



J. Fraser Mustard, MD PhD

At the pinnacle of his research career, Dr. J. Fraser Mustard joined Dr. John Evans in 1966 as a founding member of the McMaster University Faculty of Medicine, and became its first Chairman of the Department of Pathology, later serving as Dean of Medicine and Vice-President (Health Sciences). The revolutionary educational philosophy of the new school coincided with Dr. Mustard's own learning philosophy that we go to school to learn how to continue to learn through the rest of our professional lives. In addition, he led the research team that successfully demonstrated the link between acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin) and the prevention of heart attacks and stroke.

Mustard received his MD from The University of Toronto and his doctorate from Cambridge University. Upon returning to Canada from graduate studies, Mustard became a Research Fellow in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He and the team he led carried out groundbreaking research on the role of platelets in the coagulation of blood, and the means by which this process could be controlled.

With the new Faculty of Medicine at McMaster University running smoothly, he embarked on his third career in 1982; the establishment of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR). This Institute is a research network which studies complex problems in the sciences and social sciences and involves researchers working in many countries. Dr. Mustard has been the recipient of fifteen Honorary Degrees and in 1986 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. He became a Companion of the Order in 1994.