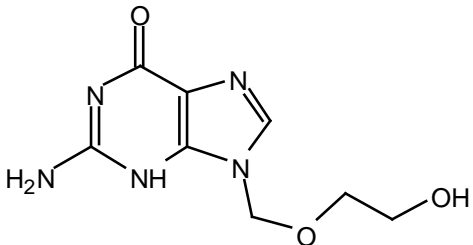
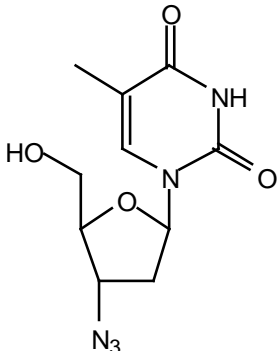
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| Physics, 1912 | Nils Gustaf Dalen | For his invention of automatic regulators for use in conjunction with gas accumulators for illuminating lighthouses and buoys |
| Chemistry, 1931 | Carl Bosch, Friedrich Bergius | In recognition of their contributions to the invention and development of chemical high pressure methods |
| Chemistry, 1945 | Artturi I. Virtanen | For his research and inventions in agricultural and nutritional chemistry, especially for his fodder preservation method |
| Chemistry, 1963 | Karl Ziegler, Giulio Natta | For their discoveries in the field of the chemistry and technology of high polymers |

13. Therapeutic drugs spawned by work of Nobel Laureates:

| Nobel Prize | Drug | Chemical Structure | Therapy |
|-------------|------|--------------------|---------|
|-------------|------|--------------------|---------|

| | | | |
|---|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Gerhard Domagk (Medicine, 1939) | prontosil |  | antibacterial |
| Ernst Chain, Alexander Fleming, Howard Florey (Medicine, 1945) | penicillin |  | antibiotic |
| Selman Waksman (Medicine, 1952) | streptomycin |  | Antibiotic against tuberculosis |

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| Sune Bergström, Bengt Samuelsson, John Vane (Medicine, 1982) | Prostaglandins (prostaglandin E2 shown) |  | Blood coagulant |
| Sir James W. Black, Gertrude Elion, George Hitchings (Medicine, 1988) | Propranolol hydrochloride |  | Beta blocker |
| | cimetidine |  | Anti-ulcer |
| | 6-mercaptopurine |  | Anti-leukemia for children |

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| | azathioprine |  | immunosuppressive |
| | allopurinol |  | Anti-cancer, gout treatment |
| | acyclovir |  | Anti-viral |
| | azidothymidine |  | Anti-AIDS/HIV |

14. Misguided prizes: **Johannes Fibiger** (Medicine, 1927) for spiroptera carcinoma; **Gustaf Dalen** (Physics, 1912) for gas accumulators in lighthouses and buoys, and **Antonio Moniz** (Medicine, 1949) for lobotomy procedure.

15. Intermarriages between Nobel Laureate relatives:

Svante Arrhenius's grandson + George de Hevesy's daughter

Sir Henry Dale's daughter Alison Dale + Lord Alexander Todd

Peyton Rous's daughter Marion Rous + Alan L. Hodgkin

John Northrop's daughter Alice Havemeyer Northrop + Frederick Robbins

Eugene Wigner's sister Margit (Manci) Wigner + Paul Dirac

Charles Townes's sister Aurelia Townes + Arthur Schawlow

Edwin McMillan's wife Elsie Blumer is sister of Ernest O. Lawrence's wife, Mary (Molly) Blumer

16. Women Nobel Laureates:

Marie Curie (Physics, 1903; Chemistry, 1911)

Irene Joliot-Curie (Physics, 1935)

Gerti Cori (Medicine, 1947)

Maria Goeppert-Mayer (Physics, 1963)

Dorothy Hodgkin Crowfoot (Chemistry, 1964)

Rosalyn Yalow (Medicine, 1977)

Barbara McClintock (Medicine, 1983)

Rita Levi-Montalcini (Medicine, 1986)

Gertrude Elion (Medicine, 1988)

Christiane Nüsselein-Volhard (Medicine, 1995)

17. Foreign names for graduate advisors: German -- *Doktorvater* (doctor + father), French -- *Patron*.

18. **Luis Alvarez** (Physics, 1968) invented the first ground control approach for landing planes, the hydrogen bubble chamber, and he initiated the theory that dinosaurs became extinct by comet or meteor hitting the earth.

19. **Eugene Garfield** is the founder and publisher of:

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20. Rejections and/or delays in the publication of scientific papers that later proved to be recognized for Nobel Laureates and other scientists:

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method

Mullis, K.; Faloona, F.; Scharf, S.; Saiki, R.; Horn, G; Erlich, H. *Cold Spring Harbor Symp. Quant. Biol.* **1986**, 51, 260

Krebs citric acid cycle

Krebs, H.A., *Biochem. J.* **1935**, 29, 1620; 1951

Belousov-Zhabotinsky oscillating reaction

Belousov, B.P. *Sb. Ref. Radiats. Med. Za 1958 Medgiz, Moscow* **1959**, 1, 145

Zhabotinsky, A.M. *Proc. Acad. Sci. USSR* **1964**, 157, 392

Zhabotinsky, A.M. *Biofizika* **1969**, 9, 306

Ozone depletion in atmosphere

Molina, M.J.; Rowland, F.S. *Nature* **1974**, 249, 810

Discovery of quasicrystals

Shechtman, D.; Blech, I.; Gratias, D.; Cahn, J.W. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **1984**, 53, 1951

Discovery of insulin binding antibodies in insulin treated patients

Berson, S.A.; Yalow, R.S.; Bauman, A.; Rothschild, M.A.; Newerby, K. *J. Clin. Invest.* **1956**, 35, 170

Crystallization of photosynthetic center in *Rhodospseudomonas viridis* bacteria

Michel, M. *J. Mol. Biol.* **1982**, 158, 567

Deisenhofer, J.; Epp, O.; Miki, K.; Huber, R.; Michel, H. *Nature* **1985**, 318, 618

Energy coupling in oxidative phosphorylation

Boyer, P.D.; Cross, R.L.; Momsen, W. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* **1973**, 70, 2837

Discovery of nerve growth factor

Angeletti, P.U.; Liuzzi, A.; Levi-Montalcini, R. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* **1964**, 90, 445

Proposal of chemical laser

Polanyi, J.C. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1961**, 34, 347

21. The most cited paper of all time (greater than 250,000 citations: Lowry, O.H.; Rosebrough, N.J.; Farr, A.L.; Randall, R.J. *J. Biol. Chem.* **1951**, 193, 265 "Protein measurement with the folin phenol reagent"
22. The most cited British scientist is Salvador E. Moncada for work on nitric oxide as a signalling molecule in cardiovascular systems. He is the Director of the Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research at UC London.
23. Cited benefits of winning Nobel prize:

- A personal parking spot on campus (applies to Nobel Laureates at an American university)
- Knighthoods
- Attendance at triennial meetings for Nobel Laureates in Lindau, Germany
- Free seats in theatres
- High political profile
- Opening all doors to meet anyone of importance
- Widens circle of friends and contacts
- Elections to prestigious societies as the Royal Society of London
- Giving invited lectures and addresses
- Invitations to be on committees and advisory boards (of journals, companies, etc.)
- Prizes are launched in the name of the Nobel Laureate: Merrifield Prize in New Jersey high school where Merrifield was educated; John C. Polanyi Prize in Ontario, Canada
- Meeting the President of the United States (applies to American Nobel Laureates)
- Foundations are launched in the name of the Nobel Laureate

- New university labs are built for or in the name of the Nobel Laureate, e.g., Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology at Rice University after Richard Smalley and Robert Curl (Chemistry, 1996)

24. Nobel Laureates whose prize further fuelled their continued scientific pursuits:

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| Sir Derek H. Barton | Chemistry, 1969 |
| Sir James W. Black | Medicine, 1988 |
| Herbert C. Brown | Chemistry, 1979 |
| Melvin Calvin | Chemistry, 1961 |
| Owen Chamberlain | Physics, 1959 |
| Donald Cram | Chemistry, 1987 |
| Robert Curl | Chemistry, 1996 |
| Manfred Eigen | Chemistry, 1967 |
| Kenichi Fukui | Chemistry, 1981 |
| Robert Furchgott | Medicine, 1998 |
| Aaron Klug | Chemistry, 1982 |
| Arthur Kornberg | Medicine, 1959 |
| Cesar Milstein | Medicine, 1984 |
| Rita Levi-Montalcini | Medicine, 1986 |
| Rudolf Mossbauer | Physics, 1961 |
| Marshall Nirenberg | Medicine, 1968 |
| Charles Pedersen | Chemistry, 1987 |
| Max Perutz | Chemistry, 1962 |
| Vladimir Prelog | Chemistry, 1975 |
| Frederick Sanger | Chemistry, 1958 and 1980 |
| Melvin Schwartz | Physics, 1988 |
| Albert Szent-Gyorgyi | Medicine, 1937 |

25. Nobel Laureates whose prize lead to public service:

Richard Ernst (Chemistry, 1991) -- science policy

Rolf Zinkernagel (Medicine, 1996) -- demonstrations in support of genetic technology

Jean-Marie Lehn (Chemistry, 1987) -- responsibility of science to society

Aaron Klug (Chemistry, 1982) -- president of Royal Society; science policy statements
Sherwood Rowland and **Paul Crutzen** (Chemistry, 1995) -- environmental protection
James Watson (Medicine, 1962) -- Human Genome Project
Paul Berg (Chemistry, 1980) -- director of Beckman Center at Stanford
Glenn Seaborg (Chemistry, 1951) -- national science and energy policies for U.S. government
John Polanyi (Chemistry, 1986) -- Pugwash movement; anti-war movement; responsibility of science to society
Roald Hoffmann (Chemistry, 1981) -- playwright; popularizing science in books for lay readers
Sir George Porter (Chemistry, 1967) -- president of Royal Society; Royal Institution of Great Britain science public lectures

26. Nobel Laureates whose prize lead to administrative positions:

Joshua Lederberg (Medicine, 1958) -- President of Rockefeller University
David Baltimore (Medicine, 1975) -- President of Rockefeller University, President of Cal Tech
Harold E. Varmus (Medicine, 1989) -- President of National Institutes of Health (1993 - 1999), President of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (2000 -)
Thomas Cech (Chemistry, 1989) -- President of Howard Hughes Medical Institute (2000 -)
Sune Bergström (Medicine, 1982) -- President of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
Bengt Samuelsson (Medicine, 1982) -- Director of Nobel Foundation
Leon Lederman (Physics, 1988) -- Director of FermiLab; President of American Association for the Advancement of Science
Kenneth Wilson (Physics, 1982) -- National Science Foundation supercomputing; Ohio State University physics education reform