

Prof. Dr Kenneth White

Professor White is a graduate in Chemistry from the University of Oxford, where he also completed his DPhil in the Department of Pharmacology. During his doctoral studies he started his lifelong interest in applying chemistry to biological problems. After Oxford he was awarded a Visiting Fellowship to gain post-doctoral research experience at the National Institutes of Health in the USA, where he worked in the lab of Henry Metzger on the cloning of the IgE receptor, a major target of allergy research at the time.

During his time at Oxford and in the US he developed an interest in Japanese culture and was awarded one of the first JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Fellowships to carry out further post-doctoral research, in the laboratory of Tasuku Honjo at the University of Kyoto, where he studied gene regulation of human T-cell leukaemic virus type I (HTLV-1). On his return to the UK he took up his first academic position as Lecturer in Molecular Biology at the then United Medical and Dental schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, now merged with King's College London. He moved to London Met (University of North London at the time) in 1998 as Senior Lecturer in Molecular Biology, he was promoted to Reader in Biosciences in 2011 and to Professor of Molecular Biosciences in 2020.