LA JOLLA, March 26 -- Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation trustees and community leaders today honored Lita Annenberg Hazen, who is establishing a $1 million chair in immunochemistry at the Research Institute of Scripps Clinic.

Hazen, of Los Angeles and New York City, was honored at a luncheon in the Faculty Club of the Research Institute, where the Lita Annenberg Hazen Professorship in Immunochemistry was formally announced.

Immunochemistry focuses on the chemical basis of the antibody-antigen bond. Antigen is the general term for foreign material, such as a virus, that invades the human body and stimulates an immune response.

Hazen specified that the initial recipient of the professorship be Richard Lerner, M.D., a molecular biologist and director of the Research Institute.

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"This gift is particularly significant because it comes from a person who has such a keen interest and involvement in medicine and science," said Lerner.

Hazen, for whom the Annenberg Building housing the Mt. Sinai Medical School in New York is named, has long been a benefactor of science, medicine and the arts.

She founded the international Lita Annenberg Hazen Award for Clinical Research, funded the Neurosciences Institute in New York, and established the Laboratory of Oncology and Hematology at the Marion Davies Children's Clinic at the University of California, Los Angeles.

A member of the International Art Council, Hazen is a benefactor of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York and a conservator of the New York Public Library.

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