

William Bains

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William is an academic and entrepreneur. After an academic career in the UK and the USA, he joined PA Consulting Group in 1988, and Merlin Ventures in 1996. In 1999 William founded Amedis Pharmaceuticals Ltd, (since acquired by Paradigm Therapeutics). He has since founded three other biotech companies, and sits on the boards of two others as well as the advisory boards of the Icen Fund and Bath Ventures. William also runs Rufus Scientific, helping entrepreneurs, Universities and start-ups identify how to generate value from visionary science and technology. William continues to be engaged in research at MIT (where he is a visiting scientist researching astrobiology) and Cambridge (where is he laboratory director of the newly formed SENS Foundation laboratory for regenerative medicine). William's expertise has been recognised with Toshiba Year of Invention prize in 1992, election to Human Genome Organisation in 1994, and appointment (2000 – 2008) as a visiting Professor at Imperial College, London. He is author of over 80 papers on subjects as diverse as drug chemistry, company law and extraterrestrial life, and four books, including *Venture Capital and the European Biotechnology Industry* (2008), and teaches company creation and entrepreneurship at the Institute of Biotechnology in Cambridge University.