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******Institute of Medicine, the National
Academy of Sciences, elects Dr. Ronald
Estabrook, dean of The University of
Texas Graduate School of Biomedical
Sciences.

DALLAS--Dr. Ronald Estabrook, dean of The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (one of three components of the UT Health Science Center at Dallas), has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Estabrook is the third faculty member from the health science center to be chosen for this honor. The others are Dr. Bryan Williams, associate dean of students at UT Southwestern Medical School, and Dr. Donald Seldin, chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Southwestern.

The Institute of Medicine says it selects its members on the basis of "professional achievement relevant to the problems of medicine and of demonstrated interest, concern and involvement with problems and critical issues in health care, the prevention of disease, medical education and medical research."

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The institute was chartered by the National Academy of Sciences in 1970 to protect and advance the health of the public, including the provision of health care, education for the health and medical professions and sciences, and the promotion of biomedical research and development.

Dr. Estabrook has been dean of the Graduate School for two years. He also has been the Virginia Lazenby O'Hara Professor of Biochemistry and chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at Southwestern since 1968.

He is currently editor of the Life Sciences journal and is past-chairman of the Council of Academic Societies, a component of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). He is now on the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the AAMC.

The internationally-known biochemist and medical researcher is a member of the AAMC's executive committee and has been a special consultant to the National Heart and Lung Institute. He is also the AAMC representative to the National Board of Medical Examiners.