Frank M. LaFerla

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Biography

Frank M. LaFerla, Ph.D., is the dean of the UCI School of Biological Sciences and a chancellor?s professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior. He joined UCI in 1995 as an assistant professor and later served as chair of Neurobiology and Behavior from 2010 to 2013 and the director of the UCI Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders (UCI MIND) from 2009 ? 2018. Dean LaFerla is the current director of the National Institutes of Health funded UCI Alzheimer?s Disease Research Center and the co-director of the National Institute on Aging funded Model-AD at UCI, a research consortium to develop the next generation of model organisms to evaluate and cure Alzheimer?s disease. His research focuses on understanding the pathogenesis of Alzheimer?s Disease, the most common form of dementia. His scholarly work has had a global influence on the field, as some of the model organisms he has generated have been distributed to over 150 researchers in more than 20 countries throughout the world. He has published more than 200 original peer-reviewed articles and has been listed among the top 1% cited researchers in his field. Dean LaFerla has received many honors for his research accomplishments throughout his career, including the Promising Work Award from the Metropolitan Life Foundation for Medical Research, the Ruth Salta Investigator Achievement Award from the American Health Assistance Foundation, the Zenith Fellows Award from the Alzheimer?s Association and the UCI Innovators Award. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an elected member of the American Neurological Association, the American Society for Cell Biology, the International Society for Stem Cell Research and the Society for Neuroscience.

Areas of Expertise

Learning and Memory, Alzheimer's Disease, Molecular Biology, Neurodegenerative disorders

Affiliations

American Association for Advancement of Science, American Neurological Association, American Society for Cell Biology, American Academy of Neurology, International Society for Stem Cell Research, Society for Neuroscience

Event Appearances

Lessons Learned of Mice (and Men)
UCI MIND 30th Annual SoCal AD Research Conference

Successful Aging in the Era of Alzheimer?s Disease
Orange County Chapter of Legatus

Winning the War Against Alzheimer?s Disease
Mission Hills Country Club

Education

University of Minnesota
Ph.D. Microbiology

St. Joseph?s University
B.S. Biology

Accomplishments

Distinguished Achievement Award
2016 Sicilian Confederation of North America

Distinguished Faculty Service Award
2014 Lauds and Laurels

Daniel G. Aldrich Jr. Distinguished University Service Award
2010 UCI

Promising Work Award
2006 MetLife Foundation Awards for Medical Research

Zenith Fellow Award
2005 Alzheimer?s Association