

Kary Banks Mullis

Biochemist

Mr. Mullis (born December 28, 1944) is a Noble Prize-winning American biochemist, author and lecturer. In recognition of his improvement of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique, he shared the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Michael Smith and earned the Japan Prize in the same year. The process was first described by Kjell Kleppe and 1968 Noble Laureate H. Govind Khorana, and allows the amplification of specific DNA sequences. The improvements make by Mullis allowed PCR to become a central technique in biochemistry and molecular biology, described by *The New York Times* as "highly original and significant, virtually dividing biology into the two epochs of before PCR and after PCR."

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