Faculty Endowments
Investing in Our Leaders
empowering world-class scientists with endowments

Our faculty drive biomedical discovery that opens up new worlds of possibility for human health. But to ensure they are able to make the greatest possible impact, we must give them the freedom to pursue their most creative and innovative ideas.

Faculty endowments are the most effective way to accomplish this. By providing a permanent, dependable source of discretionary income, faculty endowments empower Stanford Medicine’s finest to pursue high-risk, high-reward research ideas—ideas federal agencies are hesitant to support in today’s uncertain and restrictive funding environment.

That’s why Stanford Medicine has made an unprecedented commitment to give our faculty the ability to innovate at their full potential. We’re partnering with visionary philanthropists to raise $100 million for 30 new endowments for current faculty.

20 New Endowed Professorships for Distinguished Senior Faculty Members
An endowed professorship is a $4 million philanthropic investment with a current approximate $220,000 annual payout. Endowed professorships are awarded to distinguished senior faculty members who are leading the way in their fields. Stanford Medicine has many more deserving faculty than endowments to award. Of the nearly 750 eligible School of Medicine faculty members, only about 165 of them are endowed professorship holders.

10 New Endowed Scholars for Promising Junior Faculty Members
An endowed scholar is a $2 million philanthropic investment with a current approximate $110,000 annual payout. Endowed scholars are awarded to junior faculty for a 5-8 year term at a critical time when they are laying the foundations of their research careers.

“"The potential for scientific discovery has never been greater than it is at this moment. Faculty endowments ignite the kind of innovative biomedical research that will improve human health today and for generations to come."”

Linda Boxer, MD, PhD
Stanley McCormick Memorial Professor, Vice Dean, Stanford University School of Medicine
Today’s limited federal funding for biomedical research has put scientists and institutions under great pressure. Because faculty endowments provide a guaranteed source of funding, they allow researchers to amplify their research and take on riskier enterprises.

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Steve Artandi, MD, PhD
Jerome and Daisy Low Gilbert Professor of Hematology and Biochemistry
“While my husband and I originally wanted to support research in one disease area, as we learned more about the importance of cutting-edge basic research we became convinced we could have a greater impact by giving to the basic sciences. I am thankful I established a professorship in this field. It means a lot to me to develop a friendship with Steve, the chair holder of our professorship, and to learn firsthand about his research and the difference my gift is making.”

Daisy Gilbert

Why Stanford Medicine?

Unprecedented interdisciplinary collaboration. Extraordinary brilliance. An entrepreneurial culture in the heart of Silicon Valley. A strong track record of discovery. With these advantages, Stanford faculty are ideally positioned to solve the biggest biomedical challenges and find new treatments and cures for the most devastating diseases. Innovation is in Stanford’s DNA.

Although one of the smallest schools among its peers, Stanford Medicine has:

- 7 Nobel laureates
- 33 National Academy of Sciences members
- #1 ranked Biological Sciences PhD program by U.S. News & World Report
- Highest per capita National Institutes of Health funding of any academic medical center in the nation

Your living legacy

A faculty endowment is the most important contribution you can make to academic and intellectual independence. It forms a permanent connection between the donor and Stanford Medicine, and provides many meaningful opportunities for engagement.

Donors can name the faculty endowment for themselves or someone else they wish to honor.

Donors can define a broad area of inquiry for the faculty endowment (e.g., cancer, genetics) and create a lasting legacy that benefits biomedical research, education, and patient care locally and throughout the world.

An investiture ceremony celebrates the endowed professorship holder and donor, bringing together their families and friends and honoring their commitment.

Donors will significantly impact the recipient’s career development with this tremendous honor and will have the opportunity to engage directly with the faculty member.

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