

The Best Minds to Lead the Profession

A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION IS MUCH MORE THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS.

Books, lectures, tests and procedures are essential tools for learning. But what unlocks their true power? The people who use them. Gifted instructors. Exceptional students.

You'll find them both at Penn Dental Medicine, where the best minds in the field are constantly raising the bar.

- Penn Dental Medicine is among the leading dental schools in National Institutes of Health funding per faculty member.
- One of the few U.S. dental schools with its own basic science faculty, Penn Dental Medicine is widely recognized for its strong basic research as well as its distinguished records in clinical practice and scholarship.
- With a community service requirement, international programs and research opportunities, Penn Dental Medicine offers students a well-rounded education that runs much deeper than procedural skills.
- The multidisciplinary environment fostered by the University of Pennsylvania, along with our commitment to collaboration, gives our faculty and students a distinct edge in teaching, research and practice.

In other words, top teachers attract top students — and produce stellar dentists. Outstanding faculty and the brightest students are the bedrock of our success and the cornerstone to developing the leaders of tomorrow.

**TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE BEST FACULTY,
WE SEEK TO RAISE \$13.5 MILLION.
TO EXPAND FINANCIAL AID FOR EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS, WE SEEK TO RAISE \$4.5 MILLION.**





A TESTAMENT TO LEADERSHIP

“So many alumni say to me: ‘I didn’t realize how much Penn Dental Medicine did for me until later.’ I hear that time and again. In residency programs, our alumni are already helping to teach their fellow residents! That’s a testament to the people at Penn Dental Medicine — both students and faculty. They not only master the curriculum, they have leadership qualities that truly set them apart in the field.”

— Thomas P. Sollecito (D’89, GD’91), professor of Oral Medicine and associate dean for Academic Affairs

FROM CLASSROOM TO CLINIC, Dr. Sollecito is enhancing the academic environment at Penn Dental Medicine. In 2006, he received the University of Pennsylvania’s Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching for his work with pre-doctoral students and postgraduate Oral Medicine residents. His emphasis on competency-focused learning has been instrumental in helping students build a stronger foundation and excel, explore specialty areas and ensure they graduate on time.



Endowment Opportunities

Professorships \$6,000,000
(Two awards of \$3,000,000 each)

Associate Professorships \$7,500,000
(Six awards of \$1,250,000 each)

Contributing to an endowment for faculty gives donors the opportunity to directly enhance scholarship in the field of dentistry. As we recognize the leaders of our profession with endowed chair appointments, they help us advance Penn Dental Medicine by attracting external grants, gifted colleagues and students who want to learn from the best. Endowments also provide a unique way for donors to honor cherished individuals and their outstanding contributions to dental medicine.

Student Scholarships \$4,500,000
(45 scholarships of \$100,000 each)

Opening the door to a Penn Dental Medicine education can literally change lives. A scholarship helps to support a lifetime of intellectual richness, career opportunities and broadened horizons. This support is not only a catalyst for recruiting the most talented, deserving students in the field — it ultimately benefits all the other lives those students touch. Endowing financial aid allows donors to play a special role in making that education more accessible.

Will You Join Us?

AT PENN DENTAL MEDICINE, LEADERSHIP STARTS WITH PEOPLE.

Alumni will recall influential teachers and mentors who left an indelible mark on their lives and careers. Leaders in the field whose dedication was contagious. Professionals who passed the torch along to them and many other students.

And in a broader sense, the ripple effects of our research, training and advances in patient care are felt throughout the profession in labs, practices and academia. Our graduates are spreading their knowledge and expertise around the globe.

As a member of the Penn Dental Medicine community, your support is essential.

To recruit and retain the best faculty, we seek to raise \$13.5 million in permanent endowment funding. This support will establish professorships to help augment our first-class educators, and in turn, continue to produce high-caliber graduates.

To endow financial aid for exceptional students, we seek to raise an additional \$4.5 million. This will create more scholarships and help offset student debt, two key ways we are working to diversify the field of dental medicine.

Will you join us in making an impact on dental education, care and research? With your investment in Penn Dental Medicine, we can continue leading the profession — together.



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