Accelerating Discoveries, Saving Lives

The Scripps Research Institute is one of the world’s largest independent nonprofit organizations focusing on biomedical research.

Serving humanity:

Creating knowledge in the biosciences

Applying breakthroughs in research to the advancement of medicine and drug discovery

Educating and training the next generation of scientists
AREAS OF RESEARCH

Scripps Research scientists work at the forefront of biomedical science. The institute has become internationally recognized for research into immunology, structural biology, molecular and cellular biology, chemistry, neurosciences, autoimmune diseases, cardiovascular diseases, virology, and vaccine development.

This research benefits the clinical prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of a range of diseases—from Alzheimer’s to diabetes, and cancer to stroke. This includes conditions such as Parkinson’s disease, alcoholism and chemical dependency, HIV/AIDS, heart disease, obesity, schizophrenia, autism, eye disease, and deafness, among many others.

NEW DRUGS AND TREATMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT MILLIONS

Scripps Research discoveries have changed the course of medicine at home and around the world, leading to much-needed therapies to relieve human suffering. Millions of people have benefited from treatments made possible by work in Scripps Research labs. The following are only a few examples of this work.

- Rheumatoid Arthritis, Crohn’s, Psoriasis
- Breast, Lung, Ovarian Cancer
- Leukemia
- Hemophilia
- Lupus
- Infant Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Scripps Research technology laid the foundation for the blockbuster drug Humira® (adalimumab), approved in 83 countries for various autoimmune conditions.

Scripps Research scientists completed the total synthesis of the anti-cancer drug Taxol® (paclitaxel). Before synthesis, access to this life-saving medication was limited because it could be extracted only from the bark of a rare tree, the Pacific yew.

Scripps Research scientists developed and tested Leustatin® (cladribine), providing a remarkably effective single-dose medication against hairy cell leukemia.

The institute’s investigators developed a method to purify an essential blood clotting protein, Factor VIII, reducing the need for whole-blood transfusions.

Scripps Research discoveries laid the foundation for Benlysta® (belimumab), which, when approved for sale in the US in 2011, became the first new drug for this serious chronic disease in 50 years.

Scientific advances at Scripps Research led to the drug Surfacin® (lincosactant) to treat respiratory distress system, a life-threatening condition affecting pre-term infants.

SCIENTIFIC IMPACT

Scripps Research has been ranked as one of the most influential scientific institutions in the world. Based on citations per paper, Thomson Reuters has named Scripps Research as first worldwide in chemistry, as well as second in microbiology. These rankings demonstrate the impact of Scripps Research scientists on the course of scientific discovery.

FOUNDER

Inspired by the discovery of insulin, in 1924 philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps made a gift to establish the Scripps Metabolic Clinic, the predecessor of what is now The Scripps Research Institute.

FACILITIES

In California: More than 1 million square feet of space on 35 acres of land in La Jolla, a part of San Diego County.

In Florida: 325,000 square feet in three buildings in Jupiter, a part of Palm Beach County.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Working at the institute are about 2,800 outstanding professionals—among them two Nobel Laureates, 17 members of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, 21 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and 31 fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

GRADUATE EDUCATION AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

About 650 postdoctoral research associates work in laboratories across the institute; 200 Ph.D. students attend the Kellogg School of Science and Technology, which is ranked in the top 10 graduate programs in chemistry and biological sciences by U.S. News & World Report.
The caliber and intelligence of the researchers we meet at Scripps Research never ceases to amaze and astound us. We all feel humbled and honored to be able to help such wonderful minds in their quest to make a difference in the quality of life for all mankind.

DONALD HAAKE, PRESIDENT
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THE FUTURE OF SCRIPPS RESEARCH

The future of Scripps Research—and its groundbreaking discoveries—depend on gifts and grants from individuals, foundations, and businesses. Fueling biomedical research and the progress of research toward life-saving new therapies, these gifts provide the institute’s scientists with a margin of innovation and excellence that makes them world leaders in their fields. Over the past several years, federal funding for biomedical research has declined in inflation-adjusted dollars—private support is thus the lifeblood of our scientists’ research.

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