The Strategic Research Initiative is fast forwarding research at the University of Michigan Health System, shaping the future of human health and global healthcare policy.

Fast Forward concepts selected by the Research Board of Directors to move forward as final Strategic Research Initiative Programs

Infrastructure investments have already begun!

Fast Forward concept proposals submitted to the Research Board of Directors

Fast Forward concept proposal development

Faculty champions and participants enlist for each concept

U-M scientific leadership retreat identifies ten Fast Forward concepts to pursue at the intersections of the five research strengths

Aging
Cure Obesity/Metabolic Diseases
Drug Development
Epigenetics/Epigenomics
Experimental Immunotherapeutics
Host Microbiome
Orphan Diseases
Personalized Medicine
Protein Folding Diseases
Regenerative Medicine
$100 million investment approved by the Medical School Dean for the Strategic Research Initiative

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U-M Medical School Research Board of Directors assembled

UMHS Strategic Deployment Teams report

First major investment in Biomedical Research Core Facilities

U-M Health System leadership begins strategic research planning

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