

University of Iowa Institute for Biomedical Discovery

The University of Iowa Institute for Biomedical Discovery (UIIBD) will be the University's new home for high-risk, high-reward interdisciplinary research into diseases and conditions of greatest concern for our society, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, Alzheimer's, blinding eye disease and diabetes. Working together in laboratories throughout 200,000 square feet of laboratory space, top scientists from all corners of the UI campus will tackle research projects leading to clinical advancements for patients across Iowa and around the globe.

In September 2008, the University announced a \$25 million gift commitment from the Fraternal Order of Eagles to bring together UI researchers and the nearly 1 million-member philanthropic organization in a fight against diabetes, a disease that affects 24 million Americans. The Eagles gift, establishing the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center in the UIIBD, will fund endowed chairs and fellowships for diabetes researchers, provide seed research grants for innovative research ideas and help recruit leading scientists in diabetes research and translational medicine.

The \$122.5 million UIIBD, to be built as an extension to the Medical Education and Research Facility and the Carver Biomedical Research Building, is due for completion in late 2013. The facility is being funded by commitments from all levels: \$30 million from state and federal sources, \$41.25 million from the University and at least \$21.25 million in private funds.