

Preston Hensley, Ph.D.

Preston Hensley, Ph.D., is a retired Senior Director in Pfizer Biotechnology and Bioinnovation Center. He was an External Research Network Lead for the Eastern U.S. region, representing the Boston / Cambridge, Massachusetts area. He joined the group in December of 2007 and focused on collaborative alliances between the Pfizer scientific organization and the greater Boston research community.



Dr. Hensley joined Pfizer in 1998, as the Manager of Protein Chemistry in the Global Research and Development organization at Groton, CT. The group was expanded to Protein and Peptide Chemistry in 1999. In 2002, he was appointed Director of Protein and Cell Science and was responsible for production and functional characterization of proteins, peptides, eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells in support of exploratory drug discovery, high throughput screening, structure-based drug design, ADMET screen design and execution, and biomarker development. In 2003 he was appointed a Pfizer Science Ambassador. In this role, he has interacted with Members of Congress, leaders from the NIH and a number of internal and external groups to explain the process of drug discovery and the value of new medicines to healthcare delivery in the nation.

Preston received BA and MS degrees in analytical biology from UCSB and a doctorate in biochemistry from Cornell University in 1975. He did postdoctoral work with Howard Schachman at UC Berkeley, where he was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, a Fellow of the Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science, and a Lecturer in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.