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Education

- ▶ M.D. University of Oslo 1980
- ▶ Ph.D. (Neuroscience), University of Oslo 1982

Current positions

- ▶ Professor, University of Oslo
- ▶ Acting Secretary General of The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities
- ▶ Visiting Professor Charité

Previous positions

- ▶ Research Fellow, Anatomical Institute, University of Oslo 1978-1983
- ▶ Associate Professor (Prosektor), Anatomical Institute, University of Oslo 1983-1992
- ▶ Professor of Medicine, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, UiO 1992-
- ▶ Head of the Department of Anatomy, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Oslo 1997-1999
- ▶ Dean of Science, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo 2000-2002
- ▶ Head of EMBIO (Interfaculty Unit for Molecular Biology, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics at the University of Oslo) 2001-2002
- ▶ Chairman of the Board of FUGE (National Program for Functional Genomics in Norway) 2003-2007
- ▶ Director, Centre for Molecular Biology and Neuroscience (Center of Excellence sponsored by the Norwegian Research Council; www.cmbn.no) 2002-2009
- ▶ Coordinator, Nordic Centre of Excellence in Molecular Medicine (WIRED) 2005-2009
- ▶ Chief Editor of Neuroscience (Official Journal of the International Brain Research Organization) 2006-2009
- ▶ President of the University of Oslo 2009-2017
- ▶ President of Karolinska Institutet 2017-2023

Teaching experience

- ▶ Educator of medical students since 1976, taught a number of fields, including neurobiology, histology, gross anatomy and functional anatomy.

- ▶ Member of committee for planning 7th semester in “Oslo 96”
- ▶ Educator of physiotherapists and postgraduate students
- ▶ Taught anatomy for medical students and dental hygienists at Karolinska Institutet 2017-2023

EU grants/other major grants

Partner or coordinator of several current or previous EU projects including:

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| ▶ Co-ordinator of EU Biomed project <i>Kainate and AMPA receptor trafficking</i> (KAR-TRAP) | 2003-2005 |
| ▶ Co-ordinator of EU project <i>Glutamate Receptor Interacting Proteins as Novel Neuroprotective Targets</i> (GRIPANNT) | 2005-2008 |
| ▶ Norwegian representative to European Cooperation in Scientific and Technological Research, COST | 2001-2005 |
| ▶ Partner of EU training network CORTEX | 2006-2009 |
| ▶ Partner of EU project NEUROIMAGE | 2006-2009 |
| ▶ Principal investigator of numerous other national or international grants | |

Major grants (in addition to the EU grants) include:

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| ▶ Center of Excellence (Norwegian Research Council): Coordinator/director | 2002-2009 |
| ▶ Grant from the Nordic Council (Nordic Centre of Excellence Program in Molecular Medicine): Coordinator. | 2005-2009 |
| ▶ Grant from the Norwegian Research Council (STORFORSK): Coordinator. | 2005-2008 |

2007: Founding partner (together with the Biotechnology Centre) of the Norwegian node of the Nordic Partnership of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)

Positions of trust – international

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| ▶ Board Member of Wallenberg Consortium North | 2002-2006 |
| ▶ Member Expert Advisor Group, Brain Power, Sweden | 2004-2006 |
| ▶ Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board for Helsinki Neuroscience Center | 2002-2007 |
| ▶ Panel leader, European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants | 2008-2012 |
| ▶ Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Lundbeck Foundation | 2007-2013 |
| ▶ Chairman, Lancet – University of Oslo Commission on Global Governance for Health | 2011-2014 |
| ▶ Member of the board of Nordforsk | 2013-2016 |
| ▶ Leader of the Det Nordiske Universitetssamarbeidet (NUS) | 2013-2015 |
| ▶ Chairman of the Kavli Prize Committee (Neuroscience) | 2013-2017 |
| ▶ Chairman, Advisory Board for Academic Monitoring Panel on Global Governance for Health | 2014-2017 |
| ▶ Member of the Strategic Advisory Board for Biocenter Finland | 2012-2015 |
| ▶ Chairman of the prize committees of the Olav Thon Prizes (national and international) | 2014-2021 |
| ▶ Strategic Advisor for EAT | 2014-2017 |
| ▶ Founding Chair, Guild of Research Intensive Universities | 2016-2017 |
| ▶ Panel leader Synergy Grants, European Research Council | 2017-2019 |
| ▶ Chair Scientific Council, Helsinki Institute of Life Science HiLife | 2017-2022 |

▶ Board member of the African Population and Health Research Center	2017-
▶ Member of the Brain Prize Committee (Lundbeckfonden)	2020-
▶ Council member, Virchow Foundation	2021-
▶ Member Virchow Prize Committee	2021-
▶ Committee member, Else Kröner Fresenius Prize	2022-
▶ Founding member / cofounder, One Europe for Global Health	2022-
▶ Member World Health Summit Council	2023-
▶ Member Scientific Advisory Board of RIKEN	2023-
▶ Member Scientific Advisory Committee AI-Mind	2021-
▶ Member One Sustainable Health Forum Scientific Committee	2022-

Served as ad hoc expert advisor/evaluator for a number of organizations, institutions and research councils.

Participated in several university evaluations and other onsite evaluations including:

▶ University of Uppsala (panel member)	2007
▶ University of Göttingen (panel member)	2007
▶ University of Oulu (panel head)	2007
▶ University of Kuopio (panel member)	2008, 2013, 2023
▶ Evaluator in the German Universities Excellence Initiative	2011-2012
▶ University of Turku	2015, 2022
▶ Biocenter Finland	2016

Positions of trust – national

(the list is not exhaustive)

▶ Chairman of the Jahre Prize Committee	1996-2003
▶ Chairman of Interim Board of CONNECT Norway	2000-2002
▶ Member of Senior Advisory Board for Nordic CONNECT	2000-2002
▶ Member of Interim Board of Norwegian Biotechnology Forum	2000-2001
▶ Panel leader of the EVA Project (Committee for evaluation of the University of Oslo as research institution)	2001-2002
▶ Member of the Advisory Board of Institute of Neuroscience, Norwegian University of Science and Technology	2006-2008
▶ Chairman of the board of University of Oslo	2009-2017
▶ Board member Universitetsforlaget	2009-2017
▶ Member of the board of Oslo University Hospital (OUS)	2012-2017
▶ Chairman of the board of The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR)	2013-2015
▶ Member of the Business for Peace Advisory Board	2013-2017
▶ Member of the board of Partnership for Change	2013-2017
▶ Chair, Samarbeidsorganet (joint council) of the Regional Health Authority and University of Oslo (Chair alternating with the Director of the Regional Health Authority)	2014-2017
▶ Dr Åke Olsson Foundation, Board member	2018-2023
▶ Petrus and Augusta Hedlunds Foundation, Board member	2018-2023
▶ Ruth and Rickard Julins Foundation, Board member	2018-2023

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| ▶ Partnership group for Health and Life Sciences, Swedish Government | 2018-2022 |
| ▶ Board Chair of SUSTAINIT, Unit for Sustainable Health, University of Oslo | 2023- |

Research Council Responsibilities

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| ▶ Member of Scientific Advisory Panel | 1992-2000 |
| ▶ Research Supervisor of MEDKAP | 2000-2001 |
| ▶ Chairman of the Board of FUGE (National Program for Functional Genomics in Norway) | 2003-2007 |

Honors and Awards

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| ▶ Anders Jahre's award for medical research to younger researchers | 1990 |
| ▶ The University of Oslo Prize for Scientific Research (Universitetets forskningspris) | 1994 |
| ▶ The Lundbeck Foundation Nordic Award for Outstanding Research (shared with Jon Storm-Mathisen) | 2005 |
| ▶ Anders Jahre's award for medical research (senior prize) | 2008 |
| ▶ Member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters | 1993 |
| ▶ Member of Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina (now German Academy of Sciences) | 2001 |
| ▶ Member of The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters | 2006 |
| ▶ Member of Scanbalt Academy | 2006 |
| ▶ Honorary Doctor University of Kuopio | 2010 |
| ▶ Honorary Doctor École Normale Supérieure, Lyon | 2015 |
| ▶ Honorary Doctor Strömstad Academy | 2017 |
| ▶ Member Finnish Academy of Science and Letters | 2017 |
| ▶ Member Academia Europaea | 2017 |
| ▶ Ordre national du Mérite (ordre honorifique français) | 2019 |
| ▶ The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star (Japan) | 2023 |

Professional memberships

- ▶ Member of the European Neuroscience Association (FENS)
- ▶ Member of the Society for Neuroscience (USA)

Editorial Board Service

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| ▶ Neuroscience (Official Journal of the International Brain Research Organization) | |
| Associate Editor | 2002-2005 |
| Chief Editor | 2006-2009 |
| ▶ European Journal of Neuroscience | 2000-2009 |

Member of editorial board of the following journals (prior to 2009)

- ▶ Amino Acids
- ▶ Anatomy and Embryology (Managing Editor)
- ▶ Brain Research Protocols
- ▶ Journal of Brain Research
- ▶ Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy

- ▶ Journal of Neurocytology
- ▶ Neuroscience
- ▶ Protocols in Neuroscience
- ▶ The Cerebellum

Publications and Citations

379 research papers listed in PubMed (August 2023). In 2002 Professor Ottersen was included in the Institute of Scientific Information list of Highly Cited scientists and is now included in Webometrics list of researchers with h>100 (<https://www.webometrics.info/en/hlargerthan100>). h factor 114 (Google Scholar, August 2023), more than 49 700 citations (Google Scholar, August 2023). Included in Stanford rankings of Scientists (6574) <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/3>

Editor/co-editor of international book volumes/special Issues

- ▶ Glycine Neurotransmission (Wiley 1990)
- ▶ Understanding the Brain through the Hippocampus (Elsevier 1990)
- ▶ The Glutamate Synapse as a Therapeutical Target (Elsevier 1998)
- ▶ Glutamate (Elsevier 2000)
- ▶ Water transport in brain (Elsevier 2004, Neuroscience Special Issue)
- ▶ DNA repair and genome homeostasis in brain (Elsevier 2007, Neuroscience Special Issue)

My blog archive as KI president

- <https://blog.ki.se/rektor/>