

Dr. Roger Avery

Dr. Roger Avery is the associate dean for research and graduate studies in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. Avery received a First Class Honors Degree in biochemistry from the University of Leeds, UK, and the Ph.D. in biochemistry and microbiology from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK. Prior to joining the college in 2005, Avery served as senior associate dean of Virginia Tech's Graduate School and before that as chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. His laboratory at Cornell investigated retroviruses, especially the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). Avery was awarded a patent related to this research. Avery has participated as a visiting fellow at the Torrey Pines Research Center in San Diego and at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. He has received a Visiting Medical Research Council Fellowship Award for cancer research, the William Waldorf-Astor Foundation Award to visit such research centers as the National Institutes of Health, the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and the Frederick Cancer Research Center; and a Royal Society Travel Award to visit the universities of Bristol, Liverpool, and Glasgow. He visited the Theagenion Cancer Institute and the Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki, Greece, as their selected international visitor for 1986. Avery has been awarded research grants from many organizations, including eight research grants in the UK plus two grants from the Commission of the European Community's Division of Genetics and Biotechnology, five from the United States Department of Agriculture, two from the National Science Foundation, four from the Cornell Biotechnology Program, eight from the National Institutes of Health (including training grants), and five from commercial interests.