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## Peter Swaan

### Bio



Peter Swaan became the eighth dean of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in December 2022. He joined UF from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy where he served as the associate dean for research and advanced graduate education as well as a professor and chair in the department of pharmaceutical sciences. While at Maryland, Swaan was named a university distinguished professor in recognition of his extraordinary leadership and significant contributions to the pharmaceutical sciences.

As an internationally recognized scientist, Swaan has built a highly successful research program focused on transporters in drug targeting and delivery. His early research examined ways to make poorly absorbed drugs more effective in the gastrointestinal tract, which led to his lab pioneering the use of computer modeling to determine the structural requirements of membrane transporters. He holds several U.S. patents on these and related technologies and has published more than 150 original research articles. In addition, he has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health since 1998 and secured more than \$25 million in grant funding during his career.

Since 2015, Swaan has chaired the Board of Grants for the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education, or AFPE. He has also chaired multiple committees within the American Association for Pharmaceutical Scientists and served on multiple NIH study sections. More than two dozen master's and Ph.D. students have trained under his guidance. In July 2022, he was awarded the AFPE William M. Heller Mentor of the Year Award.

A native of the Netherlands, Swaan trained as a pharmacist at the University of Leiden and earned a master's degree in pharmacy from Utrecht University in 1989. His interest in pharmaceutical research inspired him to pursue a Ph.D. in biopharmaceutics from the University of Utrecht. In 1994, he moved to the U.S. to work as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Francisco. Swaan also trained at the University of Michigan before accepting a faculty position at Ohio State University in 1996. Swaan spent seven years at Ohio State before joining the faculty in Maryland.

