

2 molecular biologists get \$500K medical prize

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Molecular biologist James Darnell Jr., speaks after being awarded the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research in Albany, N.Y., on Friday, May 11, 2012. Darnell shares the \$500,000 prize with Robert Roeder for their pioneering research on how cells express their genetic information. (AP Photo/Mike Groll)

(AP) -- Two molecular biologists have been awarded the annual Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research.

James Darnell Jr. and Robert Roeder received the prize during a ceremony Friday and will share \$500,000, the largest award in medicine and science in the United States. The two men performed pioneering

research on how cells express their [genetic information](#).

Roeder heads the biochemistry and molecular biology lab at The Rockefeller University in New York City, where Darnell is emeritus faculty.

The two winners were announced in March.

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