

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Hoch

Rector of the University of Bonn



Born October 21, 1961 in Singen, Germany

- **since 2015 - 143rd Rector of the University of Bonn**
- **since september 2022 - Chair of the university alliance German U15**
- **2023 - President of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes**
- **2023 - "Rector of the Decade"** (German Association of University Professors and Lecturers)
- **2020, 2021, 2023 - "Rector of the Year"** (German Association of University Professors and Lecturers)
- **2020 - Re-elected as Rector of the University of Bonn**
- **2019 - "University Manager of the Year 2019"** (CHE and DIE ZEIT)
- **2000–2006 - Co-founder of the Life & Medical Sciences Institute (LIMES) and Spokesperson for the LIMES Alliance**
- **since 1999 - University Professor of Molecular Developmental Biology at the University of Bonn**
- **1983–1989 - Studies in Biology in Heidelberg and Paris**

Academic and professional career

- 1983–1989 Studies in biology at Heidelberg University, including stints at the Institut Pasteur, Paris, and the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Tübingen
- 1989 Earned *Diplom* degree in biology from Heidelberg University
- 1989–1992 Doctoral studies at LMU Munich
- 1992 Earned doctoral title of Dr. rer. nat. from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- 1992–1994 Postdoctoral studies at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Department of Molecular Developmental Biology
- 1994–1998 Research group (project group) leader at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Department of Molecular Developmental Biology
- 1996 *Habilitation* in Cellular Biology and Developmental Genetics at Technische Universität Braunschweig
- Since 1999 Professor (C4) of Molecular Developmental Biology, University of Bonn
- 2000–2002 Director of the Institute of Animal Physiology, Department of Biology, University of Bonn
- 2000–2006 Founder (alongside M. Famulok) and Speaker of the LIMES (Life & Medical Sciences) Institute at the University of Bonn
- 2006–2015 Managing Director of the LIMES Institute
- Since 2015 Rector of the University of Bonn
- 2020 Re-elected as Rector for the 2021–2025 term
- 2022–2023 Member of the Board of Trustees of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- Since 2023 Chair of the German U15 (an alliance of leading research-intensive universities)
- Since 2023 President of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

Selected academic offices

- 2000–2007 Reviewer for genetics/developmental biology with the German Academic Exchange Service (postdoctoral program)
- 2002–2004 1st Speaker of the *Bonner Forum Biomedizin* (BFB)
- 2003–2004 Chair of the Department of Biology in the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Bonn
- 2003–2008 Coordinator for the *Diplom* and (from 2006/2007) the bachelor's degree program in Molecular Biomedicine
- 2006–2009 Founding chair of the Department of Molecular Biomedicine in the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the University of Bonn
- 2008–2009 Coordinator for the master's degree program in Life & Medical Sciences taught at the Department of Molecular Biomedicine
- 2008–2009 Member of the speakers' council of the Bonn International Graduate Schools (BIGS) at the University of Bonn
- 2009–2015 Member of the Minerva Fellowship Committee for the promotion of German-Israeli research, Max Planck Society, Munich
- 2013–2015 Member of the doctoral candidate selection committee of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2014 Member of the Senate of the University of Bonn

Project coordination and memberships of joint research projects

- 2001–2003 Speaker of the FOR 425 "Aptamers, Active Ingredients, Signal Molecules: Combinatorial Analysis of Cell Functions and Organogenesis" research unit of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2002–2004 Member of the "Evolution and Biodiversity in Space and Time" research training group of the German Research Foundation (DFG) (Speaker: K.-P. Sauer, Bonn)
- 2002–2011 Member of the GRK 804 research training group of the German Research Foundation (DFG) (Speaker: M. Famulok, Bonn)
- 2008–2010 Co-project manager alongside Dr. A. Archut (University Communications at the

University of Bonn) of the “See, Hear, Understand” funding program (term: 2008–2010) of the German Research Foundation (DFG)

- 2009–2012 Project manager and board member of the SFB 832 “Molecular Basis and Modulation of Cellular Interactions in the Tumor Microenvironment” collaborative research center (Speaker: M. Hallek, Cologne)
- 2005–2016 Speaker of the SFB 645 “Regulation and Manipulation of Biological Information Transmission in Dynamic Protein and Lipid Environments” collaborative research center of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2006–2016 Project manager and board member of the SFB 704 “Molecular Mechanisms and Chemical Modulation of Local Immune Regulation” collaborative research center (Speaker: W. Kolanus, Bonn)
- 2009–2016 Project manager of the TR 83 “Molecular Architecture and Cellular Function of Lipid/Protein Complexes” transregional collaborative research center (Speaker: T. Söllner, Heidelberg)
- 2012–2015 Member of the Steering Committee of the ImmunoSensation Cluster of Excellence funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)

Selected awards

- 1986–1989 Scholarship from the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 1989–1991 Doctoral fellowship funded by the *Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds*, Foundation for Basic Research in Medicine (BIF) (Stuttgart)
- 1996 Gerhard Hess Prize for Early-Career Researchers awarded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2010 Visiting research professor at Waseda University, Tokyo
- 2017 Honorary doctorate from Waseda University, Tokyo
- 2019 University Manager of the Year (awarded by the CHE Centre for Higher Education and “*Die Zeit*”)
- 2020 Signature in the “Golden Book” of the city of Bonn
- 2020 Rector of the Year 2020 (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))

2021	Rector of the Year 2021 (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))
2023	Rector of the Year 2023 (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))
2023	Rector of the Decade (awarded by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV))

Selected memberships and posts held

- Bioeconomy Science Center (BioSC): member of the Advisory Board
- Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research: member of the Bonn Alliance Council
- Bonn International Award for Democracy: member of the Board of Trustees
- Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB): member of the Foundation Board
- Max Planck Institute for Neurobiology of Behavior – caesar: member of the Board of Trustees
- Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy: member of the Board of Trustees
- Metropolregion Rheinland: member of the Board of Trustees
- *Physikzentrum Bad Honnef* of the German Physical Society: member of the Board of Trustees
- *Universitätsgesellschaft Bonn*: member of the Executive Board
- University of Bonn Foundation: member of the Executive Board