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## Seven HHMI Scientists Elected to Institute of Medicine

Six Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigators and an HHMI international research scholar have been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) was established in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences to honor professional achievement in the health sciences and to serve as a national resource for independent analysis and recommendations on issues related to medicine, biomedical sciences, and health.

“Members are elected through a highly selective process that recognizes people who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care, and public health. Election is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of medicine and health,” said Harvey V. Fineberg, President of the Institute of Medicine.

Current active IOM members elect new members from a slate of candidates nominated for their professional achievement and commitment to service. A diversity of talent among members is assured by the Institute's charter, which requires that at least one-quarter be selected from fields outside the health professions -- such as the social and behavioral sciences, law, engineering, and the humanities.

The HHMI scientists newly elected to the Institute of Medicine are:

### **HHMI Investigators**

**James P. Allison** Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

**Katherine A. High** The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

**William G. Kaelin, Jr.** Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

**Louis J. Ptáček** University of California, San Francisco

**Matthew P. Scott** Stanford University School of Medicine

**Thomas C. Südhof** University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

**HHMI International Research Scholar**

**Peter H. St George-Hyslop** University of Toronto