

Dr J. Robert Buchanan



We honor Dr J. Robert Buchanan for his commitment and dedication to the development of the Aga Khan University, as a founding Trustee for 27 years, since 1985. He has generously given of his expertise and knowledge in health sciences acquired through the leadership of medical institutions in North America to oversee the development of AKU's strong foundation in medical education and health services. This journey began with the establishment of the Aga Khan University Hospital and postgraduate medical education in Pakistan. With that underpinning, Dr Buchanan helped to steer the development of AKU's Medical College and teaching hospital to become one of international repute. The establishment of the extensive outreach programme led AKU to become the market leader in Pakistan in diagnostic medicine and enabled the support of the University's academic programmes. This system is now a model for expansion of AKU's reach in health sciences to East Africa and Central Asia. Dr Buchanan continues to provide through the Board sage advice to the University on governance, hospital management, medical education, fundraising and integrated health systems.

Dr Buchanan is a visionary leader in the areas of healthcare delivery and medical education, as the former Dean of the Medical College at Cornell University in New York, the General Director (CEO) Emeritus of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and as professor at Harvard Medical School. His bold leadership played a significant role in the creation of regional and national health systems in the United States, which required unprecedented collaboration as well as extensive capacity development. Dr Buchanan is an innovator and problem solver in the healthcare arena, which is evident through his many applications of cutting edge technology and his engagement into new fields of study.

Dr J. Fraser Mustard



We honor the (late) Dr J. Fraser Mustard for his dedication and persistence to the development of academic programmes of the Aga Khan University, as a founding Trustee from 1985 to 2011. An intellectual entrepreneur, Dr Mustard mobilized the School of Nursing at McMaster University, while serving as its Dean of Medicine, to support the establishment of the School of Nursing at AKU. With Dr Mustard's guidance, the AKU-SON grew to have a far reaching impact on the profession nationally as well as in nursing education in East Africa, Afghanistan and Syria. We are indebted to Dr Mustard for his stewardship of the high standards of academic programmes at AKU and for the inspiration he provided during the foundational years of Aga Khan University. Dr Mustard applied his extensive knowledge and experience in health sciences, his ability to synthesize problems and his insatiable intellectual curiosity to help the University conceptualize new academic and research areas.

A pioneer in medical education and research in Canada, Dr Fraser Mustard developed institutions that are positioned to benefit populations and societies for a long time to come. He was the founding chair of the department of medicine at McMaster University; the founding president of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research – a virtual, international research enterprise bringing people together to venture intellectually to address complex issues; and the inaugural president of The Founders Network, from where he launched an international network of researchers to focus on early childhood development. Dr Mustard is most renowned for his contribution to understanding of the importance of the early years of a child's life to the overall development of a human being. His work in this area is also the foundation for Aga Khan University's work in human development.