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### **TCU School of Medicine announces new home in Fort Worth Medical District**

FORT WORTH, Texas (Feb. 28, 2022) – Texas Christian University is expanding its footprint with its announcement today of a new campus for the TCU School of Medicine, one of the newest and most innovative schools in the country.

TCU continues its investment in Fort Worth, Tarrant County and the state, with this major building project in the city's Near Southside neighborhood. The TCU School of Medicine, now recruiting its fourth class, will drive economic development and biomedical advances through partnerships with hospitals, health care organizations and biotech industries.

"The TCU School of Medicine is having a truly exponential impact on our community," said Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr. "Our Horned Frog medical students are benefitting from an exceptional educational experience, the vast clinical expertise and growing medical industry in our area. The TCU School of Medicine is already contributing to the health of our neighbors and the greater good."

Construction will begin this year on a four-story, approximately 100,000 square-foot medical education building at the northeast corner of South Henderson and West Rosedale streets. It will be the academic hub for 240 medical students and hundreds of faculty and staff. Completion is planned for 2024, and additional facilities are part of the master plan.

The medical school was announced in 2015 with the vision of becoming an innovative medical school that would contribute to Fort Worth's growing bioscience sector.

"The TCU School of Medicine campus is an investment in the long-term health of our community, training and educating future physicians, many of whom will remain in the area expanding our physician workforce and fulfilling an important need for our city and state," said Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker. "This expansion of TCU's campus to the Near Southside represents a significant contribution to the Fort Worth economy and job growth. This – paired with the TCU School of

Medicine's transformational impact on health care – ensures that Fort Worth's future remains vital and vibrant.”

With close proximity to the major health care providers of the area, the TCU School of Medicine will expand its offering to students and serve as a catalyst for further growth in the hospital district.

“This new medical campus is ideally located, sitting in the heart of the medical district and adjacent to our valued clinical partners and medical providers,” Dr. Stuart Flynn, founding dean of the medical school, said. “Proximity of the medical school is essential to build robust relationships and advantage the amazing opportunities that we and our partners have in Fort Worth. I thank TCU for the vision that will guide our students and school to drive excellence in health care and innovation for our community and beyond.”

The first class of students [began in July 2019](#) and will graduate in 2023. The School of Medicine’s fourth class will begin in July 2022.

The medical school was created with an innovative curriculum that focuses on developing [Empathetic Scholars®](#) and future physicians who are able to walk in a patient’s shoes. This forward approach to medical education includes flipped classrooms without lectures and [partnering students with physicians from their first day in medical school](#).

This provides students more time to embrace and study the major drivers in the future of medicine, including [artificial intelligence, genomics, and technology monitoring patient health and disease](#). Each student also completes a [four-year Scholarly, Pursuit & Thesis research project](#) on a topic of their own choice to promote lifelong inquiry and learning.

The School of Medicine received [preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education \(LCME\) in 2018](#). In February 2021 a team of accreditors from the LCME met with senior leadership, faculty and students during a virtual site visit before making their Provisional Accreditation decision. In mid-June 2021, the LCME voted to [grant Provisional Accreditation](#) to the innovative medical school, bringing it one step closer to full accreditation.

The School of Medicine has also launched graduate medical education collaborations with JPS Health Network, [Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center Fort Worth](#) and [Texas Health Resources](#) that will remain in place. Those important partnerships will improve health and the delivery of care in North Texas as well as help address the increasing physician shortage in Fort Worth and beyond.

### **About Texas Christian University**

Founded in 1873, TCU is a world-class, values-centered private university based in Fort Worth, Texas. The university comprises 10 schools and colleges offering 114 areas of undergraduate study, 60 master’s level programs, and 38 areas of doctoral study. Total enrollment stands at 11,938, including 10,222 undergraduates and 1,716 graduate students. The student/faculty ratio is 13.6:1, and 88 percent of TCU’s 699 full-time faculty members hold the highest degree in their discipline. TCU

consistently ranks among the top universities and colleges in the nation, and the Horned Frog family consists of more than 97,195 living alumni. For more information, please visit [TCU's website](#).

### **About TCU School of Medicine**

The TCU School of Medicine, Fort Worth's M.D. school, opened with a class of 60 students in July 2019. The new allopathic medical school was formed in 2015. The School of Medicine's focus on communication, a first-of-its-kind curriculum and the development of Empathetic Scholars® uniquely positions the organization to radically transform medical education, improving care for future generations. To make this new school possible, the greater North Texas community stepped up to help, providing philanthropic support. The school's current Founding Donors include Alcon; Amon G. Carter Foundation; Baylor Scott & White; The Burnett Foundation; Cook Children's; Texas Health Resources; Mr. H. Paul Dorman; Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Harriette Gachman; Dr. John and Mrs. Priscilla Geesbreght; Sid W. Richardson Foundation; Rebecca and Jon Brumley; The Morris Foundation; Martha Sue Parr Trust; Tartaglino Richards Family Foundation; Thomas M., Helen McKee, John P. Ryan Foundation; and anonymous donors.

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