

# News

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\*\*\*\*Jonsson Visiting Professorship brings  
Nobel Laureate Francois Jacob to the  
Dallas Health Science Center April 24-27.

DALLAS--Nobel Laureate Francois Jacob of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France, will lecture at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas April 24-27 as the second Jonsson Visiting Professor.

On Wednesday, April 25, at a 4 p.m. faculty seminar in Room D1.600, Dr. Jacob will speak on "Mouse Teratocarcinoma and Mouse Embryo." On Thursday, April 26, he will participate in the 11th Annual Graduate Student Research Forum by lecturing on "Problems in Embryonic Development" at 3 p.m. in Room D1.600.

Through the Jonsson Visiting Professorship, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (one of three components of the UT Health Science Center) brings a scientist of international distinction to Dallas each year.

Francois Jacob was born in 1920 in Nancy, France. After attending the Lycee Carnot in Paris, he began studying medicine at the Faculty of Paris, with the intention of becoming a surgeon. His studies were interrupted by the war. In 1940, when he was in his second year of medicine, he left France and joined the Free French Forces in London. In 1944 he was severely wounded in Normandy and was awarded the Croix de la Liberation, the highest French military decoration of the war. i

After the war, Francois Jacob completed his medical studies, but he was unable to practice surgery because of his injuries. Turning to biology, he obtained a science degree in 1951 and then a doctorate in science in 1954 at the Sorbonne with a thesis on "Lysogenic Bacteria and the Provirus Concept."

The work of Francois Jacob has dealt mainly with the genetic mechanisms existing in bacteria and bacteriophages, and with the biochemical effects of mutation. In 1965, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine jointly with Andre Lwoff and Jacques Monod.

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