

Tomas Lindahl MD FRS carried out initial medical studies at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm in the late 1950's, and has since then consistently been active in research. He worked as a postdoctoral fellow on nucleic acid biochemistry and enzymology at Princeton University and at Rockefeller University. He obtained an independent research position of the Swedish Natural Sciences Research Council, located at the Karolinska Institute in 1969. He became Professor of Medical Chemistry at the University of Gothenburg in 1978. In 1981 he was appointed Head of the Mutagenesis laboratory at the ICRF Mill Hill Laboratories in London, subsequently the Clare Hall Laboratories. From 1984 to 2006 he was Director of the Clare Hall Laboratories of ICRF and Cancer Research UK, also serving as Deputy Director of Research. He remained Principal Scientist as Head of the Mutagenesis laboratory until 2009.

Amongst many honors, Tomas Lindahl is a member of EMBO, a fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and the Royal Society, London. He was the Royal Society Croonian Lecturer in 1996 and received a Royal Medal in 2007, INSERM Prix Etranger in 2009, and the Copley Medal in 2010 of the Royal Society. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2015. He is now Emeritus Principal Scientist of the Francis Crick Institute, Clare Hall Laboratories, and involved in scientific activities as follows:

- 1 2010 – Chair of Scientific Advisory Board, Institute of Molecular Oncology (IFOM)
- 2 2007 - Chair of Scientific Advisory Board, Cancer Center Karolinska, Stockholm
- 3 2010 - Member of Scientific Advisory Board, Cancer and Ageing Centre, University of Nice, France
- 4 2010 – 2012 Hon. Professor in Medical Oncology, University of Sheffield
- 5 2009 –2012 Visiting professor of the Chinese Academy of Science and Scientific Advisor, Beijing Institute of Genomics