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Ed Diener, Ph.D., is Alumni Distinguished Professor of Psychology (Emeritus) at the University of Illinois, where he has been a faculty member since 1974. He is currently a professor of psychology at the University of Utah and the University of Virginia.

Dr. Diener, who joined Gallup as a Senior Scientist in 1999, advises Gallup on research in psychological well-being. His current research focuses on the theories and measurement of well-being; temperament and personality influences on well-being; income and well-being; and cultural influences on well-being; and how employee well-being enhances organizational performance.

Dr. Diener has received several prestigious scholarly awards. He received the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from the American Psychological Association¹ and the William James Fellow Award for outstanding contributions to scientific psychology from the Association of Psychological Science². He also was awarded the Distinguished Quality-of-Life Researcher Award from the International Society of Quality of Life Studies.³

Dr. Diener's work has appeared in more than 330 publications; about 250 of these focus on the psychology of well-being. His work has appeared in journals such as *Psychological Science*, *American Psychologist*, and *Psychological Inquiry*, among many others. Dr. Diener was the editor of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* from 1998 to 2003 and is an editor of *Journal of Happiness Studies*; he is also the founding editor of *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. Dr. Diener has co-edited three books on subjective well-being: *Well-Being: The Foundations of Hedonic Psychology*, *Advances in Quality of Life Theory and Research*, and *Culture and Subjective Well-Being*. He also co-edited the *Handbook of Multimethod Measurement in Psychology*. Dr. Diener wrote a popular book on *Happiness* with his son, Robert Biswas-Diener and is the coauthor of *Well-Being for Public Policy*.

Dr. Diener is past president of three scientific societies: the International Society for Quality of Life Studies, the International Positive Psychology Association, and the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. He is a fellow of five professional societies, including the Association for Psychological Science⁴, American Psychological Association⁵, and International Society for Quality of Life Studies⁶, Society for Personality and Social Psychology⁷, and Experimental Psychology.

Dr. Diener earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Fresno and his doctorate in personality psychology from the University of Washington. He has more than 93,000 citations to his credit. Dr. Diener has also received several teaching awards.

¹ Verified here: <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2012/09/top-honors.aspx>

² Verified here: <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/members/awards-and-honors/fellow-award/recipient-past-award-winners>

³ Verified here: <http://www.isqols.org/award/distinguished-qol-researcher-award/>

⁴ Verified here: <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/fellows/fellows-new.cfm>

⁵ Unable to verify; must be a member to log in and search the fellows database

⁶ Verified here: <http://www.isqols.org/award/research-fellow-award/>

⁷ Unable to verify; Fellows previous to 2011 not shown on website