

Shayan Sharif Biography

Dr. Shayan Sharif earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1991 (with distinction) from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tehran. Subsequently, he came to the University of Guelph in 1993 to pursue a PhD degree in the area of Immunology and Immunogenetics. Dr. Sharif received a post-doctoral fellowship to begin his post-doctoral research in January 1999 in Immunology at The John Robrats Research Institute, London, Ontario. Dr. Sharif was recruited by the University of Guelph in 2001 to establish a research program in poultry immunology. Dr. Sharif has received the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence (2009) to recognize his research excellence and has recently been selected as a University Research Leadership Chair

Dr. Sharif's research is focused on elucidating the ways in which microbes interact with the chicken immune system. The ultimate goal is to develop better strategies to maintain and promote poultry health. During his tenure at the University of Guelph, Dr. Sharif has published over 140 peer-reviewed research articles. Dr. Sharif has been successful in obtaining external grants and so far, he has received over \$10,500,000 research grants from the industry as well as from provincial and federal granting agencies, as the principal investigator or co-PI. Dr. Sharif has graduated numerous graduate students and mentored several post-doctoral fellows, some of whom hold faculty and research scientist positions in Guelph and across the globe. He is the leader of the Poultry Health Research Network, an interdisciplinary network of poultry researchers and poultry health specialists. Dr. Sharif is currently the Interim Chair of the Department of Pathobiology and the Director of the Emergency Management Research Program of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Partnership with the University of Guelph.

Dr. Sharif has served as an Associate Editor for *Avian Pathology*, *Poultry Science*, and *BMC Genomics*. In addition, he has been a member of the Editorial Board of *Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology* and in 2015, he was selected as the Co-Editor-in-Chief for *Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology*.