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**Torsten N. Wiesel
Doctor of Science**

Torsten N. Wiesel is president emeritus of The Rockefeller University. He received his M.D. from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1954. His interest in understanding the pathways of the brain led him to the United States in 1955 to study neurophysiology at Johns Hopkins University and later to Harvard Medical School, where he became chair of the department of neurobiology. In 1981 he received the Nobel Prize in medicine for his long-term research on how the brain processes visual information. In 1983 he joined The Rockefeller University faculty, and he served as president from 1991 to 1998. Since 1994 he has served as chair of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Human Rights, and is a member and former chair of the Human Rights Watch Arms Division Committee. Among his many other current activities, he serves on the board of directors of the McGovern Institute for Brain Research, and is chairman of the board of governors of the New York Academy of Sciences.