

FACT SHEET | University of Minnesota Medical School

2015 Budget for a Better Minnesota

The University of Minnesota Medical School is essential to the health and well-being of Minnesotans, and the state's economy. That is why Governor Dayton has proposed a major new investment in the Medical School that would restore the School to national prominence and train the next generation of world-class medical professionals right here in Minnesota. The Governor's proposal, included in his 2015 Budget, would allow the University to hire 50 more medical researchers over the next eight years, address Minnesota's looming shortage of doctors statewide, secure new grants, and support medical innovation and job creation.

Investing in Minnesota Medicine

- **Restoring the Medical School to National Prominence** – University of Minnesota Medical School faculty have made discoveries and created innovative medical practices that have transformed the lives of Minnesotans, revolutionized the practice of medicine, and generated significant economic returns through external research funding and technology transfer. But over the last two decades, the Medical School has lost 100 tenured faculty, making it difficult for the School to remain a national leader in medical education and research.

The Governor's proposal would allow the Medical School to hire 50 research faculty members over the next eight years – providing the brainpower and capacity to continue improving the University's tradition of nation-leading, innovative research. Hiring 50 new faculty members, at the top of their fields, also will help attract the best students to the Medical school, improve philanthropy, and secure new business partnerships.

- **Supporting Nation-Leading Research and Innovation** – The new research faculty funded by Governor Dayton's proposal would be used to form Medical Discovery Teams focused on researching the state's most pressing health concerns – helping secure new National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants. The Governor's proposal will also support critical clinical research needs, expanding the University's ability to translate scientific discovery into treatments and cures. In the past, medical breakthroughs at the Medical School have helped spur important developments in Minnesota's medical device industry, creating new businesses and thousands of jobs.
- **Meeting the Health Care Needs of a Changing Minnesota** – A [2014 study](#) from the Minnesota Hospital Association estimates that Minnesota faces a shortage of 850 primary care doctors over the next 10 years, primarily in Greater Minnesota. The Governor's proposed investment would boost the University of Minnesota Medical School's Rural Physicians Associates Program (Twin Cities campus) and Rural Scholars Program (Duluth campus) – training the next generation of world-class medical professionals who will practice in every corner of the state.

Medical School Investments – By the Numbers

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| \$30 million | The Governor's proposed investment in the Medical School |
| 100 faculty | During the past two decades, the Medical School has lost 100 tenured faculty |
| 70 percent | The Medical School produces roughly 70 percent of Minnesota's physicians |
| 850 doctors | Minnesota is expected to be short 850 primary care physicians by 2024 |