

# Budget Enhancement Priorities

Fiscal Year 2016



## Drug and Vaccine Discovery Institute (\$5M)

KU seeks \$5 million in support to establish the Drug and Vaccine Discovery Institute and two research activities essential for ensuring public health: development of new drug treatments for human disease, and disease prevention through development of new vaccines.

In addition to improving human health, the DVDI will benefit the Kansas economy by fostering KU partnerships with pharmaceutical firms, encouraging companies to locate in Kansas, and creating startup companies.

The DVDI complements work at the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, which focuses on generating stem cells for therapeutic use. By exploring complementary techniques, KU will strengthen its position as a top international innovator in fighting human disease.

The DVDI will consist of two units:

- The Translational Chemical Biology Institute is the "treatment" arm, addressing illnesses caused by newly emerging and rare diseases.
- The Kansas Vaccine Institute is the disease "prevention" component.

KU has been a global power in pharmaceutical science for generations, including major discoveries in the care of cancer, neurological conditions, and infectious disease. KU's expertise in drug discovery and vaccine research protects citizens, creates global markets, and drives economic growth.

Other flagship and AAU universities have made recent large investments in drug and vaccine development, in spite of declines in federal funding. Continued success in these areas requires a strong partnership with the state. Without state support to sustain and enhance discovery and growth, the prior investments and the leadership position we have established are vulnerable to competitors.

## KUMC Merit-Based Salary Enhancements (\$3.4M)

KU seeks support for a 3-percent merit-based salary enhancement for faculty and staff at KU Medical Center funded through general-use, centrally controlled resources (rather than by restricted grants, philanthropic or clinical revenues). Many of these employees have not received annual merit raises in five of the past six fiscal years.

**Since 2008, state appropriations for KU Medical Center have decreased 12.5 percent. To absorb these cuts, the medical center has become more efficient, reduced positions and eliminated programs.** At the same time, the medical center has grown its education and research mission to meet the state's need for more doctors and bring external research funding to Kansas. Our top faculty and staff must be attracted and retained, and a 3-percent merit-based raise would be a crucial tool to help us do that.

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Active startup companies created from KU research

No. 4

KU pharmacy school's national rank in NIH funding in 2013

\$14M

NIH funding awarded to KU pharmacy researchers in 2013, an average of \$588,000 per researcher

62%

KU School of Health Professions faculty paid below the national average in the allied health fields

65%

KU School of Nursing faculty paid under the median salary

Bottom 10%

Salary range for KUMC information technology staff compared to similar jobs regionally