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## 2009 RESULTS ANNOUNCED: BEST PLACES TO WORK IN ACADEMIA The Scientist magazine releases results of seventh annual survey

(Philadelphia, PA) – October 27, 2009 – This year The Scientist magazine's readers ranked Princeton University as the Best Place to Work in Academia in the US and Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics as the top international academic institution.

In the survey, published in the November 2009 issue, University of California - San Francisco, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Emory University in Georgia rounded out the top five in the US. Internationally, The Weizmann Institute in Israel (#2), University of Bristol in the UK (#3), University of Groningen in the Netherlands (#4) and Dalhousie University in Canada (#5) took the top ranks.

Newcomers on the list, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (#3), University of Oklahoma (#4), and Emory University (#5) surpassed consistent performers this year. J. David Gladstone Institutes dropped from 1<sup>st</sup> in 2008 to 6<sup>th</sup>, while Trudeau Institute dropped from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>.

Overall, respondents focused on collaboration, team building and unique funding opportunities as important work environment factors. Both Princeton University and Max Planck's academics rank their institutions highly in these categories, giving them the top spots. Princeton's strengths include peers and teaching and mentoring, while Max Planck's positives include team building, infrastructure and environment.

The largest percentage of this year's respondents is well-established in their workplace with 5-9 years incumbency. Results of the survey also found that on average the breakdown for gender at institutions was 34% female and 66% male, with hospitals having the most balanced gender breakout with 42% female and 58% male and medical schools or colleges the least balanced with 29% female and 71% male.

Over 2,350 qualified respondents accessed their working environments on a level scale for 38 criteria in 8 different areas. Represented in those responses were 119 institutions – 94 from the US and 25 from the rest of the world. About 47% of respondents were from non-medical universities or colleges.

## TOP 15 US ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

Rank	Institution	No. of Full-Time Life Science Researchers	Federal Funding (in millions USD) <sup>1</sup>	Papers Published in the Life Sciences <sup>2,3</sup>	Citations per Paper <sup>2,3</sup>
1	Princeton University, NJ <sup>4</sup>	2,034	\$42	3,437	33.4
2	University of California, San Francisco, CA	1,536	\$444	32,134	28.31
3	Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY	425	\$130	NA	NA
4	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK	NA	\$80	NA	NA
5	Emory University, Atlanta, GA	2,487	\$484	17,802	22.73
6	J. David Gladstone Institutes, San Francisco, CA	330	\$30	NA	NA
7	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN	547	\$80	4,243	30.01
8	Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, WA	209	\$23	529	40.17
9	The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK	161	\$4	286	26.79
10	Mayo Clinic, Rochester, NY <sup>5</sup>	3,162	\$225	26,801	20.66
11	Trudeau Institute, Saranac Lake, NY	32	\$10	264	30.74
12	University of Pittsburgh, PA	2,000	\$567	25,809	20.9
13	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA	197	\$259	5,847	34.1
14	Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA	90	\$60	4,428	15.36
15	Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY	1,716	\$200	2,229	20.35

## TOP 10 INTL. ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

Rank	Institution	No. of Full-Time Life Science Researchers	Federal and European Union Funding (in millions USD) <sup>5</sup>	Papers Published in the Life Sciences <sup>2,3</sup>	Citations per Paper <sup>2,3</sup>
1	Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany	400	€19 (\$28)	21,819	28.43
2	The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel	106	\$16 USD	4,553	29.76
3	University of Bristol, UK	126	£103 (\$168)	10,549	17.28
4	University of Groningen, The Netherlands	682	€304 (\$450)	12,406	15.21
5	Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada	500	79 CAD (\$77)	6,101	15.13
6	Dundee University, UK	760	£48 (\$78)	5,946	25.09
7	Cambridge University, UK	788	£54 (\$88)	17,610	25.43
8	Ghent University, Belgium	1,480	€301 (\$449)	13,037	13.37
9	Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia	402	18 AUS (\$16)	470	10.12
10	University of Toronto, Canada	2,000	210 CAD (\$204)	34,113	19.35

Results and a look at some of the Top 40 US and Top 10 International institutions can be found in the November 2009 issue of The Scientist, available by subscription and on select newsstands. The article as well as in-depth analysis, full color charts, methodology and past survey results can be found online at [www.The-Scientist.com/bptw](http://www.The-Scientist.com/bptw).

### The 2010 Survey is Now Open for Participation

The 2010 Best Places to Work Survey is now open through November to all life science professionals working in academia or industry and as postdocs. The Scientist works with institutions and organizations around the world to promote the survey and encourage participation. The 2010 Best Place to Work Survey can be found at [www.bptw.org](http://www.bptw.org).

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