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A NOBEL PRIZE FOR RESILIENCE

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Another round of the elitist science carousel [that stopped again](#) for some underdogs...

[wired.co.uk](https://www.wired.co.uk)

She recalls spending one Christmas and New Year's Eve conducting experiments and writing grant applications. But many other scientists were turning away from the field, and her bosses at UPenn felt mRNA had shown itself to be impractical and she was wasting her time. They issued an ultimatum, if she wanted to continue working with mRNA she would lose her prestigious faculty position, and face a substantial pay cut.

"It was particularly horrible as that same week, I had just been diagnosed with cancer," said Karikó. "I was facing two operations, and my husband, who had gone back to Hungary to pick up his green card, had got stranded there because of some visa issue, meaning he couldn't come back for six months. I was really struggling, and then they told me this."

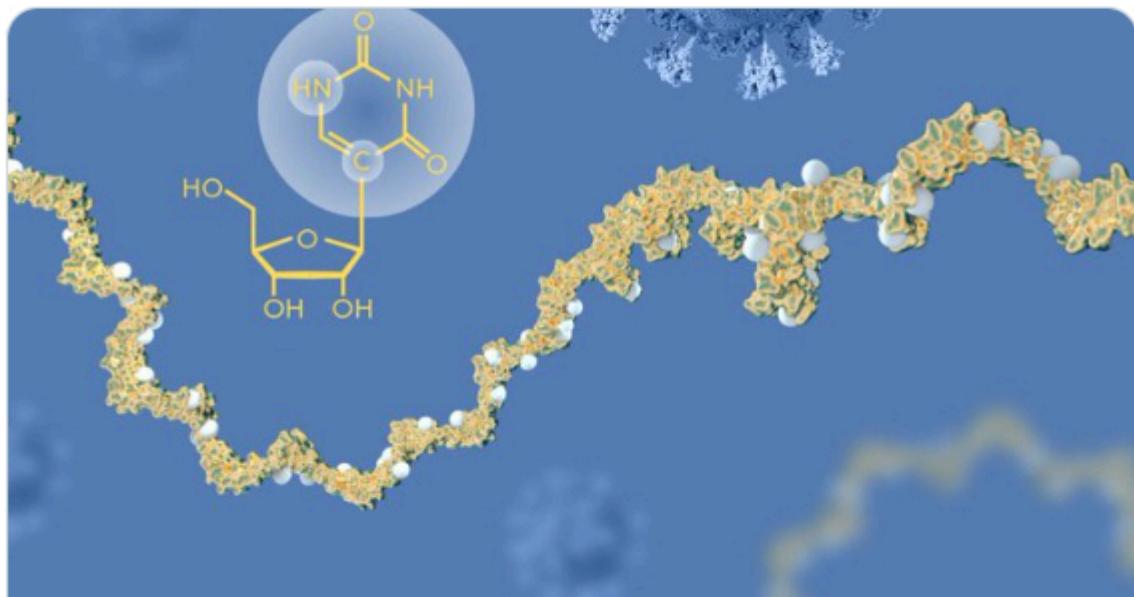


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Focus on your science, not on journal titles.



nobelprize.org

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2023

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2023 was awarded jointly to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman "for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base..."

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Katalin Kariko @kkariko · 9h

Nobel Prize winner Katalin Karikó was 'demoted 4 times' at her old job. How she persisted: 'You have to focus on what's next'



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Michael Eisen

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Not to be a crankypuss, but awarding a Nobel for work that suffered from not being taken seriously for decades only **after** it proved to be of incredible value is not a triumph of prizemaking - it's a complete condemnation of it and the entire culture of modern academic science.

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Phillip J. Buckhaults, Ph.D.

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let us briefly enjoy the romance story of the unappreciated scientist who was finally recognized (like hans krebs or peter mitchell). it keeps our candles burning bright during the dark and lonely times.

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[Nobel Paper](#) and [interview](#) – and [another famous quote](#) (“in the future, this lab will be a museum. Don’t touch it.”)

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