

# FAST FACTS

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## MISSION:

*Advancing the health wellness of our community and beyond while embracing diversity in the pursuit of excellence through innovation in our tripartite mission: education, research and patient care.*

## HISTORY:

- The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson admitted its first class of 32 students in 1967.
- The UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson was initially accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in 1965, and in 2022 received full re-accreditation.
- The College is part of the University of Arizona Health Sciences, one of the top-ranked academic medical centers in the southwestern United States.
- UArizona Health Sciences includes the College of Medicine – Phoenix, College of Medicine – Tucson, College of Nursing, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, and R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy. In addition, 12 UArizona Health Sciences centers and programs focus on cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, pain and addiction, and respiratory diseases; biomedical informatics, health technology innovation and simulation training; and precision health care and health disparities.

## RESEARCH:

- Total annual research awards for the College have grown from \$51 million in FY14 to \$131 million in FY21.
- The College of Medicine – Tucson jumped from participating in 129 clinical trials in 2016 to 216 trials in 2018.

## FACULTY AND STAFF:

- Medical students and residents receive instruction from 1,539 UArizona faculty members: 275 professors; 905 assistant professors; 300 associate professors; and 113 associated faculty.
- More than 900 staff members call the College of Medicine – Tucson home.

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ESTABLISHED: **1967**

DEPARTMENTS: **22**

CENTERS: **9**

## 512 Medical Students\*

130 in the Class of 2023

121 in the Class of 2024

120 in the Class of 2025

120 in the Class of 2026

*\*Students in our dual degree programs are not included in the individual class sizes listed above.*

RESIDENTS  
AND FELLOWS: **735**

RESEARCH AWARDS:  
**\$131 million (FY21)**

RESEARCH  
CONCENTRATIONS:

**Airway Disorders and  
Disease**

**Brain Science**

**Cancer**

**Diabetes**

**Heart Disease**

**Microbiome**



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## STUDENTS AND EDUCATION:

- Each year, the UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson admits approximately 120 students. The College received nearly 10,000 applications for the Class of 2023, a total application increase of more than 37 percent from the Class of 2021.
- The College currently has 515 medical students who are actively involved in faculty research initiatives and Tucson community service activities.
- With more than 2,150 undergraduates, the College of Medicine – Tucson has the largest undergraduate science education degree program in the world.
- The College offers three dual-degree programs in MD-PhD, MD-MPH and MD-MBA. Thirty five students are enrolled in the MD-PhD program, and 225 students are pursuing doctoral or master's degrees.

## FACILITIES:

- The College of Medicine – Tucson facilities currently encompass more than 455,000 square feet of classroom, lab and office space.
- UArizona clinical partner Banner Health opened a new \$446 million, 670,000-square-foot hospital in April 2019. The new building replaced the aging hospital complex and includes 228 private rooms, 20 operating rooms and 649 licensed beds. It also includes \$50 million in new patient-care equipment and computer technology.
- In the spring of 2017, Banner – University Medicine North, a \$100 million outpatient clinic, opened in Tucson. The new 208,000-square-foot clinic houses numerous specialties, including cardiology, gastroenterology and general surgery.

## ALUMNI:

- There are 4,346 MedCats worldwide. Of those, 2,354 reside in Arizona.

## RESIDENCY PROGRAMS:

- The UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson Graduate Medical Education Program oversees 59 ACGME-accredited residency programs in all major specialties and subspecialties.
- The UArizona College of Medicine at South Campus Graduate Medical Education Program oversees four ACGME-accredited residency programs (medicine, ophthalmology, emergency medicine and family medicine) and one fellowship in medical toxicology.
- More than 700 residents and fellows are training at more than 35 sites, including the College's primary teaching hospitals, Banner – University Medical Center Tucson and Banner – University Medical Center South, as well as the Southern Arizona VA Health System, the Tucson Medical Center and various Indian Health Service locations.

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## INNOVATIONS AND BREAKTHROUGHS:

- 1963 - The College of Medicine – Tucson is established as the state's first medical school.
- 1974 - Researchers develop the first artificial wrist.
- 1979 - Physicians perform Arizona's first heart transplant.
- 1985 - Physicians successfully use the world's first total artificial heart as a bridge to transplant.
- 1990 - The University of Arizona Cancer Center, founded by College of Medicine – Tucson faculty in 1978, receives one of the first comprehensive cancer center designations in the U.S. from the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
- 2004 - The Sarver Heart Center introduces cardiocerebral resuscitation, a significantly improved method to increase the survival rate of patients with cardiac arrest.
- 2005 - Arizona's first medical simulation lab – ASTEC – is established.
- 2016 - Researchers in the College of Medicine – Tucson are appointed lead investigators for the largest peer-reviewed National Institutes of Health grant in Arizona history (\$43 million).

## DEPARTMENTS AND CENTERS:

- The College has 22 departments – five basic science and 17 clinical science – and nine centers and institutes dedicated to specific areas of research, clinical care and teaching:

### BASIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

Cellular & Molecular Medicine

Chemistry & Biochemistry

Immunobiology

Pharmacology

Physiology

### CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS

Anesthesiology

Emergency Medicine

Family & Community Medicine

Medical Imaging

Medicine

Neurology

Neurosurgery

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences

Orthopaedic Surgery

Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

Pathology

Pediatrics

Psychiatry

Radiation Oncology

Surgery

Urology

### CENTERS & PROGRAMS

Arizona Telemedicine Program

Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine

Center on Aging

Emergency Medicine Research Center

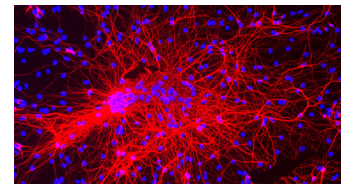
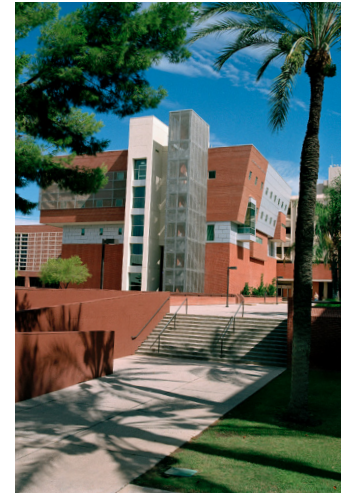
The University of Arizona Arthritis Center

The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center

The University of Arizona Steele Children's Research Center

The University of Arizona Thomas D. Boyer Liver Institute

Valley Fever Center for Excellence



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