

Short Biosketch –Professor Richie Poulton, CNZM FRSNZ

Professor Richie Poulton is Director of the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Research Unit which conducts the Dunedin longitudinal study, one of the most detailed studies of human health and development ever undertaken.

In 2007, he established and became a Co-Director of the National Centre for Lifecourse Research, a research centre based at the University of Otago in Dunedin, but with partners located at universities across New Zealand and internationally. In 2017, the Dunedin Study Research Group, which he leads, received the New Zealand Prime Minister's Science Prize for work that has had a significant impact on New Zealand and internationally.

He has also held a part-time position as the inaugural Chief Science Advisor to the NZ Ministry of Social Development since October 2014 and is currently Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister in her role as Minister of Child Poverty Reduction.

He has published 270+ peer-reviewed scientific papers, with many appearing in leading international journals. His research interests include: mental health, childhood predictors of life success, and psychosocial determinants of chronic physical disease. In 2014, he was named as a Highly Cited Researcher by Thomson-Reuters (one of only four New Zealanders so designated) and was listed in *2015 World's Most Influential Scientific Minds*, Thomson-Reuters. In 2017 he was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for services to health research and science.

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