

Claire Cupples

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Dr. Cupples has worked as a scientist, faculty member and administrator in three Canadian comprehensive universities since 1989.

Biography

Dr. Cupples received her BSc at the University of Victoria, her MSc at the University of Calgary and her PhD at York University. She pursued post-doctoral studies at UCLA. She has held academic and administrative positions previously at Concordia University, in Montreal, and at the University of Victoria. Her research focuses on the causes, consequences and prevention of mutations in microbes and in humans, and she teaches in the areas of molecular biology and microbiology. In her role as Dean, Dr. Cupples works with departments to set the strategic direction of the Faculty, oversees the budget and represents the Faculty of Science as a member of the senior administration of SFU. She has a particular interest in bringing science to school age children and the general public. She has served on the boards of BCNet and the Science Fair Foundation of BC, and as President of the Canadian Council of Deans of Science; she is currently on the boards of TRIUMF, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre and Science World.

Industry Expertise

Research, Writing and Editing, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Molecular Biology, Microbiology, DNA Repair, University Administration, Science Outreach to the Public

Education

York University

Ph.D. Biology

University of Calgary

M.Sc. Biology

University of Victoria

B.Sc. Biology

UCLA

post-doctoral fellow molecular genetics

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