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# PEARL MEISTER GREENGARD PRIZE

An International Award Recognizing Outstanding Women in Biomedical Research

## 2013 RECIPIENT

**Huda Y. Zoghbi, M.D.**

*Ralph D. Feigin Professor*

Baylor College of Medicine

*Investigator*

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

*Director*

Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute  
at Texas Children's Hospital

In the nervous system, even small genetic blunders can have huge biological consequences. Mistakes in key genes can cripple our ability to move, speak, and interact with the world. Using some of the most advanced techniques in genetics and cell biology, Huda Zoghbi, M.D. and her collaborators have unraveled the genetic underpinnings of a number of devastating neurological disorders, including Rett syndrome and spinocerebellar ataxia type 1. Their discoveries have provided new ways of thinking about more common neurological disorders, including autism, intellectual disability, and Parkinson's disease, and could lead to better treatments for such conditions.

Commenting on how she was drawn to disorders that affect the brain, Dr. Zoghbi has noted, "Neurology grabbed me because of how logical it is. You observe the patient, analyze her symptoms and work backward to figure out exactly which part of the brain is responsible for the problem. It's like a puzzle."<sup>\*</sup>

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**Ursula von Ridingsvard**

*Sculptor*

\*Courtesy: Howard Hughes Medical Institute

The Rockefeller University  
invites you to join us for  
the Prize presentation on

**Thursday, Dec. 5**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Casparry Auditorium**  
The Rockefeller University

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Reception to follow

**RSVP**  
For more information or  
to register for this event,  
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"The discrimination of  
25 years ago is reflected in  
the relatively few women  
at the top today.

I hope to bring more  
attention to the work of  
brilliant women scientists—  
perhaps this will bring them  
further recognition, and  
even a Nobel."

—Paul Greengard

Dr. Greengard, Nobel laureate  
and Vincent Astor Professor  
at The Rockefeller University,  
established the Pearl Meister  
Greengard Prize in memory  
of his mother, who died giving  
birth to him.

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Note: **FACES**—the Female Association of Clinicians, Educators & Scientists—  
is sponsoring a discussion with Huda Zoghbi at 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of  
December 5, in conjunction with the University's *Women & Science* initiative.  
To register, please email Amma Asare at [aasare@rockefeller.edu](mailto:aasare@rockefeller.edu).