

## Backgrounder

**Dr. Craig C. Mello**  
**University of Massachusetts Medical School**  
**Howard Hughes Medical Institute**

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### **Biography**

Craig C. Mello received his B.S. in biochemistry from Brown University in 1982 and his Ph.D. in biology from Harvard University in 1990. Following a postdoctoral fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. James Priess at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, he joined the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1994. Dr. Mello is Professor in the Program in Molecular Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Dr. Mello has received awards such as the Lewis S. Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in Basic Medical Science, the Gairdner Foundation International Award, the National Academy of Sciences Award in Molecular Biology, and the Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences, and he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences earlier this year.

### **Education**

Brown University (B.S., Biochemistry)	1982
Harvard University (Ph.D., Biology)	1990
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Postdoctoral Fellow	1990-1994

### **Awards/Honors**

The Dr. Paul Janssen Award for Biomedical Research	2006
Gairdner Foundation International Award	2005
Lewis S. Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in Basic Medical Science	2005
RNAi Technology Innovator Award Winner	2004
National Academy of Sciences Award in Molecular Biology	2003
Wiley Prize in the Biomedical Sciences	2003
Pew scholar, University of California, San Francisco	1995

### **Memberships**

National Academy of Science