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DALLAS--Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook, a widely-known authority on drug metabolism, will become dean of The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences here on June 1.

The graduate school is one of three units of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas and its more than 85 students are taught by faculty of Southwestern Medical School.

In making the announcement, Health Science Center President Charles C. Sprague commented:

"Dr. Estabrook is one of the foremost researchers in this country on the chemical mechanisms of the body's use and disposal of drugs. He is, as well, an enthusiastic proponent of scientific education and advancement. We feel he is an excellent choice for dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences."

Dr. Estabrook is holder of the Virginia Lazenby O'Hara Chair of Biochemistry and is chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at Southwestern. He will retain both positions in his new capacity at the school.

Dr. Estabrook holds a number of positions with key government and private health agencies and committees. He is special consultant to the National Heart and Lung Institute and is Secretary-General of the Pan American Association of Biochemical Societies. The latter group represents 12 societies of some 10,000 professional biochemists in the Western Hemisphere.

This fall Dr. Estabrook will become chairman of the Council of Academic Societies of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). This group includes 52 academic medical societies.

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Currently, he is chairman of the Basic Science Review Committee of the Veterans Administration and is AAMC representative to the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is president of the Department Chairmen's Organization for Biochemistry in Medical Schools and is a member of the Task Force on the Cost of Medical Education of AAMC.

Dr. Estabrook is editor of *Xenobiotica*, the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, and executive editor of *Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics*.

Holder of a Ph.D. degree from the University of Rochester, Dr. Estabrook was named O'Hara Professor of Biochemistry on his arrival at Southwestern in 1968. Established through Southwestern Medical Foundation by Mrs. Virginia Lazenby O'Hara, the professorship was elevated to a full academic Chair earlier this year.

From 1960 to 1968, Dr. Estabrook was recipient of a Research Career Development Award of the United States Public Health Service.

To date Dr. Estabrook has authored more than 132 scientific papers, many dealing with the methods by which the body chemically detoxifies drugs.

He has been chairman of the Subcommittee of the Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature of the International Union of Biochemistry and a member of the steering committee for the AAMC-National Library of Medicine Biomedical Communications Project. He has been a member of the Biophysics and Biochemistry Research Evaluation Committee of the Veterans Administration and president of the John Morgan Society at the University of Pennsylvania.

After taking a bachelors degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. from Rochester, he became a research fellow of the Johnson Research Foundation of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

After a year's leave of absence to study at the Molteno Institute, University of Cambridge, England, he returned to the University of Pennsylvania as research associate. He progressed to full professor by 1965, having held a number of key committee and group assignments at the University.

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