

Center for Molecular Cardiology Philanthropic Opportunities

Director's Fund

\$3 million

In creating a named and endowed **Director's Fund** for molecular cardiology, we are endeavoring to equip the director, Dr. Ardehali, and his successors with resources that can be used to address the highest priorities of the Center. The Director's Fund would be used to help build and evolve the Center for Molecular Cardiology as a top-tier cardiovascular research center in the world.

Endowed Professorship

\$3 million

Endowed professorships represent the highest accolade a university can bestow upon its faculty. They are important tools, as they greatly assist our efforts to recruit and retain preeminent faculty. Endowed professorships enable our most talented physician-scientists to initiate novel research and pioneer projects that may be more speculative in nature, but offer the greatest potential for yielding new breakthrough insights. Over the generations, an endowed **Molecular Cardiology Professorship** would forever ensure that cardiovascular research and training are advanced by the appointed holders of this position—superb investigators, mentors, and teachers. Income produced from the **Molecular Cardiology Professorship** would be used to offset salary and provide protected time that can be devoted exclusively to mentoring, specialized care, research, and training.

Endowed Innovation Research Fund

\$500,000

“Idea” or seed grants created through donor generosity would provide awards to investigators across the Center for Molecular Cardiology, enabling them to ask novel research questions and explore new ideas. These competitive awards would help to raise the bar for scientific discovery by rewarding ingenuity. Each grant from the endowed **Molecular Cardiology Innovation Research Fund** would provide crucial funds to support promising research in the cardiovascular field and would further collaboration among scientists and/or clinicians. There is a continued need to complement grants with institutional and philanthropic support for ideas that lead research in new directions not yet accepted by agencies such as the National Institutes of Health. In addition, this fund could support the research of fellows, graduate students, and others who play a key role in the scientific discovery process, but who may not yet have attracted their own external funding.

Endowed Lecture Fund

\$100,000+

Scientific lectures provide invaluable opportunities to share the latest research insights and ideas, and to further medical education. The establishment of an endowed **Molecular Cardiology Lecture Fund** would allow the Center for Molecular Cardiology to host an annual lecture. Lectures propel our academic mission, as they often include substantive interactions between the distinguished presenter and our community of students, physicians, scientists, and other health professionals. Lectures are available to our campus community and the general public.

Expendable Seed Funding for Research

\$25,000 per project

We are seeking outright research funding for molecular cardiology-related projects and/or for projects that have been started but require continued financial assistance in the form of bridge funds. This philanthropic support would enable our most respected faculty to continue collecting research data necessary to bring their studies to the next level of progress.

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