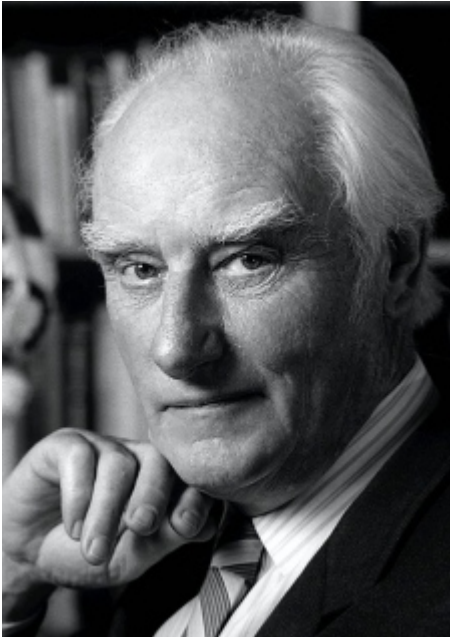


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## Cambridge road to be named after legendary scientist

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THE road leading to a new laboratory will be named after renowned scientist Dr Francis Crick.

Francis Crick Avenue will be part of the new £26million Addenbrooke's access road, and will run from through the Cambridge Biomedical Campus to the Medical Research Council's (MRC) Laboratory of Molecular Biology, which is set to open in 2012.

Scientist Crick discovered the double helix structure of DNA in 1953 with James Watson, and was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962. He lived in Cambridge for 30 years, but this is the first time he has been honoured in the city outside of the university.

Hugh Pelham, the director of the Laboratory for Molecular Biology, explained how the decision came about.

He said: "There is a road naming committee featuring representatives of the hospital and the MRC who look into these kind of things, and there is a tradition of naming new roads after people with connections to the site.

"Because this road leads to the new laboratory, we wanted someone really prestigious, and what better choice than Francis," he added.

The access road will be known as Addenbrooke's Road until it hits the hospital site, when it will become Francis Crick Avenue.

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