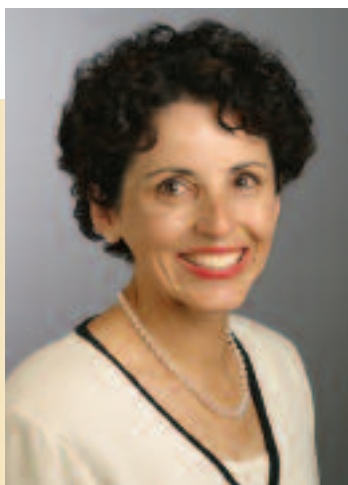


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France Córdova,
Chancellor,
UC Riverside

“With our existing Biomedical Sciences Program and research strengths in genomics, nanotechnology, bioengineering and socio-behavioral sciences, UCR has a strong foundation upon which to build a School of Medicine. We believe the medical school we’re proposing will serve as a model for health care delivery, based on a distributed clinical system, preventive medicine, and population health.”

Proposal for a School of Medicine

In May 2006, UC Riverside submitted to University of California officials a proposal for a School of Medicine that will help meet the urgent need for more primary and specialty care physicians in Inland Southern California, an ethnically and culturally diverse region with one of the fastest growing populations in the country.

If approved, the school will be the first new public medical school west of the Mississippi in the 21st century and the first research-based medical school in California in nearly half a century.

With a mission of serving medically underserved Inland Southern California, comprised of Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial counties, the school is projected to open in fall 2012 with an entering class of 40 students. The medical school will scale up in subsequent years to admit larger classes of students until, by 2022, it graduates 96 M.D.s per year. By then, the school will have a total of 157 faculty members, 160 students pursuing doctoral degrees, and up to 600 residents.

Mission

To improve the health of the people of California and, especially, to serve Inland Southern California by training a diverse workforce of physicians and by developing innovative research and health care delivery programs that will improve the health of the medically underserved in the region.

Goals

- To establish a premier School of Medicine.
- To build the School upon the highest quality basic, applied, and clinical research.
- To develop an innovative health care delivery system for Inland Southern California that will serve as a model for the state and nation.

Distributed Clinical System

- Rather than construct its own hospital, UCR will partner with regional hospitals and clinics for its clinical programs.
- By as early as 2008, as an intermediary step, UCR’s Center for Clinical Medical Education will provide rotations for third- and fourth-year medical students as well as residencies with area hospitals and clinics.

Impact

- Inland Southern California would be populated with more primary care and specialty care physicians.
- New partnerships established with regional hospitals and clinics would offer students a broad range of experiences and leverage existing healthcare resources.
- Innovative research and health care delivery programs would improve the health of the medically underserved in the region.
- Research would emphasize population health, preventive medicine, and development of scientific knowledge to effect innovations in healthcare delivery.
- Diseases and health issues specific to Inland Southern California and its ethnic and cultural groups would be the medical school’s focus.
- The university’s statewide economic impact, currently about \$950 million, is expected to double because of the medical school.
- More high-tech start-up companies would be attracted to Inland Southern California, accelerating the region’s transition to a knowledge-based economy.



Janis F. Neuman, Chief of Medical Services,
Riverside County’s Department of Public Health

“I have been trying for two and a half years to find family physicians for our clinics in Palm Springs and Indio, and have not been able to find even one physician. A UCR School of Medicine could include rural rotations to our clinics and expose medical students to the rewards of working in public health.”



Robert Grey, Former Executive Assistant to the
Chancellor for Health Affairs

“The impact the medical school would have in Inland Southern California is enormous. Not only would it draw high-quality physicians and researchers to the area, but it also would elevate medical care in the region to a new height.”



Heather Palmer, Physician Assistant, Santa Rosa del Valle Medical Group, Coachella

“Many of our patients need to travel close to 150 miles just to get an X-ray.”



Bradley Gilbert, Chief Medical Officer, Inland Empire Health Plan

“A local medical school would attract individuals from the local community to become medical students – hopefully from the diverse ethnic and cultural groups the Inland Empire Health Plan serves. It has been shown that if you do your residency in an area, you’re more likely to stay in that area and practice.”

Building the School of Medicine

- UCR plans to establish the medical school in two phases. Phase I (2007-2012) involves launching the school and strengthening the foundation on which the school will be built. Phase II (2012-2022) focuses on expanding the school.

Phase I

- Hire founding dean and initial faculty and staff.
- Plan a curriculum that will have students focus on improved primary care and specialty care.
- Refine a financial and business plan.
- Obtain financial support from non-state sources.
- Renovate existing facilities and build new ones.
- Strengthen academic initiatives.

Phase II

- Enroll the first official class.
- Hire more faculty and staff to further develop the curriculum.
- Gain full accreditation.
- Build infrastructure.
- Expand enrollment to meet the needs of the region and state.

A Head Start

- An External Advisory Board comprised of nationally prominent leaders in medical education and public health policy from both public and private universities is guiding UCR in developing a high-quality medical school.
- UCR has designed undergraduate support programs – *FastStart* and the Medical Scholars Program – to increase the success rate of socioeconomically and/or educationally disadvantaged students entering medical school and other health science-related careers.

UCR’s Advantages

- A proven foundation: For 30 years, through the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences, UCR has provided the first two years of medical school on campus to select students, who then go on to UCLA to complete their medical degrees.
- World-class expertise: UCR already has more than 100 faculty conducting research in health-related fields.
- A highly diverse undergraduate population: Medical students graduating from UCR’s medical school can bring more diversity to the physician workforce.
- Community backing: UCR’s plans for a medical school have received support from the Riverside County Congressional delegation, the Riverside City Council, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, business leaders, hospitals and clinics in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, health care executives, and major newspapers.

Funding

- Funding for the medical school will come from a variety of sources, including state funds, educational fees, clinical revenue, contracts and grants, gifts and endowments, strategic industry partnerships, and sponsorships.
- Costs for Phase I are projected to be approximately \$15 million, of which one-half will come from private sources.

A Sampling of Fundraising Success

- \$15.5 million planned gift, half of which will create 10 professorships in medicine.
- \$1.6 million from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for *FastStart* and the Medical Scholars Program.
- \$1 million for an endowed chair in cancer research.
- \$240,000 from California Wellness for *FastStart*.

Through an External Advisory Board, UCR has tapped the best talent in medical education for advice on developing a four-year, research-based medical school. Members of the board are:



Haile Debas, former Dean of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine and former Interim Chancellor of the UCSF campus, chairs the External Advisory Board.

Jordan J. Cohen, President and CEO, Association of American Medical Colleges

Haile Debas, Executive Director, University of California, San Francisco Global Health Sciences

David Hayes-Bautista, Director, Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles

Joseph Martin, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Neil Parker, Senior Associate Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles

Deborah Powell, Dean, Medical School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Ralph Snyderman, Chancellor Emeritus, School of Medicine, Duke University

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