



American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

The ACNP Salutes Dr. Eric Nestler, M.D., Ph.D.
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ACNP members have long been targets of false and misleading animal rights campaigns, including most recently Dr. Eric Nestler, the Mount Sinai Nash Family Professor of Neuroscience and Director of the Friedman Brain Institute. For decades, Dr. Nestler's deservedly renowned research has been at the forefront of understanding the causes of drug addiction and depression, both of which are among the top causes of disease burden and disability worldwide. Given the current opioid crisis, such research has never been more important. Discoveries from Dr. Nestler's laboratory, based on the use of mouse and rat models, are now the basis of several clinical trials for improved treatments of these conditions. Dr. Nestler has also been a leading mentor of the next generation of brain scientists. Within the ACNP, Dr. Nestler has served as past President and received the Daniel H. Efron Research Award in 1994, the Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award in 2009, and the Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award in 2017.

At Mount Sinai, Dr. Nestler has been instrumental in building the Friedman Brain Institute into a powerhouse of research, education, and clinical work across the broad range of psychiatric and neurological disorders. We salute Dr. Nestler on these impressive accomplishments and look forward to further seminal advances in the neurosciences over the next decade.

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