

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE, LLC

Nurture, Mentor and Increase Diverse Leaders



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WORKING WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND
ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR
LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

The mission of *Leadership Excellence, LLC* is to nurture, mentor and increase diverse leaders
in health care and the biomedical sciences fields

Successes

- ✓ Established the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Office for Diversity-initiating and advancing achievements
- ✓ Developed and led with colleagues the unique academic partnership-Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance
- ✓ Funded as a successful NIH biomedical researcher for 30 years
- ✓ Served as institutional leader in achieving millions of dollars in research, training and infrastructure funding
- ✓ Strengthened faculty talents to become funded biomedical researchers
- ✓ Initiated the Colorado State University (CSU) Science Motivation Program, leading to increased high students participation in science research

Expertise

- Strategic Planning
- Academic Leadership
- Recruitment and Retention of Students and Faculty
- Mentorship
- Medical Education
- Biomedical Graduate Education
- Research Funding
- Program Evaluation



Previous Results Delivered

- ✓ Led VUSM to being ranked in the top six most diverse medical schools in the country.
- ✓ Provided leadership for Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance receiving over \$100 million in biomedical research funding.
- ✓ Led NIH RO1 biomedical research program resulting in over \$15 million in tropical diseases research funding over 30 years.
- ✓ Obtained over \$25 million in funding at Meharry Medical College for training, research, and infrastructure support programs.
- ✓ Attracted over 200-250 Colorado high school students to CSU for summer research experiences through the Science Motivation Program.

Recruitment & Retention of Students

- ✓ Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Multicultural Affairs at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (VUSM)
- ✓ Special Assistant to the Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs at VUSM
- ✓ Dean for Diversity in Medical Education at VUSM

Research

- ✓ Vice President for Sponsored Research at Meharry Medical College (MMC)
- ✓ Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research at MMC
- ✓ Professor and Director of the Division of Biomedical Sciences at MMC
- ✓ Tenured Distinguished Professor in Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology at VUSM

Global Relations

- ✓ Associate Vice President for International Programs at MMC
- ✓ NIH Fogarty International Center Scientific Advisory Board



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Honors & Recognitions

- Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (IOM)
- Fellow of the American Academy for Microbiology (AAM)
- Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Rutgers Alumnus Hall of Distinguished Alumni Award
- President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
- “Giant in Science” for Mentoring by Quality Education for Minorities Network
- Fulbright Research Fellow to the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya
- NIH Research Fellow to the University of Cambridge, Great Britain

BIOGRAPHY

George C. Hill, Ph.D. is the Levi Watkins Jr. M.D. Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology and Medical Education and Administration at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He also served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Multicultural Affairs and Special Assistant to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. From 2002-2011, he served as Associate Dean for Diversity in Medical Education.

Dr. Hill was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in 1998 and a Fellow of the Academy of Microbiology in 2002. He was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in 2011 for distinguished contributions to tropical diseases research, leadership as President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID), and for fostering a diverse research and healthcare workforce. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Nairobi, in Nairobi, Kenya and a NIH Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge in Great Britain.

Dr. Hill has trained doctoral students, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. In 1999, Dr. Hill was recognized as a “Giant in Science” by the Quality Education for Minorities Network for his commitment to motivating minority students to pursue the sciences. He also chaired the National Science Foundation Committee for Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Dr. Hill held a Professorship in Microbiology and served as Vice President for Sponsored Research at Meharry Medical College, where he also served as Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Division of Biomedical Sciences, and Associate Vice President for International Programs. Dr. Hill obtained his B.S. from Rutgers University, M.S. from Howard University, and Ph.D. from NYU. Additionally, Dr. Hill served at Colorado State University teaching and conducting research in the Department of Pathology and established a mentoring program for minority students in 1974, the CSU Science Motivation Program, bringing minority high school students to the campus for the summer.

He has served on numerous governmental advisory committees focusing on biomedical sciences research and graduate education including serving as a member of the NIH Advisory Council for NIGMS as well as a member of the NIH Board of Scientific Counselors for NIAID. He also served on the CDC Scientific Advisory Board of the National Center for Infectious Diseases. He currently serves on the NIH Fogarty International Center Scientific Advisory Board.

Dr. Hill is a researcher in the field of molecular biology and biochemistry of African trypanosomiasis. His laboratory was the first to grow the *Trypanosoma rhodesiense* in culture, the causative agent of African trypanosomiasis. He has received extensive research support from NIH, NSF and other federal agencies. For his research accomplishments, he received the Seymour Hutner Prize for Research from the Society for Protozoologists.

He is a member of the American Society of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Microbiology and other scientific societies. He also works throughout the country to advance opportunities for underrepresented minority students in medicine and the biomedical sciences.

Dr. Hill received the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni Award from the Rutgers University Alumni Association in May, 2012.