New treatments and new jobs
How KUMC research grows the economy

The University of Kansas Medical Center is a major biomedical research institution, dedicated to innovation and discovery of cures and treatments to improve human health. Many of our scientists are nationally and internationally recognized as leaders in their areas of research.

 Internationally recognized biomedical research

The University of Kansas Cancer Center is one of only 68 cancer centers in the country to have earned prestigious status as a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

KU Medical Center is home to a National Institutes of Health-designated Alzheimer’s Disease Center, one of only 29 such centers in the country.

KU Medical Center is also one of 62 institutions in the national Clinical and Translational Science Award consortium, where researchers are working to speed up basic-science discoveries into cures and treatments.

And KU’s Clinical Research Center in Fairway, opened in 2012, is a unique, free-standing facility designed specifically for early phase cancer trials (the first testing in humans of promising new drugs) as well as clinical trials of new treatments for Alzheimer’s and many other diseases.

KUMC bringing jobs to the region

In fiscal year 2012, the most recent year for which federal funding data is available, the University of Kansas Medical Center was awarded more than $118 million in research funding from external sources including:

- National Institutes of Health
- Other federal agencies
- State of Kansas
- Private/other grant awards
- Private industry

Approximately 80 percent of all research funding pays for salaries of scientists and lab employees. KU Medical Center’s research enterprise currently supports 982 faculty and staff research positions with an average salary of $70,000.

A range of business activity multipliers have been used to estimate the total economic impact of biomedical research. The lowest of these estimates for Kansas is $2.06 per every $1 of NIH funding (Families USA). Using this figure, KU Medical Center would have leveraged $62.5 million in NIH funding for a regional economic impact of $129 million in 2012 alone.

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