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“Investing in discovery

“The bulk of the Capital Campaign endows research, the excellence of which is the bedrock of our reputation,” explains CSHL President Bruce Stillman. “The cost of doing research has skyrocketed since the dawn of the genome era. As the government’s contribution has declined over the last decade, a second factor has come into play. Today, the amount of money an investigator can expect from a government grant is frozen. Our investigators are receiving less money to perform work that costs much more to do. This is seriously eroding the ability of scientists to plan ambitious and innovative programs.”

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A robust endowment allows for strategic growth of CSHL’s scientific agenda.

$136 million endows the President’s Fund, providing flexibility to the Laboratory’s leadership to facilitate the most innovative, high-risk/high-reward research. Funds will be directed to transform basic discovery and technology advances into patient-specific treatments for debilitating diseases.

$105 million supports the Cancer Therapeutics Initiative to integrate world-class cancer genetics with cancer metabolism and to test and validate the efficacy of novel drugs and drug combinations using the latest imaging technologies.

$22 million builds and equips the Pre-Clinical Experimental Therapeutics Facility—a drug-target testing and imaging center. A $25 million New York State grant renovates the existing 1953 Demerec Laboratory as the home for a new Center for Therapeutics Research—a nexus of biology, chemistry and medicine that will not only discover drug targets but transform them into next-generation therapies.

Opening new doors to students

With teaching facilities in Cold Spring Harbor, Lake Success, and Harlem, the DNA Learning Center (DNALC) currently serves over 30,000 middle and high school students annually, providing field trip labs, in-school instruction and camp programs. A flagship facility in New York City will allow for exponential growth in the number of students and teachers CSHL can serve.

$25 million expands the reach of hands-on laboratory experiences to New York City’s public and private schools.

$2 million builds the Nicholls Biondi Pavilion, a dedicated space for scientific poster expositions that are key to scientific conferences at CSHL. Additional funds support advanced technology courses and the Ph.D. program.

Philanthropy empowers the risk-taking and innovation in biological research and education that have and will continue to make CSHL unique in its contributions to the health and well-being of our society.

Dagnia Zeidlickis

“I am thrilled to help provide thousands more students each year, especially those from low-achieving schools, with opportunities to do real scientific experiments that will help develop critical thinking skills.”

Laurie J. Landeau, V.M.D. CSHL Board Trustee

Today, in collaboration with top hospitals and clinical centers, scientists at the Lab are building on that expertise to develop effective treatments for the toughest cancers.”

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