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Born in Grevesmühlen/Mecklenburg in 1952, Jörg Hacker studied biology at Martin Luther University in Halle (Saale) from 1970 to 1974, specializing in genetics and microbiology. After earning his PhD in Halle in 1979 and gaining his postdoctoral lecture qualification at the Institute for Microbiology at the University of Würzburg in 1986, Hacker became a professor of microbiology in Würzburg in 1988 and director of Würzburg's Institute for Molecular Infection Biology in 1993. Hacker's career has also taken him abroad: He worked as a visiting researcher at the Institut Pasteur, Paris, in 2000 and 2005 and was a guest professor at Tel Aviv University in Israel in 2006.

From 2003 to 2009 Hacker was Vice President of the German Research Foundation (DFG), and from 2008 to 2010 President of the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin. Since March 2010 he is the President of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.