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Arthur Gutierrez-Hartmann was born in Mexico City and grew up in San Antonio, Texas, with Spanish as his first language. Arthur completed his MD from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1975 and pursued graduate studies in purifying yeast citrate synthase from yeast mitochondria in Dr. Ron Butow's lab the Biochemistry Dept from 1971-1977. He then completed Internal Medicine residency training at Stanford University Hospital, followed by a Molecular Endocrinology fellowship with Dr. John Baxter at UCSF. Throughout Arthur's ~33-year career history at the University of Colorado, his involvement in revising, enhancing, diversifying and promoting graduate, MD and MD/PhD education, both at the local and national levels, has been a key feature defining his academic life. Arthur was a founding member of the MD/PhD Training Program, the Molecular Biology Graduate Program, the Reproductive Biology Graduate Program, and the founding Director of the Physician-Scientist Training Program.

Dr. Gutierrez-Hartmann has directed the University of Colorado MSTP for ~25 years and he has been very committed to the training of physician-scientists. Specifically, he has served in leadership positions in national associations dealing with physician-scientist training. He was the driving force in establishing the National Association of MD/PhD Programs and to the formation of the AAMC MD/PhD Section of the GREAT Group. Dr. Gutierrez-Hartmann has also chaired the NIGMS T32 IRG, the National Association of MD/PhD Programs, and the MD/PhD Program Section of the AAMC GREAT Group and served on the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director, Task Force on the Future of the Biomedical Workforce; the American Cancer Society (ACS) Council and NIGMS Council; the NIGMS T32 Clinical Postdoctoral Research Training (CPRT) Evaluation Committee; and, on multiple editorial boards.