

Windsor Debates

HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

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Fiona is a biotechnology entrepreneur who has founded and developed biotech businesses notably in the field of anti-infectives. As co-founder and CEO of Novacta Biosystems from 2001-2007, Fiona has successfully led the company focused on discovery & development of human therapeutics by engineering bioactives from microbes, that advanced a candidate from discovery through to clinical development.

She was Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) from 2021 – 2023 and an adviser to the fund UKI2S from 2018 - 2023. Between 2019 and 2024 Fiona was also a Non-Executive Director for Alder Hey NHS Foundation Trust and chaired the People & Wellbeing Sub-committee. Until late 2020 Fiona was Director of the Centre of Excellence in Infectious Diseases Research focused on commercial translation for the University of Liverpool, LSTM and associated NHS Trusts. Early in her career she founded the investment incubator Healthcare Ventures, for the Rothschild Bioscience Unit and J&J Development Corporation investing in European entrepreneurs. Currently Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence at the University of Reading, Chair & CEO of ErebaGen Limited, advisor to the investment fund Northern Gritstone and the NC3R's CRACK IT Challenge.



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