

Bill Melchior

How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

- Other than an occasional lecture or seminar, my only teaching experience was a LifeQuest course on evolution.

Please list your most recent job title:

- After spending 3 ½ years each at the Institute of Molecular Biology, University of Oregon, Eugene, and NIH, Bethesda
- I spent nearly 40 years at NCTR (the National Center for Toxicological Research, part of the FDA), Jefferson, Arkansas
- My total of about 50 years of laboratory research was in biochemistry and molecular biology, dealing mostly with proteins, DNA, and RNA.

What is your educational background?

- I got a BS from Stanford and a PhD from UCLA.

Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:

- I enjoy all my interactions with LifeQuest; hearing about things that are not my specialty is mind-expanding and teaching gives me the opportunity to learn even more about my topics. Climate change is one of the most important things we need to deal with in modern life. I've been long interested in it (One of the scientific papers I'll be mentioning in the course is from 2000.) and my scientific background gives me the mental tools to evaluate the relevant evidence.

List some distinctive personal facts about yourself:

- Since retirement my main interests are swimming, reading, gardening and traveling.