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Dr. John P. Doucet was awarded the Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the LSU Medical Center in New Orleans in 1992 and received the Chancellor's Award. While a member of the department, he delivered lectures in medical, dental, nursing, and graduate biochemistry courses.

Following the doctorate, he was a two-time National Institutes of Health research fellow in molecular neurobiology and in molecular genetics. He subsequently joined the faculty of the Department of Biological Sciences at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, where he taught endocrinology, genetics, and genomics and established Molecular Genetics Section. From this vantage at the geographic center of Acadiana, he is a frequent speaker on genetics issues to organizations across the state.

Dr. Doucet is active in administration of the American Society of Human Genetics, having served two terms on the Outreach and Education Committee and currently serving on the Public Education and Awareness Committee.

Dr. Doucet's major area of interest is the genetic anthropology and genomic bases of genetic traits in Louisiana populations, particularly the Acadian which is his ancestry. With his students in the University Honors Program, he has established a forensic pharmacology initiative assessing safety and usefulness of products used at dispensaries and infirmaries in historical villages of southeastern Louisiana.