

Professor Steve Wilson to join the Francis Crick Institute as Associate Research Director, Partner University Liaison

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We are delighted to announce that Steve Wilson (Division of Biosciences) will be the Crick's new **Associate Research Director (Partner University Liaison)**, responsible for facilitating and optimising the collaborative partnership between the Crick and its three partner universities: UCL, Imperial College London and King's College London.



Steve, who will take over from the Crick's current post holder Malcolm Irving in April 2024, brings with him a wealth of leadership experience across the university and broader biomedical research sectors. He is currently Professor of Developmental Genetics and Vice-Dean for Research in the Faculty of Life Sciences at University College London where, using the zebrafish model, he has made seminal contributions to the field of developmental neuroscience. In taking on the Associate Research Director role, Steve will now split his time between the Crick and UCL.

Steve has a particular interest in supporting the early career research community and has served on Wellcome funding panels for about 12 years and has been the UCL Academy of Medical Sciences Springboard Champion since the inception of this scheme. During his time at UCL Steve helped to establish the UCL Excellence Fellowship scheme that has facilitated recruitment of many outstanding junior biomedical researchers.

Steve has previously held positions at University of Michigan and King's College London. He has over 120 publications and was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2002 and to EMBO in 2005. In 2009 he was awarded the Remedios Caro Almela Prize in Developmental Neurobiology. He has been a member of the International Scientific Advisory Boards for some of the world's leading Research Institutes (EMBL, Max-Planck Institute for Neurobiology and RIKEN Centre for Brain Science).