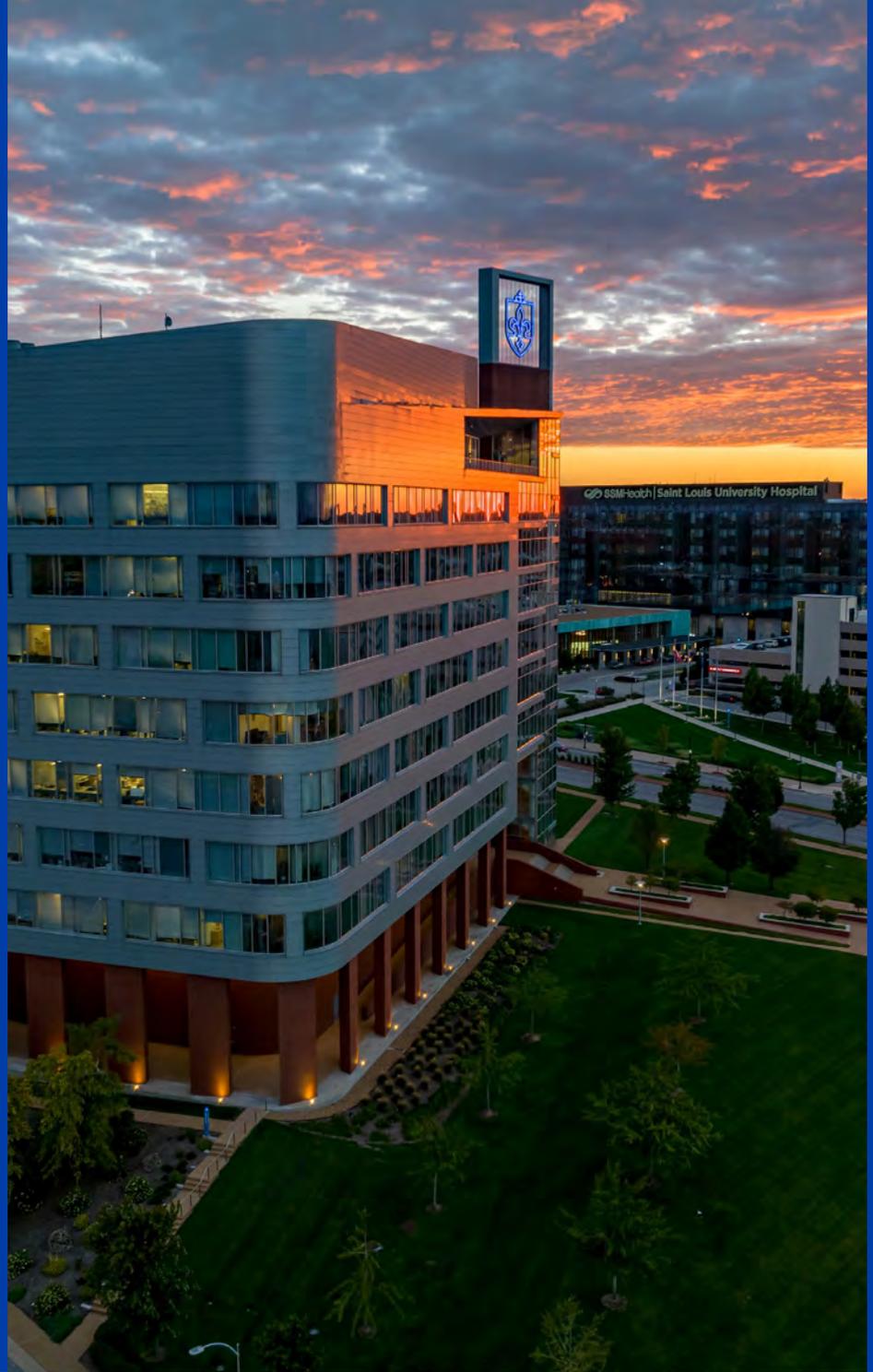


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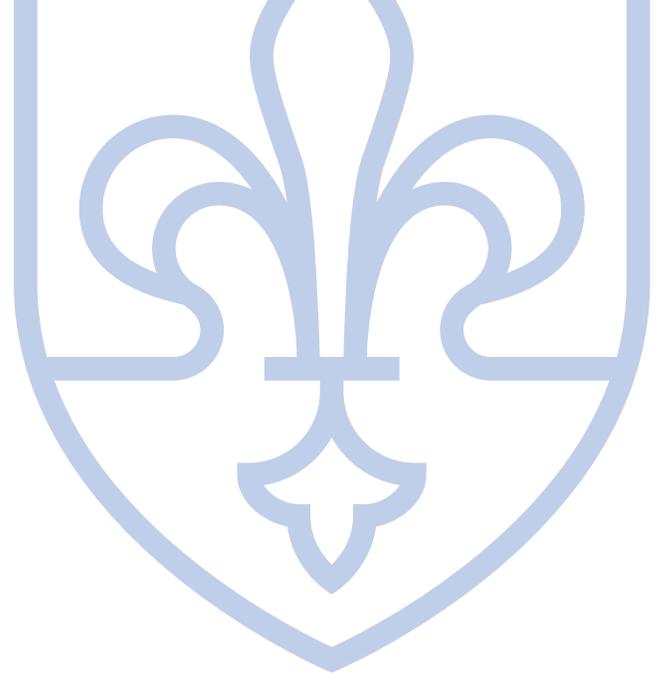
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STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

LEADING WITH VISION. TRANSFORMING WITH PURPOSE.



Christine Jacobs, M.D.
Family Medicine



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report of the Saint Louis University School of Medicine. This highlights our collective achievements and the progress of the past year, anchored by our commitment to excellence. Across our missions in education, research, and community engagement, this year we gained momentum, embracing innovation and shaping excellent medical and graduate education.

2025 WAS A YEAR OF FOCUS ON OUR STUDENTS:

We achieved 8-year LCME reaccreditation of the medical school, welcomed a diverse and highly accomplished medical school Class of 2029, strengthened and grew our graduate education programs, opened two new masters programs, and expanded student opportunities for research and leadership.

2025 WAS A YEAR OF EXPANDING OUR CLINICAL PRACTICE:

We welcomed 114 new clinical faculty, and developed a clinical faculty manual to support our clinicians in their academic work and promotion process.

2025 WAS A YEAR OF GROWTH OF OUR RESEARCH:

Our educators, researchers, and clinicians secured competitive grants and increased our external research expenditures as they engaged in inquiry and scientific discovery to improve the health of our people.

2025 WAS A YEAR OF RENEWED COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Guided by our Jesuit mission, our students, residents, and faculty deepened community partnerships and service efforts in 2025, establishing the Office of Ignatian Mission in Medicine, providing healthcare to our community and reaffirming our work defined by presence, partnership, and impact.

We are grateful to the leaders, students, trainees, faculty, staff, alumni and partners whose passion and dedication make this work possible.

I am excited by the promise of the year ahead, in which we will focus on the active education that our students seek, the research that sustains our curiosity, and the growing partnerships with our neighbors. Thank you for joining and supporting us on this journey.

CHRISTINE K. JACOBS, M.D.
Vice President for Medical Affairs
and Dean of the School of Medicine

Advancing Our Mission Through Strategic Goals

SLU SOM will be an academically excellent, innovative and engaging educational environment for learners and faculty, grounded in the scientific method and a commitment and service to others.

GOAL 1: EDUCATION



KEY STATISTICS:

732 medical students

679 residents and fellows

286 MS and Ph.D. students

SLU SOM will be the home of research excellence in clinical, translational and basic science, creating transformative knowledge that will strengthen our academic mission and positively impact the health and well-being of the population.

GOAL 2: RESEARCH



KEY STATISTICS:

3 basic science departments

189 faculty researchers

190 clinical trials

SLU SOM will be a premier academic health care destination for the St. Louis region and the SSM referral network.

GOAL 3: CLINICAL CARE



KEY STATISTICS:

14 clinical departments

767 full time, part time
and adjunct clinical faculty

114 new clinical faculty hires in 2025

Saint Louis University School of Medicine is advancing its mission through strategic goals that emphasize academic excellence, research innovation, clinical leadership and service. Grounded in Jesuit values and cura personalis—care for the whole person—the School seeks to provide an exceptional educational experience, foster transformative research, deliver premier clinical care, cultivate an inclusive, mission-driven culture, and ensure strong leadership and stewardship. These goals position SLU SOM as a leader in medical education, research and health equity for the St. Louis region and beyond.

In keeping with the mission of Saint Louis University, as a Jesuit institution grounded in Ignatian spirituality and values, SLU SOM will be a place where everyone is welcomed, respected and supported, so that we may be a community-responsive leader, working in partnership to reduce health inequities and improve the health and well-being of the St. Louis region. We will be distinguished by our commitment to cura personalis, to being people with and for others, and walking with the excluded.

GOAL 4: MISSION-DRIVEN CULTURE



KEY STATISTICS:

- 1,126 students from the local community engaged in pathway programs
- >50% of medical students engage in service
- 182 individuals helped by the mobile clinic

SLU SOM will achieve its educational, research, clinical and service missions with a supportive culture and effective leadership, while being an excellent steward of its people and resources

GOAL 5: LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION



KEY STATISTICS:

- 83% of faculty participated in leadership development opportunities
- More than 70 faculty were recognized with awards and honors this year
- 72% of faculty reported active involvement in scholarly work
- 96% Faculty Retention Rate

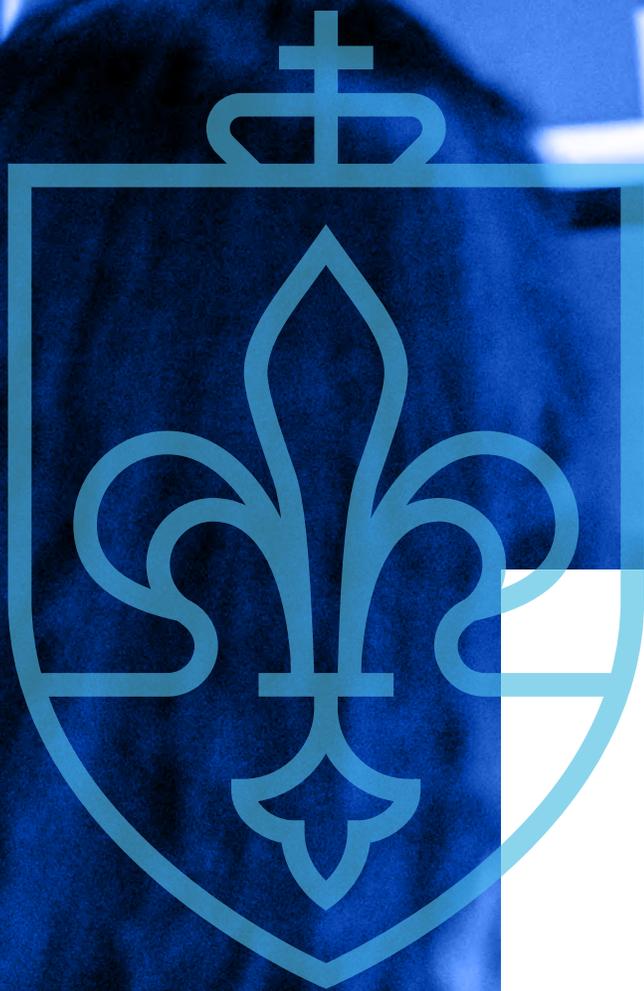
SLU School of Medicine will rise in national reputation, becoming known as a leader in medical education and scholarship and as a provider and employer of choice.

GOAL 6: IMAGE & REPUTATION



KEY STATISTICS:

- Saint Louis University proudly earned Carnegie R1: Very High Research Activity status, placing us among fewer than 190 top research universities in the nation
- U.S. News & World Report Research Rankings
 - 5th-ranked Catholic University
 - 3rd-ranked Jesuit University
- SLU School of Medicine ranked Tier 1 for primary care in U.S. News & World Report for the second year
- Approximately 26% growth in followers on Facebook and Instagram



Educational Excellence that Transforms

At Saint Louis University School of Medicine, **Educational Excellence that Transforms** describes all aspects of our academic, clinical and graduate programs. Rooted in Jesuit values and driven by a commitment to innovation, SLU SOM empowers future physicians and scientists with rigorous academic training and impactful clinical experience.

In 2025, SLU School of Medicine advanced its **educational strategic goals** with transformative education and strategic program growth.

CLASS OF 2029: 53% from
Missouri & Illinois

A Milestone of Excellence: Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Reaccreditation

After years of rigorous preparation, SLU School of Medicine proudly received continued **full accreditation** from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in March 2025, which was the highest and most desired outcome. This reaccreditation, valid for eight years, affirmed our academic quality, student support and institutional integrity. It is a testament to the dedication of our faculty, staff and leadership—and a foundation upon which we continue to build.

95% of SLU medical students passed the US Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step #1 on their first attempt, above the national pass rate of 91%.

99% of SLU medical students passed USMLE Step #2 on their first attempt, above the national pass rate of 98%.





CLASS OF 2025:

98.8% match rate

**21% matched
in Missouri**

**55% matched
in primary care**

COMMITTED TO OUR REGION:

The School of Medicine continues to strengthen its ties to the communities we serve. The Class of 2025 will be the first strongly regional medical student cohort to graduate, underscoring our dedication to training physicians who understand and have ties to our region. This commitment extends beyond medical school—many graduates choose to remain here for residency and beyond.

**HIGH STUDENT SATISFACTION REFLECTS
A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE**

SLU School of Medicine delivers an exceptional educational experience, as reflected in the latest AAMC Graduation Questionnaire results for the Class of 2025.

95.9% of our graduating class students were satisfied with the quality of their medical education

95.5% reported confidence in the acquired clinical skills required for success in a residency program



“As a current Saint Louis University School of Medicine fellow in Pediatric Cardiology at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, as well as a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine for Medical School, I felt incredibly well prepared for my residency through the combination of strong didactic and clinical educational experiences. I appreciate the strong foundational experiences SLU SOM was able to provide.”

DR. STEPHEN REAM

286

graduate students (postdoctoral fellows,
Ph.D. or dual degree programs)

8

biomedical science programs

6-year

completion rate for Ph.D.

Graduate Programs

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS: A NEW CHAPTER

To support the evolving needs of our learners, we established the Office of Graduate Studies and welcomed a new **Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Brittany Hollister, Ph.D.**

The Office of Graduate Studies provides leadership and strategic direction for graduate education, serving as a hub for program innovation, academic excellence and professional development. Working in close partnership with faculty, students and institutional leaders, the office strengthens program quality and ensures graduate training aligns with the evolving biomedical and health care workforce.

The **Graduate Program Committee (GPC)** serves as the primary governance body for School of Medicine graduate programs. Composed of faculty representatives from each program and two Ph.D. student members, and chaired by Dr. Hollister, the GPC guides program oversight, curriculum alignment, admissions practices, and continuous improvement.

To elevate student voices, the Office of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs also launched the **Graduate Student Advisory Council**, bringing together representatives from each graduate program. The council provides direct input on the student experience, professional development and community-building initiatives, reinforcing transparency, shared governance and student-centered decision making.





Graduate Medical Education

Our Graduate Medical Education program attracts top medical students from schools nationwide.

679 residents and fellows across
69 ACGME accredited programs

7 years board pass rate: 95%

Residency fill rate across 135 positions: 100%

NEW AND REIMAGINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

May 2025 saw the launch of the **Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS)** Program—a rigorous, one-year post-baccalaureate degree designed to mirror the first year of medical school that prepares students for medical school and other health professional schools.

Welcoming **23 students to its inaugural class**, the MSMS program builds on the legacy of the Medical Anatomy and Physiology Certificate (MAPP) Program and offers:

Expanded curriculum integrated with first-year medical students

A guaranteed interview pathway with the School of Medicine’s Office of Admissions

Preparation for careers in medicine, nursing, dentistry and allied health

In response to the nationwide shortage of anesthesiology professionals, the School of Medicine launched its **Master of Science in Anesthesiologist Assistant (MSAA)** Program. This program exemplifies the high demand and national competitiveness of SOM offerings, receiving over 2,000 applications for 15 seats.

NUMBER OF GME PROGRAMS ROTATING AT PRIMARY HOSPITAL AFFILIATES

SSM Health Saint Louis University	53
SSM Health Cardinal Glennon	46
Veterans Affairs Medical Center	26
SSM Health St. Mary’s St. Louis	19
Mercy Hospital St. Louis	12
SSM St. Clare	4
HSBS St. Elizabeth O’Fallon, IL	1



140 total programs, 27 new programs

**71 one-time annual conferences/
symposiums/seminars**

30 Grand Rounds programs

**Launched 30 recorded programs
on our virtual platform**

**Certifies over 70 Continuing Medical
Education (CME) professional
certification credit opportunities
for faculty annually**

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

UNITING EXPERTS TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE

The **18th Annual Acute Stroke Conference** brought together neurologists, emergency medicine specialists and allied health professionals for a dynamic, one day program focused on new innovations in stroke care and the critical role of teamwork across the continuum of care. This event welcomed a multidisciplinary audience, including 46 physicians, 62 registered nurses, 43 physical and occupational therapists, 16 EMTs, and 11 students, residents and fellows. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 92% of participants reporting they plan to implement practice changes based on what they learned.



Cultivating Faculty for Transformative Education

Our investment in faculty development expanded through the PRIMED Initiative—a collaborative effort between the Center for Educator Development, Advancement and Research (CEDAR) and the Office of Curricular Affairs. PRIMED brought together interdisciplinary teams to explore four critical areas in medical education.

Academic identity of clinical teaching faculty post-SSM Health transition

Barriers and opportunities for student participation in research

Student expectations for clinical performance evaluation

Structure and accessibility of formal mentorship programs

These projects culminated in impactful presentations to SLU leadership in summer 2025, sparking dialogue and driving change across our educational landscape.



Strengthening Our Research Enterprise

Saint Louis University School of Medicine is advancing research excellence by fostering curiosity and empowering collaboration. Faculty, researchers and students work side by side to challenge assumptions and push the boundaries of medical science. Together, they explore new frontiers in health and medicine—supported by a robust research infrastructure.

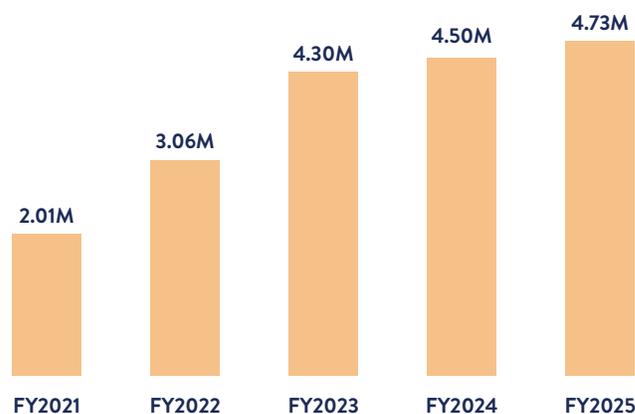


Accelerating Research Through Leadership and Innovation

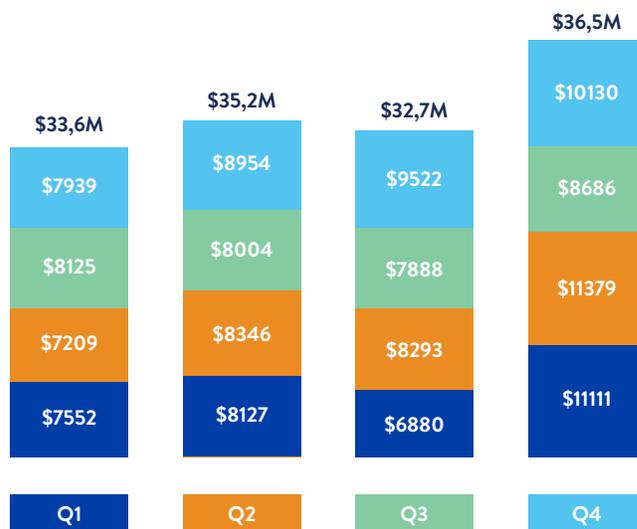
Saint Louis University, now designated as a Carnegie Research 1 (R1) institution, is driving a new era of clinical research excellence with significant growth in clinical trials and a renewed focus on operational strength. Under the leadership of **Noah Hillman, M.D., Associate Dean for Clinical Research**, the school is building a dynamic Clinical Trials Research Organization to streamline processes, enhance collaboration and support investigators at every stage.

Over the past five years, the School of Medicine has seen a significant upward trajectory in both research expenditures and industry-sponsored clinical trial activity.

INDUSTRY CLINICAL TRIALS 5-YEAR REVENUE TREND

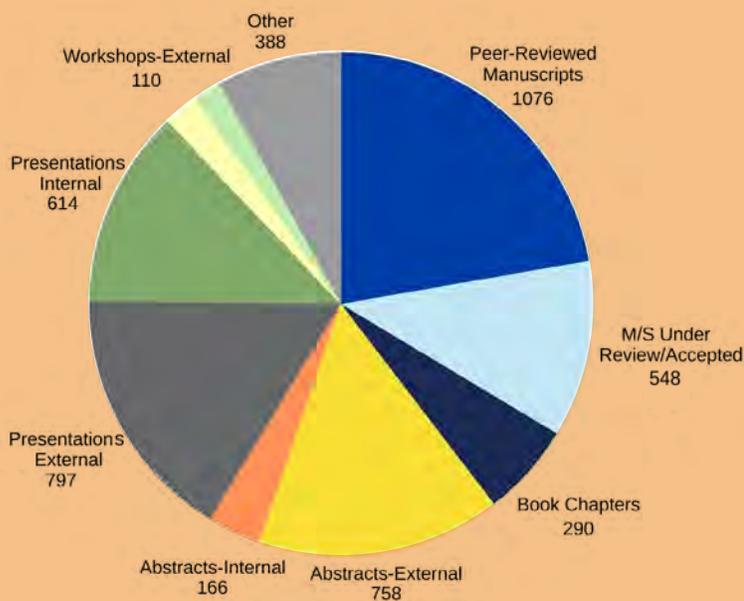


SOM RESEARCH EXPENDITURES FY22-FY25 BY QUARTER





Faculty Scholarly Productivity



LEADERS IN RESEARCH ACROSS KEY AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

Krista Lentine, M.D., Ph.D., professor and director of living donation at the SSM Health Transplant Center at SLU Hospital, makes kidney transplantation more accessible while working to ensure the best long-term outcomes for transplant recipients and living organ donors. In 2025, Lentine received the St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine Society Award of Merit for Outstanding Contributions to Scientific Medicine.

Elise Alspach, Ph.D., assistant professor of molecular microbiology and immunology, studies how biological sex shapes T-cell responses to cancer. Her team showed that CXCL13, a protein linked to strong immunotherapy response, is expressed at higher levels—and is a more reliable biomarker—in females. Their findings, published in *Cancer Immunology Research*, advance more personalized approaches to cancer immunotherapy.

FUELING DISCOVERY: EXPANDING STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

At SLU School of Medicine, innovation begins with inquiry. The Office of Curricular Affairs and Office of Student Affairs, with the support of the Dean's Office, established the **Student Research Task Force** to support medical student engagement in research and scholarly activity.

The Task Force increased awareness of opportunities for students and streamlined the way medical students communicate with potential faculty mentors. The process was designed to respect faculty time, reduce cold emailing by students, and raise the profile of faculty willing to work with medical students.

More than 150 students actively participated in School of Medicine research in 2025.

Twenty-eight M2s participated in the Summer Research Fellowship (SRF), engaging with faculty mentors full-time to conduct their own research projects.

COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS

The School of Medicine is partnering with researchers across campus and across the state in discovery and collaboration.

Our partnership with Missouri S&T included joint seed grants and state innovation awards. The SLU School of Medicine and Mo S&T School of Science & Engineering (SSE) joint projects are built on interdisciplinary interaction and complementary expertise between both schools and have strong potential to attract external research funding. Impactful projects in 2025 included:

Molecular Insights into Epigenetic Effects of Secondhand ENDS Aerosols on DNMT1-mediated DNA Methylation.

PIs: Tinghai Xu (SLU- BMB) and Yue-Wern Huang (MO S&T)

AI-Based Exploration of Gene-Substance Interactions Influencing Suicide Resilience.

PIs: Ping-I (Daniel) Lin (SLU- Psychiatry) and Seung-Jong (Jay) Park (MO S&T)

AI-Enhanced Spatial Transcriptomics for Gastric Cancer Risk Assessment

PIs: Richard DiPaolo (SOM – MMI) and Tae-Hyuk Ahn (SSE) (MO S&T)

Elucidating the Impact of Environmental Exposome on Chronic Kidney Disease Health Outcomes with Spatial Causal Inference

PIs: Yasar Caliskan (SOM – IM) and Orhun Aydin (SSE)



Ten exceptional high school seniors with a passion for medicine earned recognition as Advancing **Student Participation in Research Excellence ASPIRE Scholars Program**. This six-week summer program, sponsored by the School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, focuses on biomedical research in pediatric and adult medicine.

KEY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Introduction to research methodologies

Rigorous and reproducible methods

Hands-on experience in internationally recognized labs





Growing Our Investigator Resources

The **Biopartnership Incubator**, a partnership between FirstIgnite and the SLU School of Medicine Office of Research, launched on July 1, 2025, empowers SLU to accelerate research commercialization, enhance corporate partnerships, and unlock new opportunities for innovation. FirstIgnite's AI-powered platform allows investigators to identify industry collaborators, promote their research, develop new revenue streams and connect with companies aligned to their scientific expertise.

Our **Grant Incubator** has supported 30 principal investigators through expert review and refinement of proposals to advance high-impact scientific ideas. The program fully recovered its initial investment through funded proposals, demonstrating its effectiveness and long-term return for the School of Medicine.

STRENGTHENING OUR RESEARCH CORE FACILITIES: ACCELERATING DISCOVERY TOGETHER

Genomics & Bioinformatics Core provides state-of-the-art single-cell genomics and integrative bioinformatics services, delivering high-resolution data utilizing advanced platforms like 10x Genomics for library preparation. Upgraded in 2025, this core has accelerated research productivity and accessibility for all.

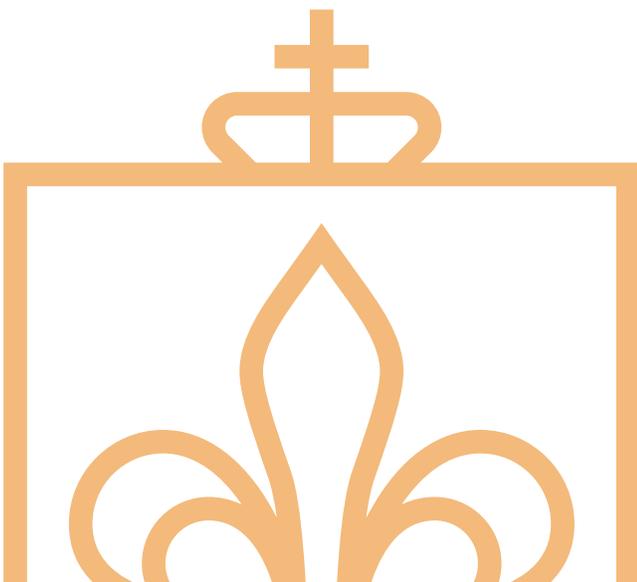
Flow Cytometry: Delivers cell analysis and cell sorting using fluorescent probes that bind to specific molecules.

Histology & Microscopy: Offers microscopy and molecular techniques and related services.

Vivarium: Provides full-spectrum services for animal research.

Biostatistics: Provides statistical analysis for large datasets.

Institute for Drug & Biotherapeutic Innovation: Leverages expertise in medicine, biology, engineering, computational and applied chemistry to develop new medical therapies.





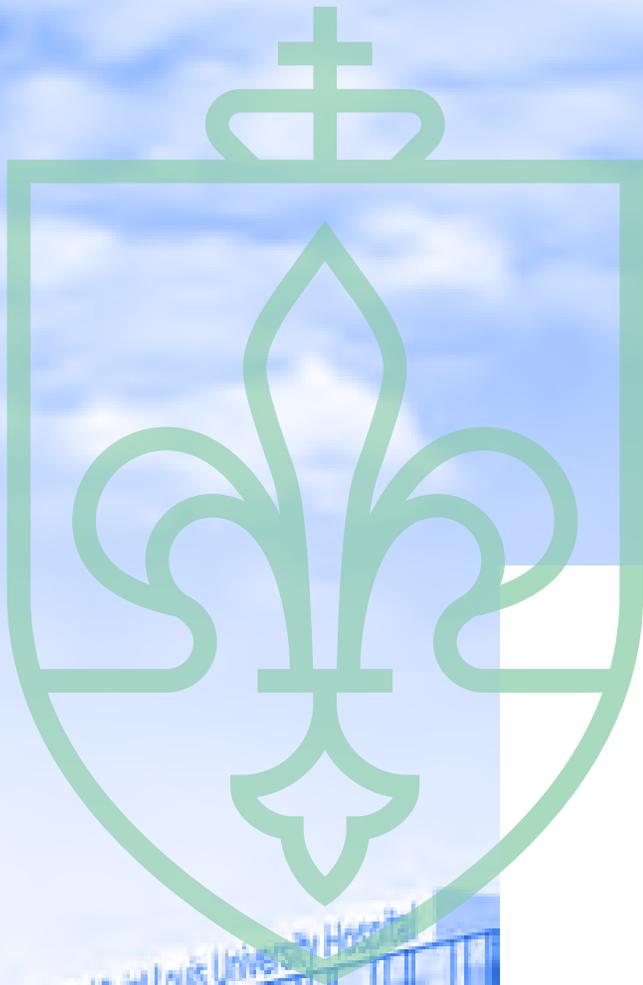
SLU SOM Showcases Expertise in Tokyo

Dean Jacobs, Dr. Adriana Montañó and Dr. Dan Hoft were invited to present to the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Tokyo, showcasing SLU School of Medicine research, the SLU Center for Vaccine Development and its expertise in Controlled Human Infection Models (CHIM Studies). At this meeting, the principals signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding setting forth guidelines to support their mutual interest in future collaborative efforts.

Shown is a robotic surgical system designed to perform procedures on virus-infected animals, allowing operations to be conducted without exposing human personnel to infectious agents.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Ken Ishii, Dr. Christine Jacobs, Dr. Daniel Hoft, and Dr. Adriana Montañó at the Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo.





Clinical Care That Changes Lives

Saint Louis University School of Medicine is committed to leadership in academic health care for the St. Louis region and the SSM Health referral network. Our vision is to deliver world-class, patient-centered care that integrates cutting-edge research, innovative education and compassionate service. Through strategic partnerships and a relentless pursuit of excellence, we set a standard for academic medicine—where discovery drives treatment, and every patient benefits from the latest advancements in health care, delivered with a commitment to *cura personalis*, care for the whole person.



SLU Faculty Leadership: Driving Impact in the Clinical Space



Our faculty have been recognized as influential leaders shaping the future of medicine and health systems. Their expertise and vision extend well beyond the walls of the University, positioning the school as a center of thought leadership and innovation.

Andrew J. White, M.D., Chair of Pediatrics and Pediatrician-in-Chief at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, championing advancements in pediatric care and an internationally recognized expert in Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia.



Erick Messias, M.D., Chair of Psychiatry and Chief Medical Officer for Behavioral Health at SSM Health, leading transformative mental health initiatives including the area's first Behavioral Health Urgent Care.



Diana Greene-Chandos, M.D., Professor and Sylvia N. Souers Endowed Chair of Neurology and Regional Co-Director of the SSM Neurosciences Service Line, which includes the region's first and second Interventional Neurology Centers and a large Neurocritical Care Unit.



Sameer A. Siddiqui, M.D., Professor and Department Chair C. Rollins Hanlon Endowed Chair of Surgery, is one of the first surgeons in the Midwest to introduce a novel treatment option for prostate cancer called transurethral ablation of the prostate (TULSA - PRO). SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital is one of only a few hospitals in the region offering this procedure.





**114 new clinical faculty
physician hires in 2025**

**767 clinical faculty (full,
part-time & adjunct)**

33 INSTRUCTORS

76 ADJUNCT FACULTY

335 ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

181 ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

142 PROFESSORS

**EXPANDING ACADEMIC PLATFORMS &
STRENGTHENING OUR SSM HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

Since integrating with SSM Health in July 2022, Saint Louis University School of Medicine has strengthened patient care and academic capacity through a major expansion of clinical faculty. The **number of clinical physicians has grown from 505 to 767**—a substantial investment in clinical excellence, access and teaching.

**TRACEY CONTI, M.D., M.B.A.,
VICE DEAN FOR CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

We welcomed our new Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Dr. Tracey Conti, in 2025. As SSM Vice President of Academic Practices for the St. Louis Region, Dr. Conti works with SLU clinical department chairs on clinical strategy and operations while serving as the key liaison between SSM Health and Saint Louis University School of Medicine to ensure optimal learning environments for medical students, residents and fellows.

2024-2026+ GROWTH & EXPANSION

SSM Health is the second largest health system in St. Louis for regional Adult Inpatient Care.

SSM is first in market share in Southern Illinois.

SSM is growing, especially in pediatrics, women's health, oncology care and cardiac services.

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Children's Medical Center ranks in the Top 50 children's hospitals in seven clinical specialties by U.S. News & World Report.

#48 in Cancer Care

#32 in Cardiology & Heart Surgery

#19 in Gastroenterology

#46 in Neonatology

#27 in Nephrology

#27 in Pulmonology & Lung Surgery

#48 in Urology

CLINICAL CARE

EXCELLENCE

ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS DRIVING INNOVATION

Academic research and clinical trials are essential to advancing patient care, attracting excellent faculty and learners, and strengthening institutional reputation. Participation in industry-sponsored trials expands patient access to cutting-edge treatments, supports the health system, and builds lasting partnerships with academic and industry collaborators.

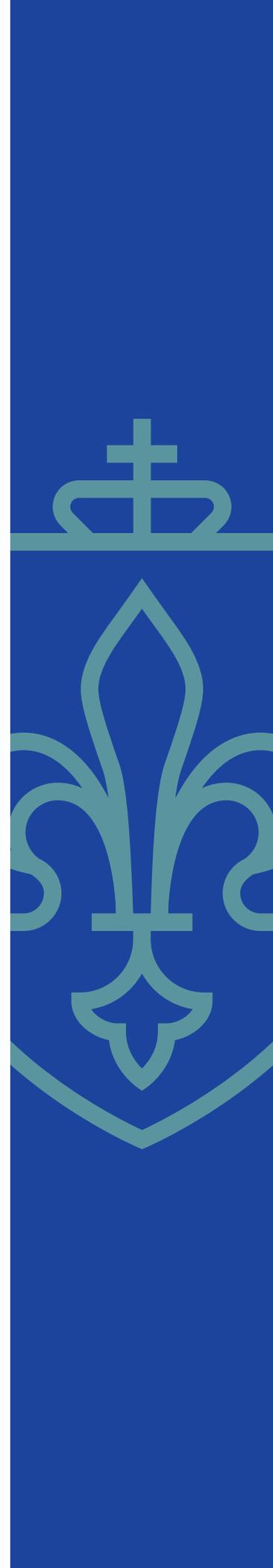
As one of only a few sites in the Midwest designated a Comprehensive Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Center of Excellence, SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital participates in national and international clinical trials that are transforming cancer diagnosis and treatment. Theranostics (using radioactive tracers to image and treat patients with cancer) is an area where SLU is a trusted leader in advanced cancer care and future research.

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Hospital construction is proceeding on schedule for the fall 2027 opening.

Progress on Strategic Goals

Metric description / stat	Target
1 - Undergraduate Medical Education	
Admit Medical students with regional connections	>40% of entering class from Missouri or Illinois
Match rate % of students accepted into residencies (1st Match)	1st Match - at or higher than national average; and individualized plan for all students not matched in match
Step 1 pass % of students who passed Step 1	2% or greater points above national average
Step 2 pass % of students who passed Step 2 and average score of students taking Step 2	At or above national average score and average pass rate
1 - Graduate Medical Education	
ACGME accreditation status of programs % compliance	100%
7 year board pass rate 7-yr rolling vs. national	at or above national mean
1 - Graduate Programs (PhD, Masters, Certificate)	
6 year graduation rate, PhD completed within 6 yrs	100%
2 - Research (*Academic Year)	
Federal Research Expenditures	
NIH expenditures	5% increase
Non-NIH research expenditures	5% increase
Clinical trials revenue (Industry)	10% increase
3 - Clinical Care	
Number of SLUCare faculty physicians	5% increase year over year
4 - Mission-Driven Culture	
SLU GLINT survey: 1. I feel a sense of belonging at SLU 2. Leaders at Saint Louis University value different perspectives. 3. Overall Favorability Score (eSat)	Percent Favorable: 75% agreement by all participants on these metrics
Participants in Community Health Distinction- sustainable growth - # of M1 and M2 students in CH track	Up to 20 new students/yr
5 - Leadership and Organization	
White coat membership (\$2500 donors)	500 White Coat Society members
SOM faculty retention - % faculty retention in prior year	96% retention rate or better for calendar year; better than national average faculty retention.
SOM leadership by permanent chairs	15 of 18 chairs permanent
6 - Image and Reputation	
Primary Care	Top 50 USNWR ranking
Social Media Followers & Engagement	1.) New Followers- 15% increase across platforms 2.) Engagement Rate-7% increase across platforms followers and engagement (<i>engagement measure: how many people interact with content- Likes, comments</i>)
SOM Website Growth	1.) First time users -5% increase 2.) Engagement Rate - maintain industry standard 3.) Number of Visits/Pageviews - 8% increase

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
	63% from Central US; 47% from Missouri/Illinois	Med school class of 2029 (AY25) - 51 from MO, 41 from IL - total 92 (53%)
down 1st	97.2%	98.80%
	94%	95% pass rate (nat avg: 91%)
pass rate	99%	99% pass rate & avg score of 251 (nat avg: 98% pass rate & avg score of 250)
	100%	100%
	95%	95% ultimate 7-year pass rate
	75%	89%
	AY24	AY25
	\$17,561,289.00	\$29,306,597
	\$15,155,066.00	\$7,190,410
	\$4,504,696.00	\$4,729,800
	738	767 total (exceeded goal of 5% increase from 2025)
ants for	<p>1. 56% favorable; 27% neutral eSat Score: 64 (down 1 from 2023) same as University</p> <p>2. 55% favorable; 29% neutral eSat Score: 63 (down 5 from 2023) +3 vs University</p> <p>3. 64% favorable; 25% neutral eSat Score: 68 (down 3 from 2023) +1 vs University</p>	<p>1. 60% favorable; 28% neutral eSat Score: 67 (up 2 from 2024) -1 vs University</p> <p>2. 58% favorable; 31% neutral eSat Score: 66 (up 2 from 2024) +3 vs University</p> <p>3. 72% favorable; 18% neutral eSat Score: 71 (up 3 from 2024) +1 vs University</p>
	50 medical students (14 from M1 Class)	67 medical students (22 from M1 Class)
	197	194
ter than	96%	96%
	15 permanent	16 permanent
	Tier 1 for Primary Care	Tier 1 for Primary Care
s (show ents,	New Followers - 2,700 Engagement Rate Increase - 4.7%	New Followers: 2,249 Engagement Rate Increase: 3.34%
of 58.6%	Engagement Rate: 54.9% Number of Visits/Page Views: 1.3 million	Engagement rate- 54.2% Visits/Page views- 1.7 million





Living the Mission

The Saint Louis University School of Medicine is distinguished by our commitment to *cura personalis* (care for the whole person), being people with and for others, and to walking with the excluded. The School is committed to the education of a culturally competent health care workforce. SLU immerses medical students and graduate medical residents in a training atmosphere that prepares them for the practice of medicine within the communities we serve.



~275 Students Pursuing a Distinction

67 students in the Community Health Distinction

40 members of the Class of 2025 are Graduates with Distinctions

STRENGTHENING PATHWAYS TO SERVICE

This year the School of Medicine established a coordinated system that makes community service more accessible and visible to every student. **The Office of Student Affairs and the Medical Student Government (MSG)** partnered to create a unified platform connecting learners with service opportunities across St. Louis.

This comprehensive platform, offering dozens of ways to serve—from health screenings and mentorship programs to food justice initiatives and neighborhood outreach—has expanded student participation, with more than 50% of students engaged in service, and strengthened our partnerships across St. Louis.

SHAPING PHYSICIANS THROUGH PASSION-DRIVEN DISTINCTIONS

Distinctions offer SLU School of Medicine students the opportunity to pursue their passions and deepen their expertise alongside the core curriculum. Each of the six distinction pathways provides M1 and M2 electives, seminars, experiential activities, and summer opportunities for students to engage more intentionally in the areas that inspire them.

Students in the **Community Health Distinction** exemplify the spirit of purposeful engagement:

Connor Freeman (M4) serves as the MSG Service Committee Chair and volunteers with Haven House, one of the School's closest community partners. With more flexibility during his fourth year, Connor helps lead monthly themed events that bring comfort and connection to families traveling for medical care.

Michael Regan (M2) volunteers weekly with the Sisters of Charity, fully embracing the Jesuit mission of service, reflection and accompaniment. He is also collaborating with Dr. Dan Daly on a research project exploring how the Examen influences medical student wellness—an effort that connects Ignatian spirituality with modern medical training.





ALIGNMENT OF THE MISSION: NEWLY ENVISIONED OFFICE OF IGNATIAN MISSION IN MEDICINE

Inclusivity, respect and community engagement are foundational to the mission of SLU School of Medicine. These values shape how we educate, collaborate and serve the St. Louis region.

We advanced this commitment by unifying our community engagement and inclusion efforts within the newly re-envisioned **Office of Ignatian Mission in Medicine (OIMM)**.

The OIMM now serves as a central hub for partnership and engagement—bringing together students, faculty and community organizations to promote wellbeing and reduce health disparities across the region.

EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EXPANDED PATHWAY PROGRAMS

At SLU School of Medicine, shaping the future of health care begins long before students enter medical school. Through a growing network of pathway programs, learners from middle school through medical training explore what's possible in medicine and science.

1,126 students engaged in Pathway Programs

60 middle school students

486 high school students

360 pre-medical learners

220 residents and medical trainees

ADVENTURES IN MEDICINE AND SCIENCE (AIMS):

AIMS is a long-standing outreach program at Saint Louis University that engages thousands of middle and high school students each year through in-person cadaver demonstrations, comparative anatomy dissections, auditorium sessions, and award-winning distance-learning programs. Founded in 1992, it now reaches students locally, regionally, and across North America, including Indigenous communities near the Arctic Circle through Connected North.

The program also offers multiple summer and specialty camps—such as STEM Camp, Summer Scholars, Forensic Science Day Camp, and community-based partnerships—broadening its educational impact.

Impact

Strengthens SLU's recruitment pipeline by shaping student interest and college decisions

Alumni like Dr. Michael Williams highlight AIMS' long-term influence—from camper to SLU physician and advocate

Many SLUSOM students previously participated in AIMS programs, reflecting its strong presence in pre-health pathways

Teachers report students choosing SLU because of their AIMS experience and campus visits



Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP):

Ten students from institutions including Grinnell College, Morehouse College, Spelman College, St. Louis Community College, Webster University and Saint Louis University began a nine-week research immersion. Paired with the School of Medicine faculty, SURP participants engage in hands-on projects, professional networking and mentorship intended to create a launching point for future careers in research and patient-centered care.

Summer Scholars Program: Exceptional high school students join the Summer Scholars Program for an immersive introduction to health care. Scholars participate in hands-on learning through simulation, engage in community service, meet with clinicians and medical students, and explore SLU's campus. Workshops with the School of Nursing and the Doisy College of Health Sciences highlight the collaborative nature of modern health care. Research challenges students to think critically and understand how scientific inquiry drives real-world discovery.

Summer Scholar Recognition

Lilah Orlando, Brooke Rodden and Bode Schmitt
for their outstanding work on *Chemotherapy versus
Immunotherapy*

Alana Chandler, Lucas Chen and Alana Cipson
for deep insights into *Comparative Efficacy of
Psychotherapy and Pharmacology Treatment in
Depression Management*

Kaviya Senthilkumar, Karthik Thanigai and Nadia
Ummer for innovative thinking around *AI vs
Human Physicians in Diagnosis*





In 2025, the Mobile clinic provided services to 182 individuals

KEY AREAS OF IMPACT:

Serving individuals with limited access to health care, including those who are unhoused, lack transportation, or cannot reliably access telehealth.

Supporting individuals recently released from incarceration, helping connect them with stable medical homes and continuity of care.

Advancing health literacy in underserved neighborhoods through mobile nutrition education, health screenings and tailored health coaching.

Providing comprehensive geriatric assessments using a multidisciplinary, team-based model that addresses physical, cognitive and social well-being

MEETING THE COMMUNITY WITH COMPASSIONATE CARE

In 2025, our Mobile Health Clinic continued to serve as a vital access point for individuals facing significant barriers to care. Through partnerships across the University and the region, the clinic delivered essential services directly to communities most in need. Last year, we expanded our reach by adding a smaller, more agile vehicle to support our unhoused clinic and to serve areas where a larger unit is not practical.





Student Wellbeing

Monisha Hall joined the School of Medicine in April 2025 as the Director of Well-Being, partnering closely with the Offices of Student Affairs, Curricular Affairs and Admissions to enhance student wellness programming. Her work focuses on building a more comprehensive wellness architecture—one that supports not only mental health, but also physical, financial and spiritual well-being. As part of these efforts to promote physical wellness, we opened a dedicated student fitness center equipped with treadmills, stationary bikes, free weights and weight benches. This new space reflects our commitment to providing students with accessible resources that encourage healthy habits and overall well-being.





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Leadership in Action

Health care is the largest industry in the US

The US has significant health care workforce shortages

All major health care systems have hundreds of openings for physicians, nurses and allied health professionals

SLU is moving forward as a strong leader in health science education

At SLU School of Medicine, a supportive culture is strengthened by visionary leaders who prioritize the well-being of our community and who steward resources with integrity.

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SLU Faculty Retention Rate: 96%

SLUCare Physician Retention Rate: 93.3%
(Academic physician national benchmark is 94%)

2025 SLU Faculty & Staff Favorability Rating: 89%

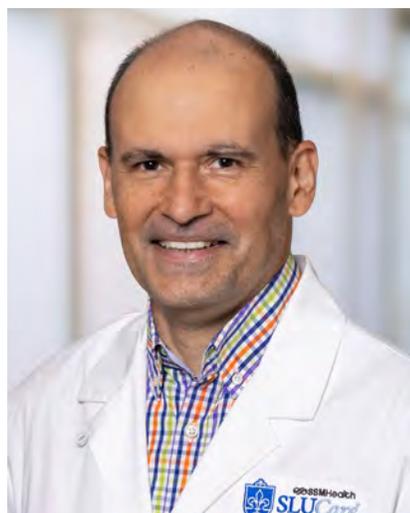
Under Dean Jacobs' leadership, the School has made significant progress in stabilizing and elevating its leadership team—recruiting nine permanent department chairs in the past four and a half years after a long period of interim appointments. Many of these leaders hold system-wide roles at SSM Health, further aligning academic and clinical strategy.

Permanent Chairs Appointed in 2025



DAVID GREENBERG, M.D.,

Professor and Chair, Department
of Orthopaedic Surgery



GOVIND BHAGAT, M.B.B.S.

Professor and Chair, Department
of Pathology



Regional & National Recognition

More than 70 faculty were recognized with awards and honors and 72% reported active involvement in scholarly work— reflecting a strong culture of academic leadership.

Three SLU SOM researchers were named to the 2025 Class of Senior Members of the **National Academy of Inventors (NAI)**. They are among 164 emerging inventors from across 64 NAI member institutions, 16 of whom are SLU faculty. These faculty have demonstrated remarkable innovation producing technologies that have brought, or aspire to bring, real impact on the welfare of society.

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., the Alice A. Doisy professor and chairman of biochemistry and molecular biology

Nicola Pozzi, Ph.D., associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology

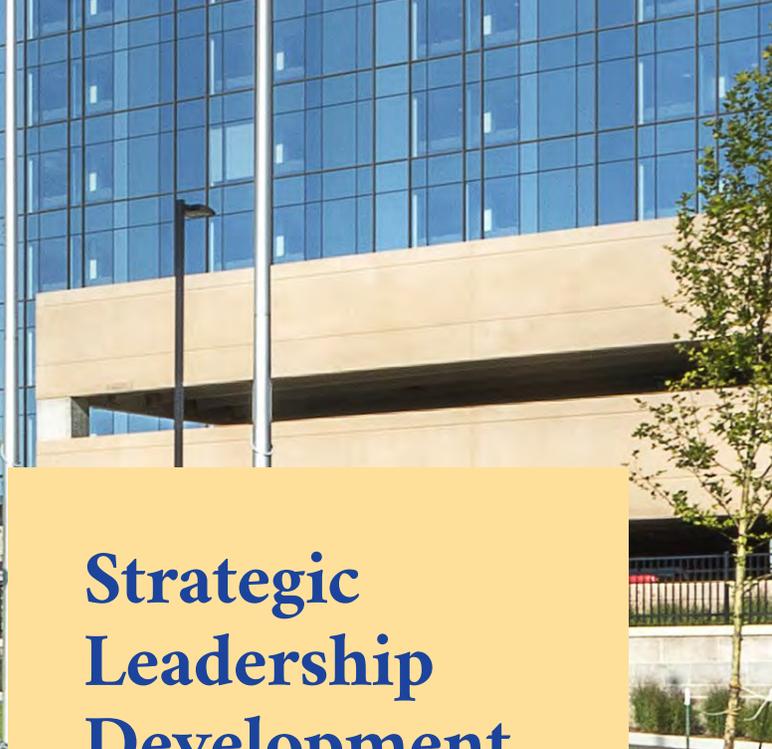
Silviya Zustiak, Ph.D., professor of biomedical engineering and pharmacology and physiology

ST. LOUIS BUSINESS 500: EMERGING LEADERS IN HEALTH CARE

Christine Jacobs, M.D., dean, SLU School of Medicine; vice president for medical affairs, was recognized in the 2025 St. Louis Magazine- Inaugural “STL Business Leaders to Know,” acknowledging her as one of the metro area’s most impactful, innovative, and inspiration leaders in the health care industry.



In 2025, 194 White Coat Society members contributed \$13.2 million. These members support SLU with leadership gifts of \$2,500 or more to the School of Medicine each fiscal year.



Strategic Leadership Development

83% of faculty participated in leadership development opportunities.

130+ programs delivered, including symposia, grand rounds, speaker series, lunch-and-learns, and mentoring initiatives.

National leadership training supported through the SOM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development (OFAPD), including AAMC programs.

Women Mentoring Women strengthened career advancement for SLU faculty.

Departments such as Pediatrics and Internal Medicine maintain structured **mentorship programs**.

The School of Medicine sponsored **Dr. Diana Greene-Chandos**, Chair of Neurology, for participation in Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM), a competitive, prestigious fellowship for developing leaders who shape the future of academic medicine.

Philanthropic Growth

SLU School of Medicine was awarded a transformational **\$10 million gift**, one of the largest and most impactful contributions in the School's history.

The gift bestowed the first ever endowed deanship for the School of Medicine on Christine K. Jacobs M.D., naming her the **Gerald A. Maguire, MD and Joanne S. Maguire Cura Personalis Dean of the School of Medicine**.

The donation came from a patient who wishes to remain anonymous in honor of Gerald A. Maguire, M.D. (SOM '91). The accomplished California-based psychiatrist also personally pledged \$100,000 to support the School.

Three inaugural endowments were bestowed on SOM faculty in 2025, including:

Sandeep S. Dhindsa, M.D., professor of medicine, director, division of endocrinology and metabolism was appointed to the **Clara A. Drefs Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine**.

Randall C. Edgell, MD, MSPH, professor of neurology and surgery, director of the Souers Stroke Institute, and director of Neurointerventional Services received the **Sydney W. Souers Endowed Chair in Neurology**.

Ajay Jain, M.D., M.S.P.H., professor of pediatric gastroenterology, department of pediatrics, division of gastroenterology, was appointed the **Anthony Rejent, M.D., Endowed Chair of pediatric research**.





Leading Innovation and Organizational Excellence

The School of Medicine hosted the inaugural **SLU Health Science Education Summit** in October 2025, bringing together 10 schools and colleges, 114 attendees, and 20 distinguished speakers to shape the future of health science education at SLU. University leaders, faculty, and interdisciplinary teams engaged in strategic discussions to develop new mission-aligned academic programs that reflect SLU's commitment to excellence and innovation. The summit examined trends in higher education, market demands, and workforce priorities—including opportunities with SLU's health system partner, SSM Health—to ensure SLU health science education prepares graduates for evolving health care challenges. An event highlight was the Team Pitch Competition, where participants collaborated to propose new program ideas. The winning concept, a Master's in Intelligence in Health Care, exemplifies SLU's forward-thinking approach to integrating technology and healthcare.

BUILDING ON THE SUMMIT INSIGHTS, SLU IS ADVANCING THREE NEW MASTER'S PROGRAMS:

MS in Health Informatics

MS in Health Services and Outcomes Research

MS in Artificial Intelligence in Health Care





Financial Stewardship and Strategic Growth

The landscape of higher education is challenging. At SLU School of medicine, we are cognizant that we must align our revenue from tuition, research and philanthropic resources with our mission. We are continuously examining and revisoning our strategic priorities and investment.

Making a high quality SLU SOM education accessible is a high priority, with careful consideration of tuition levels, aided by scholarship assistance

Our research expenditures (\$36.5M in 2025) are matched with School of Medicine investment in our faculty and research operations

Donor engagement and philanthropy enables the School of Medicine to rise to excellence in education, research and community service.





Elevating Our Presence

SLU School of Medicine is becoming widely known for advancing academic excellence, expanding research impact, and becoming a provider, employer, and institution of choice. The progress this year reflects the collective leadership, dedication, and expertise of our faculty, students, staff, alumni, and partners.



Achieving R1 Research Status

Saint Louis University earned the prestigious Carnegie R1: Very High Research Activity status- placing us among fewer than 190 top research universities in the nation. This milestone elevates SLU's visibility and credibility across the academic and scientific communities, affirming the strength of our research enterprise and the impactful work of our investigators. R1 status enhances our ability to attract top faculty, secure competitive funding, and collaborate on high-impact national research initiatives.

National Ranking in Primary Care

SLU School of Medicine again demonstrated excellence in the U.S. News and World Report rankings:

Tier 1 in Primary Care, placing us in the top 16 of 99 ranked U.S. medical schools

STRENGTH OF SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

Medical school admissions remain highly competitive, with 6,600 applicants for 180 first-year seats



SLU SOM Reputational Strength

Acceptance to SLU School of Medicine is highly competitive, and the strength of the applicant pool remains steady.

Total Applications	6672 ↑
Total Completed Applications	5198
Interviewed	732
Total Students in Class	174
Matriculation Rate of Accepted (excluding accepted Med Scholars)	29.11%

SLU SOM Applicant / Matriculant Average
MCAT and GPA

	SLU 2025	5yr SLU average	5yr national average
Applicant Avg MCAT	509.8	510.06	506.2
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STRENGTH OF OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

Our alumni play a critical role in elevating our profile and expanding our impact.

28 SLU and School of Medicine alumni contributed strategic oversight and support to the School of Medicine Advisory Board and Campaign Steering Committee.

23 School of Medicine alumni led their classes at Med Reunion, hosted dinners with medical students.

Their ongoing commitment strengthens our national presence and supports the next generation of physicians and scientist.





GROWING VISIBILITY THROUGH STORYTELLING AND MEDIA

Our reputation is strengthened by the impactful work happening across our community and beyond. This year, we saw more than 250 placements in local, regional and national media outlets.

MEDIA PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Erick Messias, M.D., Ph.D. (Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience) was quoted in The New York Times in an article about rejection sensitivity.

Ghazala Hayat, M.D. (Neurology) was interviewed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in a column about Muslim women changing the St. Louis region.

Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D. (Pharmacology and Physiology) was quoted in a CNN article about pain.

Jeffrey Teckman, M.D. (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) was highlighted by St. Louis Magazine for helping to develop the first effective drug for Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, a condition that affects 1 in every 3,500 Americans

Krista Lentine, M.D. (Nephrologist) was mentioned in an article about a study examining how anti-obesity drugs have benefited kidney transplant recipients who have Type 2 diabetes. The story was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in more than 180 outlets nationwide.

EXPANDING OUR DIGITAL REACH

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slu.edu/medicine

1.7 million page views
(↑ 21.5%)

X/Twitter

2,211 followers (↑ 2.9%)

Instagram

3,409 followers (↑ 25.7%)

Facebook

2,754 page likes (↑ 26.1%)

LinkedIn

15,384 total followers (↑ 8.4%)

These metrics reflect a year of strong digital engagement and expanding influence—helping SLU SOM reach prospective students, alumni, partners, and national audiences with compelling stories of impact.



Advancing Our Vision in 2026

In the year ahead, we will deepen our engagement with our School of Medicine community, our University colleagues, our SSM Healthcare partner, our St. Louis neighbors, and our donors and friends in our quest for excellence.

EDUCATION

In 2026, we will focus on active student learning and clinical experiences for medical students. We will grow our new anesthesiologist assistant and Masters in Medical Science programs to full capacity and open new Masters programs in AI in Medicine and Health Informatics. We will collaborate across the university for a unified health science education strategy.

RESEARCH

In 2026, we will support our researchers in seeking competitive grants and funding opportunities across diverse sources and reimagine our biomedical PhD training program. We will support our Center for Vaccine Development with a new Extended Stay Research Unit.

PATIENT CARE

In 2026, we will lead in healthcare for our community with our SSM partner, even as we train the next generation of healthcare providers for our region and the country.

COMMUNITY

In 2026, with new leadership, our Office of Ignatian Mission in Medicine will increase student engagement in the community, integrate our care for our community with increased programming of our mobile medical clinic, strengthen pathways programs for youth, and grow programs to increase cultural humility and belonging for our students, faculty and staff.

To make a SLU School of Medicine education attainable for the most qualified, highly skilled, deeply committed medical students, we must provide greater scholarship support.

To advance SLU medical education to meet the needs of today's students, we must provide those students with facilities that can fully support an innovative curriculum. We look to a new Health Education Center for active learning in medicine and to provide advanced medical and interdisciplinary simulation education.

We ask you to join us in creating the future of SLU School of Medicine.



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