



Dr Douglas McGregor

Honorary Associateship

Dr Douglas McGregor is a Canadian-born academic who has had a long and distinguished career. He has worked closely with veterinary professionals and students for the majority of his academic career, and, as a medical clinician, provided a valued and inspired perspective for the profession.

From 1960 to 1989, Douglas was a world leader in immunology research, progressing through a number of professorial roles, and is currently Emeritus Professor of Immunology at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. It has been in his later years, however, that he is best known for his remarkable contribution to the advancement of the veterinary profession.

In 1990, Douglas devised and directed the Cornell Veterinary Leadership and Research Programme; an intensive 10-week research-orientated summer school, inspiring veterinary students by giving them a global outlook, ambitious aspirations and a culture of excellence.

During the lifetime of the scheme, over 500 students from more than 60 veterinary colleges around the world have participated.

Douglas ran the programme annually until 2011, and it is still thriving today, accepting students from global veterinary schools who have an interest in biomedical research and leadership in veterinary medicine.

The extent to which Douglas was personally and actively involved in the inception and running of the scheme is testament to his enthusiasm for science and translational medicine. His contribution to the veterinary profession is unique and considerable, and in the spirit of one medicine, how timely that he should be a medic.

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Scores of British veterinary students have benefitted from the programme and are making their mark as a result – occupying important positions in research, teaching and industry – and many others are following in their footsteps.

Douglas' scheme has enriched the UK's veterinary profession and his legacy will be felt for many years to come.