For more than 150 years, The University of Iowa has been charged by the Iowa Legislature with a crucial task: serving the people of Iowa by educating the physicians who care for the health of our communities.

Today, the **UI Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine**—which has grown over the years to embrace medical research as well as education and service in its mission—is helping to shape the future of health care not just in its home state but around the nation and the world.

**A THREE-PART MISSION: EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE**

**Education:** U.S. News & World Report ranks the college 16th in the U.S. among primary-care medical schools and 29th overall among top research schools; several of its departments are ranked in the top 10. Utilizing the resources of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, one of the nation’s largest and most highly respected teaching hospitals, students work to earn degrees—ranging from B.S. to M.D. and Ph.D. as well as graduate medical education training certificates, residencies, and fellowships—in 23 departments encompassing the scope of modern medicine.
Research: The research conducted within the college—which ranks 11th among U.S. public universities and second among Big Ten schools in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health—serves a dual purpose. Through the Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research, Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (one of only 50 such centers designated as “comprehensive” by the National Cancer Institute), Francois M. Abboud Cardiovascular Research Center, and numerous other leading research centers, UI investigators enrich humanity’s understanding of illness and health while also enhancing their classroom and clinical teaching.

Service: As the only public medical school in Iowa, the UI Carver College of Medicine extends its reach throughout the state with continuing-education programs, community clinical services, library access, and more, and encourages physicians and other health care providers to use the college as a professional resource. The college also facilitates a statewide partnership with community-based physicians and health care providers who offer clinical training to our students in rural and urban settings. In fact, one in four of the state’s physicians are members of this team of community-based faculty. This is a medical education partnership that is unique to Iowa and a service to Iowans.

Thanks to the visionary commitment of the State of Iowa, the University, and countless contributors—foremost among them the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, Iowa, whose more than $90 million in gifts is recognized in the college’s name—the UI Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine stands at the national vanguard of medical education, research, and service.

Much remains to be done, however, to ensure that the college’s standard-setting work—and the benefits it brings to society—can be accelerated and expanded.

• Support for Students

The UI Carver College of Medicine faces no more fundamental and crucial task than educating society’s future physicians and related medical professionals. In Iowa and across America, the population is aging. Many rural areas suffer from inadequate access to excellent medical care. The nation’s population is increasing rapidly, particularly in large urban areas.

The UI is helping to address these mounting challenges not only by training students in the science of medicine, but also by instilling in them a sense of compassion and an understanding of how their work fits into the larger social order. A great number of these well-educated physicians will stay in Iowa; in fact, half of the state’s doctors completed medical school or graduate training at the UI.

“My scholarship helps alleviate the burden of an expensive medical education, allowing me to focus my thoughts and energy on the ‘medical’ aspect of medical school. Once I am a practicing physician, I hope to prove worthy of the generosity by improving the lives of my patients.”

Jacob T. Hemberger
Class of 2016
Medical education is expensive, however. Students often face daunting financial obstacles in pursuing their dreams and ambitions of a career in medicine, and the college—as well as the medical profession—runs the risk of losing talented potential students to other academic disciplines and careers or to medical schools able to offer more support. That is why the UI Carver College of Medicine has made securing additional endowed scholarship resources a primary focus of its energies.

*With help from caring alumni and friends like you, the college will secure the resources it needs to attract the best students from Iowa and beyond, and ensure their educational success.*

• **Support for Faculty**

It is self-evident: To provide excellent education, the college must have excellent educators and researchers. Moreover, those faculty members must have the necessary resources to do their best work as teachers, investigators, and clinicians.

In today’s competitive academic environment, when top faculty are often enticed by universities with offers of substantial support for their work, the UI needs to be able to retain the faculty who have propelled the UI Carver College of Medicine to the forefront of medical education—and be able to attract the best from around the nation and world.

Named, endowed faculty positions are essential to creating and sustaining an outstanding faculty body. Such positions are also key to leveraging external funding from federal granting agencies and foundations, because those grantors know that holders of named, endowed positions are well supported by the University and are highly respected for their ability to conduct advanced research and bring their discoveries into their teaching and their medical practice.
You can join with other alumni and friends to ensure that the college’s students are learning from the finest educators, who enhance their teaching with leading-edge research and a practical grounding in the highest standards of patient care.

- **Support for Programs and Research**

This is an exciting time to be involved in health care education, research, and service at the UI. In areas spanning the range of medical science, investigators at the UI Carver College of Medicine—often including students—are helping the worldwide medical community make transformative strides in understanding health and the prevention and treatment of disease. In addition, the college’s innovative programs serving the well-being of individuals, families, and communities are models for universities around the nation.

Of course, for the potential of the college’s programs and research initiatives to be fully realized, they must be fully funded. Much crucial funding comes from external grants from the federal government, corporate sponsors, and other organizations. In order to secure those grants, the college needs to be able to develop projects to a point of viability—and it needs to show that the college enjoys the significant support of private contributors, who can help make the difference between untested ideas and momentous breakthroughs.

The college has targeted more than 30 such programs and initiatives for endowed support, including:

- Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center
- Francois M. Abboud Cardiovascular Research Center
- Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Center for Digestive Diseases
- Many other important initiatives

*With private support from friends and alumni, the college will continue to lead the way in medical educational, research, and service programs and initiatives.*
• **Support for Facilities**

Thanks to extraordinary support from private contributors as well as the state and University, the Medical Education and Research Facility is providing a new, advanced home for the UI Carver College of Medicine. Similar support has been attained for the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building and the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building.

The college still needs to raise funds for other facilities projects, however, including crucial laboratory enhancements throughout the college, and the new Pappajohn Institute for Biomedical Discovery.

With optimal teaching and research spaces, the college can recruit and retain outstanding faculty and students, and help them do their best work creating new knowledge. In addition, state-of-the-art research facilities are essential to leveraging external grants and providing a boost to the state’s high-tech economic ambitions.

*Your support can help create state-of-the-art facilities designed to maximize the impact of the college’s work.*

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

With a gift to the UI Carver College of Medicine, you can help the UI fulfill one of its key missions: providing medical education, research, and service for the benefit of all Iowans and the larger health care community.

• Contributions of all sizes are deeply appreciated and vitally important to the college’s work.
• Gifts of sufficient amount to create named, endowed scholarships or faculty positions are especially important.
• Naming and other high-level support opportunities exist for programs and research initiatives.
• To augment public funding, the college’s facilities projects require extensive private support.
RECOGNIZING YOUR SUPPORT

To appropriately acknowledge the generosity of contributors, the UI Foundation has instituted a variety of ways to recognize your support, including the following:

- For contributors able to give at especially generous leadership levels, opportunities for naming endowed funds, or all or parts of new or renovated facilities, exist throughout the college, offering the chance to have one’s name attached forever to these critical initiatives.

- Contributors who endow a deanship, a chair, or a professorship will receive special acknowledgement and recognition, including campaign medallions that are presented to contributors and to the holders of the positions that they have endowed.

- With the contributor’s approval, appropriate public recognition may be provided through media announcements, UI and UI Foundation publications, and other materials.

- The Presidents Club permanently recognizes those who make outright gift commitments of $40,000 or more within a 10-year period and/or those pledging substantial deferred support to any area of the University. The Presidents Club Silver recognizes individuals who have provided cumulative outright gifts and pledge commitments of $250,000 through $999,999. The Presidents Club Gold recognizes cumulative outright gifts and pledge commitments of $1 million or more. Corporations, foundations, and other organizations are recognized in The Presidents Club Associates.

To learn more about specific initiatives and how you can help the UI Carver College of Medicine, please contact:

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