



## **Dr. Parada Elected to the National Academy of Sciences**

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

Please join me in congratulating our colleague, Luis F. Parada, Ph.D., Chairman of the Department of Developmental Biology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, who was elected this morning to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors attainable by a scientist.

Dr. Parada's research integrates the fields of molecular genetics, embryonic development and signal transduction. His studies have provided critical insights into brain development, associated disorders and cancer biology, and have led to the identification of molecules that inhibit nerve regeneration after injury.

Dr. Parada directs the Kent Waldrep Foundation Center for Basic Research on Nerve Growth and Regeneration and holds the Southwestern Ball Distinguished Chair in Nerve Regeneration Research and the Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Distinguished Chair in Developmental Biology.

With Dr. Parada's election, UT Southwestern Medical Center now has 19 members of this prestigious society among our faculty, more than all other academic medical centers in Texas combined.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.  
President, UT Southwestern Medical Center