

Short Biography

Professor Julian Savulescu is an award-winning ethicist, medical doctor and moral philosopher. He trained in neuroscience, medicine, and philosophy. He is currently and has been Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford since 2002. He currently also holds Chen Su Lan Centennial Professor in Medical Ethics, and Head of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics, at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (from August 2022).

In 2003, he founded the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and was responsible for attracting a significant donation from the Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education to evolve the Centre into the Uehiro Oxford Institute and to provide scholarships in practical ethics St Cross College, Oxford.

He co-directed the Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities (2017-2024) and is Co-PI on ANTITHESES - A Discovery Platform for Transformative Inclusivity in Ethics and Humanities Research funded by Wellcome Trust (2025-2030). He is a Distinguished Visiting Professorial Fellow at Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Distinguished Visiting Professor in Law at Melbourne Law School since 2017.

He was editor of the BMJ's *Journal of Medical Ethics* for over 10 years and achieved the highest impact factor in the journal's history.

He leads teams of >30 researchers and has held over £23 million in awards and donations under his direct leadership, as part of awards worth over £32 million.

According to Google Scholar, he has an overall h index of 96, with over 38,110 citations in total and 501 publications cited at least 10 times (accurate as of September 2025). Scholar GPS is a Californian company linked to Meta that ranks academic institutions, disciplines, fields and scholars. It uses AI and deep learning. (scholargps.com/scholars/79560527908615/julian-savulescu). In 2025, Savulescu was ranked **No 1 in the world in medical ethics** for all time; **No 1 in the world in bioethics**; No 4 in the world in ethics for all time. He is ranked No 30 in Public Health in last 5 years. He was ranked in top 0.02% of 30 million scholars for all time and top 0.01% in the last 5 years, from 15 million scholars. It lists over 650 publications.

In 2023, Stanford University – Elsevier's top 2% of all scholars worldwide for 2022 included him. SciVal ranks him No 1 for Ethics and Law in World and Europe, for 2021-2025. Since 2014 alone, it lists 403 pubs, 83% Q1. His Field Weighted Citation Index is 7.4 as first author (1 is average)

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities, Monash University Distinguished Alumnus, and received an honorary doctorate from the University of Bucharest.

Employment History

Current Posts:

- Chen Su Lan Centennial Professor in Medical Ethics, and Head of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics, at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
- Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics, University of Oxford. (2002-; from August 2022 at 20%)
- Visiting Professorial Fellow in Biomedical Ethics, Murdoch Children's Research Institute. (July 2017-)
- Distinguished Visiting International Professor in Law, Melbourne University (July 2017-)
- Co-PI, ANTITHESES - A Discovery Platform for Transformative Inclusivity in Ethics and Humanities Research funded by Wellcome Trust (2025-30)
- Fellow, Australian Academy of Arts and Humanities (2023-)
- Fellow, Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (2019-)
- Monash University Distinguished Alumnus (2009-)
- Senior Fellow of the Faculty of Law, NUS
- Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Philosophy, NUS

Previous Appointments:

Founder and Director of Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford (2003-2022)

Editor, *Journal of Medical Ethics* (1998- 2002 and 2011-2018); Editor in Chief, *Journal of Practical Ethics* (2012-18, now Advisory Editor)

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Founder and Director, Oxford Centre for Neuroethics (Wellcome Trust Strategic Centre) (2008-2013) (1st in Europe)

Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award (2015-2021) for Responsibility and Health Care.

Director, Oxford Martin Programme on Collective Responsibility for Infectious Disease, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford (2014-22); Director Institute of Science and Ethics, Oxford Martin School (2005-2015); Lead Researcher, Programme on Mind and Machine, Oxford Martin School (2011-15); Co-Director, Geoengineering Programme, Oxford Martin School (2011-2015); Co-Investigator, Oxford Martin Programme on Resource Stewardship (2012-5)

Honorary Research Fellow, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford (2018-); Honorary Professorial Fellow at the Florey Neuroscience Institutes, Melbourne (2010-2015); Louis Matheson Distinguished Visiting Professor, Monash University (2010-2018); Visiting Professor, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne (2009-); Director, Ethics Program, Murdoch Children's Research Unit, University of Melbourne (2001-2004). Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Melbourne (1999-2002). Logan Research Fellow, Monash University (1997-1998); Sir Robert Menzies Medical Scholar, University of Oxford (1994-1997). Clinical Ethicist, Oxford Radcliffe Trust (1995-7).

EDUCATION:

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| 1991-1994 | Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Monash University. (National Health and Medical Research Council Medical Postgraduate Research Scholarship and Australian Postgraduate Research Award) |
| 1985 | Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSc), Monash University. First Class Honours

Topic: "The Biochemical Basis of the Impairment in Motor Behaviour in the Monkey Treated with MPTP." |
| 1982-1988 | Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Monash University. First Class Honours/ top of year |

GRANTS AND FUNDING:

Current Research Grants:

Total: >SGD7.7 million + >£13 million as CoI or host, with sponsors including AI Singapore, Chen Su Lan Trust, Wellcome Trust, Ministry of Education (Singapore), European Commission, Australian Research Council, Medical Research Futures Fund.

Past Grants: £19.4 million (£12.3 million held by JS) including AHRC, Leverhulme Trust, John Templeton Foundation.

IMPACT:

Applied Ethics at Oxford ranked in top group by Philosophical Gourmet 2014, 2016 & 2018; sole top group institution in 2021.

Journal of Medical Ethics: reached highest impact factor under Savulescu's editorship.

His textbook, *Medical Ethics and Law: the Core Curriculum* (3rd Edition) is standard text in UK medical schools.

Member of World Economic Forum Global Futures Council on Enhancement and 13 Journal boards.

PUBLICATIONS:

15 books; 80 chapters in edited volumes, >650 articles in leading journals.

Editor *The Uehiro Series in Practical Ethics*, Oxford University Press.

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Medical Ethics* (2011-2018).

Founding Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Practical Ethics* (2013-2017).

Translations inc.: Korean, Dutch, German, Spanish, Romanian, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish.

PRESENTATIONS:

>500 presentations, of which >400 international. Distinguished lectures include: **International Conference on AI In Medicine Keynote speaker** (2023), **Edmond J. Safra Public Lecture Series**, Harvard University (2016) **ASBH Keynote**

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(2013); **Australian Society for Medical Research's National Lecturer and Gold Medalist; Herbert Spencer Lecturer 2005; Tanner Lectures** (Oxford, 2009); **Crown Lecturer** (Duke, 2008); **Pierce Scholar** (2008); **Fulvio Guerrini Lecturer** (2009); **World Economic Forum, Davos** (2009), **DigitalLifeDesign** (2017); **Royal Institution**, London (2009); **TEDx** (2103) Barcelona; **Mont Pelerin Society** (2008); **Australian Leaders' Retreat**, Australia (2010).

GOVERNMENT:

Includes Singapore's Bioethics Advisory Committee (2022-), Singapore's National Medical Ethics Committee (2022-), Singapore's Healthcare Ethics Capability Committee (2022-), Singapore's Trusted Research/Real World-Data Utilisation and Sharing Tech (TRUST) Data Access Committee Member (2022-), **Medical Ethics Expert Group, UK Infected Blood Inquiry (2020-2)**, Australian National Health and Medicine Research Council (cloning), (2018); House of Lords Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (mitochondrial transfer) (2015); Victorian Legislative Council Standing Committee on Legal and Social Issues (2015); UK Science and Technology Select Committee (2009); Parliamentary Inquiry into Abortion on the Grounds of Disability (2013); Australian Human Rights Commission (2009); US Presidential Commission on Bioethics Briefing Book (2010, 2014), Legislative Council Government Administration Committee (Australia, 2013).

He has produced submissions, evidence and advice to the US President's Council on Bioethics, the UK Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, the House of Lords, European Commission and other governments in Europe and Australia.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

MEDIA: > 3000 T.V., radio, print & online appearances. Incl. International TV: BBC Hardtalk, BBC World News, ABC, CBC, CNN, SBS, Radio, and features and opeds in newspapers worldwide. The Conversation: 55 articles, > 2.6 million reads, 3000 comments, 4th most read Oxford contributor. He has created novel platforms for public engagement: Practical Ethics in the News, a blog reaching over 3.5 million (published as OUP collection); The Journal of Practical Ethics, first free open access journal in the field; public Festival of Arguments (week-long series of events); debates for schoolchildren. He is ranked 3 in the world in "Love" from 13,160 scholars in the last 5 years for his >30 articles and book (Love Drugs) on bioenhancement of love (ScholarGPS). His "Why we should allow performance enhancing drugs in sport" in British Journal of Sports Medicine is cited by 538 and the subject of numerous interviews/podcasts.

SUPERVISION:

He has supervised 50 researchers, 33 DPhils (6 doctors). 26 of 31 former staff are in permanent posts; 12 are Professors. More than 12 of his former students and postdocs now full Professors (at Oxford, Johns Hopkins, NYU, Sydney, San Diego etc).

Introduced visiting B Med Sci programme for Monash med students; supervised 15, more than 20 publications and 4 have gone to higher ethics degrees. In 2018 introduced a new part time Masters in Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford (162 enrolled), now one of the largest, and most successful, part-time courses.

AWARDS, PRIZES, HONOURS:

2023: Fellow, Australian Academy of Arts and Humanities

2019: (1) Fellow, Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences

(2) Daniel M. Wegner Prize for Theoretical Innovation

(3) Winner, British Medical Associations President's Choice Book Prize (& shortlist, PROSE Award for best book in Clinical Medicine)

2018: Shortlist for AHRC Medical Humanities Medal in Research Leadership

2014: DHC (honorary doctorate), University of Bucharest,

2009: (1) Winner, 'Thinkers' category, The Weekend Australian's top 100 Emerging Leaders awards;

(2) Monash Distinguished Alumni Award

2005: Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) National Lecturer and Gold Medallist

ETHICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

External Bodies: **UK Infected Blood Inquiry as Medical Ethics Expert Group** member; Singapore's Ministry of Health 'Human Nuclear Genome Editing' and 'Big Data and Artificial Intelligence' review group and review of Human Biomedical Research Act; **'Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects Committee, Human Brain Project;** British Medical

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Association's Medical Ethics Committee (MEC); **Australian Red Cross Blood Service Review Committee**; Board member, International Association of Bioethics; Board member, Institute of Medical Ethics; University committees: (1) National University of Singapore (NUS) Hiring Committee, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS Duke-NUS AI + Medical Sciences Initiative (DAISI) Member of the External Advisory Committee (EAC) (2) **University of Oxford: Nominating Committee for the Vice Chancellor; Committee to Review Donations** (wrote guidelines with Robin Butler); Socially Responsible Investment Review Committee; Central University Research Ethics Committee; University of Oxford Registrar's Advisory Group on Research Ethics (3) Monash University: Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee Clinical and Research Ethics: **Chair, Department of Human Services Ethics Committee**; Royal Children's Hospital Research Ethics Committee; Ethics Advisory Committee, The Cooperative Research Centre for Discovery of Genes for Common Human Diseases; Health Services Research Forum, Department of Human Services; Termination of Pregnancy Guidelines Working Party, Royal Women's Hospital; Clinical Ethics Advisory Group, Royal Women's Hospital; Clinical Ethics Committee, John Radcliffe Hospital

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Medical Ethics* (>10 years); editorial and advisory boards of 6 additional journals, including *Bioethics*; British Medical Association's Medical Ethics Committee; Advisory positions for international research centres including the 3TU Centre for Ethics and Technology at Delft University, Western University, Canada and the Macquarie University Centre for Agency Values and Ethics. Reviews include Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Science, British Medical Journal, Nature Human Behaviour, Wellcome Trust, etc. Assessment of numerous tenure and promotion applications.

MEDICAL PRIZES:

1. 1982-1988 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Monash University: First Class Honours; Top of Final Year; Top of Medicine overall; Grades (from a total of 18): Distinction 5 and High Distinction 13
2. 1984 David Rosenthal Memorial Prize for Highest Aggregate of Marks in Third Year, combined with Second Year Anatomy
3. 1984 I.C.I. Prize for Pharmacology;
4. 1986 Jean C. Tolhurst Prize in Microbiology;
5. 1987 The Fairfield Hospital Prize for Infectious Diseases
6. 1988 Australian Medical Association Prize for the Highest Aggregate Marks in the Sixth Year Examinations
7. 1988 The Sophie Davis Memorial Prize for Highest Marks in the M.B., B.S. Degree with Honours
8. 1988 Harriet Power Scholarship in Medicine
9. 1988 Harry Hindlip Green Scholarship in Medicine
10. 1988 Robert Power Scholarship in Surgery
11. 1988 Sir Edward Hughes Medal and Prize in Surgery
12. 1988 Alfred Hospital Residents' and Graduates' Association Prize
13. 1988 Herman Lawrence Prize in Dermatology;

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Secondary School: Haileybury College, Melbourne

1976-1981: Full Scholarship. Straight A grades

Final Year: Higher School Certificate score 407/400. 6 A grades, 6 Prizes

Victorian Government Award for Excellence