

Claude Bouchard, PhD
BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Claude Bouchard is Professor and Director of the Human Genomics Laboratory at Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He holds the John W. Barton Sr. Endowed Chair in Genetics and Nutrition. He is a Boyd Professor in the Louisiana State University System. He has a Ph.D. (University of Texas, Austin) in population genetics. His research deals with the genetics of adaptation to exercise and to nutritional interventions as well as the genetics of obesity and its comorbidities. He has authored and coauthored 35 books and more than 1000 scientific papers which have received more than 93,000 citations (h-index=136) according to the Web of Science, and more than 200,000 citations (h-index=203) according to Google Scholar. Among other awards, he was the recipient of the Honor Award from the Canadian Association of Sport Sciences in 1988, a Citation Award from the American College of Sports Medicine in 1992 and the Honor Award in 2002, the Benjamin Delessert Award in nutrition from France in 1993, Officer of the Order of Leopold II of Belgium in 1994, the Willendorf Award from the International Association for the Study of Obesity in 1994, the Sandoz Award from the Canadian Atherosclerosis Society in 1996, the Albert Creff Award in Nutrition of the National Academy of Medicine of France in 1997, the TOPS award in 1998, the Friends of Albert J. Stunkard Award in 2004 and the George A. Bray Founders Award from The Obesity Society in 2008, the W. Henry Sebrell Award from the Weight Watchers Foundation in 1999, and the EV McCollum Award from the American Society of Nutrition in 2011. He is a foreign member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium since 1996, and he was the Leon Mow Visiting Professor at the International Diabetes Institute in Melbourne, Australia, in 1998. In 2001 he became a member of the Order of Canada as well as Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine, Université Laval. In 2003 he received the Alumnus of the Year Award from Université Laval. Dr. Bouchard became a Knight in the Ordre National du Quebec and received the Earle W. Crampton Award in Nutrition from McGill University in 2005. He was awarded Honoris Causa Doctorates from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in 1998, the University of South Carolina in 2009, Brock University in 2011, the University of Guelph in 2011, the University of Ottawa in 2012, the University of Athens in 2015 and Université Laval in 2015. Dr. Bouchard is past president of the Obesity Society and past president of the International Association for the Study of Obesity. He served as the

Executive Director of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center from 1999 to 2010. Prior to coming to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, he held the Donald B. Brown Research Chair on Obesity at Université Laval in Quebec. He is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Epidemiological Society, the Obesity Society, the American Society of Nutrition, the American Heart Association, the Canadian Society of Applied Physiology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He served as the Chair of the Program Consultant Board for the NIH-Common Fund supported multi-centric project aimed at defining the molecular transducers of the health benefits associated with regular exercise (MoTrPAC). His research has been funded by various agencies in Canada and the USA, but mainly by the National Institutes of Health and the Medical Research Council of Canada.

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