

## DR. DAVID SUZUKI - Profile -

David Suzuki, Chair of the David Suzuki Foundation, is an **award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster**. He is renowned for his radio and television programs that explain the complexities of the natural sciences in a compelling, easily understood way.

Dr. Suzuki is a geneticist. He graduated from **Amherst College** (Massachusetts) in 1958 with an Honours BA in Biology, followed by a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Chicago. He held a research associateship in the Biology Division of Tennessee's **Oak Ridge National Lab** (1961 – 62), was an Assistant Professor in Genetics at the **University of Alberta** (1962 – 63), and since then has been a faculty member of the **University of British Columbia**. He is now Professor Emeritus of The University of British Columbia, Sustainable Development Research Institute.

In 1972, he was awarded the **E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship for the outstanding research scientist in Canada under the age of 35**. He has won numerous academic awards and holds **19 honorary degrees** in Canada, the U.S. and Australia. A member of the **Royal Society of Canada** and a Companion to the **Order of Canada**, Dr. Suzuki **has written 43 books**, including 17 for children. His 1976 textbook *An Introduction to Genetic Analysis* (with A.J.F. Griffiths), remains the **most widely used genetics text book** in the U.S. and has been translated into Italian, Spanish, Greek, Indonesian, Arabic, French and German.

Dr. Suzuki has received consistently high acclaim for his thirty years of **award-winning work in broadcasting**. In 1974 he developed and hosted the long running popular science program *Quirks and Quarks* on **CBC Radio**. He has since presented two influential documentary CBC radio series on the environment, *It's a Matter of Survival* and *From Naked Ape to Superspecies*. His television career began with CBC in 1971 when he wrote and hosted *Suzuki on Science*. He then created and hosted a number of television specials, and in 1979 became the host of the award-winning *The Nature of Things with David Suzuki*. He has won **four Gemini Awards** as best host of a Canadian television series for *The Nature of Things*, which he has been with for 26 of the 46 seasons they have been on air. His eight part television series, *A Planet for the Taking*, won an award from the United Nations. His eight part **PBS series, *The Secret of Life***, was praised internationally, as was his five part series *The Brain* for the **Discovery Channel**. On June 10, 2002 he received the John Drainie Award for broadcasting excellence.

Dr. Suzuki is also recognized as a world leader in sustainable ecology. He is the recipient of **UNESCO's Kalinga Prize for Science**, the **United Nations Environment Program Medal** and the **Global 500**. He is a fellow of the **American Association of the Advancement of Science**. **More info:** [www.davidsuzuki.org](http://www.davidsuzuki.org)