

WOMEN & SCIENCE

The Rockefeller University established the *Women & Science* Initiative in 1997 to:

- highlight the crucial role of basic and clinical research in addressing the scientific challenges related to women's health
- showcase the contributions of women scientists
- create a program of support for women scientists

Each year, *Women & Science* hosts a series of events featuring Rockefeller scientists and guest speakers who discuss a range of topics relevant to women's health, including heart disease, obesity, hormone replacement therapy and menopause, the vulnerabilities of the female immune system, and advances in personalized medicine. Through the Partners in Discovery fundraising program, the initiative raises funds to support women scientists at the University.

THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY

The Rockefeller University is a world-renowned center for research and graduate education in the biomedical sciences, chemistry, and physics. Founded by John D. Rockefeller in 1901 as the nation's first institute for medical research, the University has a unique laboratory-based structure that encourages interdisciplinary research related to many clinical concerns including:

addiction · aging · AIDS · Alzheimer's disease · anorexia and bulimia · antibiotic resistance · arthritis · autism · blood disorders · breast cancer · cardiovascular disease · chemotherapies and cancer vaccines · cystic fibrosis · estrogen and brain function · diabetes · estrogen and brain function · hepatitis · kidney disease · learning disabilities · lupus · lymphoma · malaria · menopause · olfaction · Parkinson's · SARS · stem cells · tuberculosis · vision disorders

Over the years, 23 Rockefeller scientists have received Nobel Prizes—most recently in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003.

COVER PHOTOS,
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
Elizabeth Heller, *Graduate
Fellow*, Cori Bargmann,
*Torsten N. Wiesel
Professor*, and Leslie
Vosshall, *Chemers Family
Associate Professor*

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A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Since 1997, the *Women & Science Partners in Discovery* program has raised more than \$8 million to support:

- 75 outstanding postdoctoral and graduate fellows addressing some of the most challenging questions in biomedical research
- a newly recruited senior woman scientist, who holds the Rebecca Lancefield Professorship
- educational opportunities for talented young women in Rockefeller's programs for high school and college students
- pioneering research in cancer, neuroscience, and global health

Now in its tenth year, *Women & Science* is redoubling its efforts to create major career opportunities for women scientists. More than ten generous benefactors have contributed lead gifts of \$100,000 each to launch the *Women & Science Tenth Anniversary Challenge Fund*.

THE TERRIFIC TEN (PLUS)

- Anne T. and Robert M. Bass
- Judy and Howard Berkowitz
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The goal for the Tenth Anniversary Challenge Fund is to surpass \$2 million this year. The Terrific Ten (Plus) invite you to match their commitment by increasing your own giving to *Women & Science*.

10TH ANNIVERSARY FUND

With your support, *Women & Science* can promote the advancement of women scientists at every level. The Tenth Anniversary Challenge Fund will:

Underwrite twenty prestigious *Women & Science Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellowships* to be offered competitively in the anniversary year.

Advance **Faculty Recruitment** of exceptional women scientists and help cover the expense of establishing their new laboratories, including equipment, supplies, technical resources, and scientific personnel.

Support Rockefeller's superb **Child and Family Center**, which offers a year-round, full-time program of childcare and education for pre-school children of faculty, students, and staff.

Foster **Career Development** of Rockefeller's young women scientists through mentoring programs, career advancement initiatives, and subsidized career-related travel.

Sponsor **Pre-Ph.D. Science Education** for talented young girls and women in the University's mentored laboratory research training programs for high school and college students.

TEN TERRIFIC REASONS to support *Women & Science*

at The Rockefeller University

- 1 You have a daughter, granddaughter, or niece who wants to pursue a career in science.
- 2 You will help develop 100 percent of the talent pool in the fight against disease.
- 3 Medical research is an investment in everyone's health.
- 4 Rockefeller has an unparalleled record of discovery.
- 5 *Women & Science* Fellowships are competitive, so you will be supporting "the best of the best."
- 6 Your support will allow scientists to conduct innovative research that is too high-risk to qualify for federal funds.
- 7 *Women & Science* supports women at every stage in their careers (Pre-Ph.D., Ph.D., and Postdoctoral Fellows, Assistant and Associate Professors, and Senior Professors).
- 8 You will help the U.S. remain the world's leader in biomedical research, a major engine of economic development in the 21st century.
- 9 You will be investing in future leaders—tomorrow's Shirley Tilghman (President of Princeton), Susan Hockfield (President of MIT), and Shirley Ann Jackson (President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute).
- 10 Your mother would be proud of you!

The Rockefeller University welcomes your involvement in *Women & Science*. If you or your organization would like to become a **Partner in Discovery**, please call Laurel Birch, Director of the *Women & Science* Initiative, at (212) 327-8963.