A CATALYST FOR ATTRACTING AND RETAINING THE BEST SCHOLARS, RESEARCHERS, AND TEACHERS

Funding Priority: Faculty Excellence

The University of Maryland School of Medicine excels because of the leadership of our faculty and staff. Every day, our faculty and staff inspire the finest students and train them to become future physicians and medical professionals who will transcend the boundaries of medicine on their own.

There is no better incentive to attract and retain the best scholars, researchers, and teachers than an endowed professorship. The School of Medicine has more than 70 endowed chairs and professorships. More than just conferring honor, endowed professorships reward and preserve our outstanding faculty by providing each member with critical resources needed to launch, sustain, and expand promising research and innovative clinical initiatives.

By giving a generous gift to endow new professorships and chairs, you can help bring together the world’s leading experts and the brightest students, and support their collaboration and innovations. Through your gift, you can ensure a bright future in medicine.

Your gift to the Catalyst Campaign will support these funding opportunities:

- Name an Endowed Chair: $2.5 million
  To support the work of a department chair
- Name an Endowed Distinguished Professorship: $2.5 million
  To support the work of a distinguished faculty member
- Name an Endowed Professorship: $1.5 million
  To support the work of a prominent faculty member
Creating Endowed Positions

Discoveries in critical fields like transplant tolerance and stem cell therapy are waiting to be transformed into biomedical innovation to revolutionize patient treatment and improve patient outcomes. That’s why the School of Medicine has created an Endowed Distinguished Professorship in Entrepreneurial Surgical Science, part of the school’s plan to develop innovative surgical research programs.

The goal is to replicate other successful startups funded by the Maryland Technology Development Corp. (TEDCO) and led by school surgeons — the creation of Harpoon Medical, Inc., for example, co-founded by James Gammie, MD. Harpoon’s licensed technology centers on an image-guided cardiac surgical tool inserted by an incision between the ribs, to simplify heart valve repair, avoid open heart surgery, and reduce patient recovery time.