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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

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Harvard Medical School depends upon a generous philanthropic community whose members believe deeply in our mission to alleviate human suffering caused by disease. In fiscal year 2014, our circle of supporters—including nearly 4,200 alumni, friends, faculty, staff, foundations, corporations and leadership volunteers—gave nearly $135 million to support work in the School’s areas of highest priority: education, discovery, service and leadership.

In education, these gifts are helping to lift the debt burden for students and to create state-of-the-art spaces for teaching and learning. In the area of discovery, these gifts propel the largest biomedical research engine in the world, supporting research in virtually every field, from gleaning new insights into the basic biology of cancer to probing the role of chronic inflammation in the origin and progression of disease. Our service initiatives are being amplified through gifts bolstering our commitment to transforming health care systems in the U.S. and abroad, such as supporting tuberculosis treatment, improving the delivery of surgical care worldwide, transforming primary care practice and education, addressing evolving ethical questions and shaping policies. And finally, in the area of leadership, discretionary gifts provide the dean with the flexibility to help incubate innovation and pilot change toward improved human health.

Learn more about the impact of philanthropy through the School’s Honor Roll of Donors at: http://hms.harvard.edu/honor-roll.

By the Numbers

- Total faculty 12,426 | Tenured and tenure-track faculty on HMS campus, in nine preclinical departments 175 | Voting faculty, campus and affiliates 5,537 | Full-time faculty, campus and affiliates 9,673
- Nobel Prizes (Physiology or Medicine, Peace) 9 prizes, 15 recipients (cumulative) | Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigators 36 | Institute of Medicine members 189 | National Academy of Sciences members 65 (current)
- Total MD students 726 | Total PhD students 803 | MD-PhD students 178: basic sciences 162, social sciences 16 (total included in MD and PhD counts) | Total DMD students 145 | Total MMSc students 127 | Total DMSc students 37 | Trainees (residents and postdoctoral fellows) 9,202
- Students entering in 2014: MD (includes 13 MD-PhD) 164 | Applicants 6,614, Admitted 231 (3.5%) | Matriculated (includes 13 MD-PhD students) 164 | Men 84 (51%) | Women 80 (49%) | Underrepresented in medicine (African-American, Native American, Hispanic, Mexican-American) 31 (19%) | Asian 56 (34%)
- Entering PhD, DMD, MMSc, DMSc students, 2014: PhD 139 | DMD 35 | MMSc 70 | DMSc 3
- Additional joint degree programs: MD-MBA; MD-MPH; MD-MPP
- Medical school alumni 9,813 (MD and MMSc degrees)

Collaborations Across Harvard

- Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
- Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center
- Harvard Stem Cell Institute
- Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering

Hospitals and Institutions

- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Cambridge Health Alliance
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Forsyth Institute (HSDM affiliate)
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute
- Hebrew SeniorLife
- Joslin Diabetes Center
- Judge Baker Children’s Center
- Massachusetts Eye and Ear/ Schepens Eye Research Institute
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- McLean Hospital
- Mount Auburn Hospital
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
- Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System
Harvard Medical School reports another year of remarkable progress, achieved while holding its finances steady in the face of continued pressures on funding for research and education. HMS ended the 2014 fiscal year (FY14) with a $45.0 million deficit, as compared with $44.7 million in 2013. While we are pleased to have halted the growth of the deficit, we are not satisfied with the current fiscal position and have begun developing responsive new programs and strategies to lead the School toward an increasingly sustainable financial model.

In FY14, operating revenues totaled $617 million, an increase of $12.1 million, or 2.0 percent. Revenue from research grants decreased by 1 percent, yet the School benefited from greater distribution of the endowment, generous current-use gifts, new graduate and continuing education course revenue and increased rents from leased properties. Total operating expenses in FY14 increased by $12.4 million, or 1.9 percent, to $662 million. We limited most costs to an inflationary increase and began to benefit from our efforts to generate operating efficiencies across the School. The nature of new research grants was collaborative and global, which resulted in more subcontracts and purchased services. We also increased our budget to allow for the maintenance of our campus.

We have much to look forward to as we pursue key initiatives. Among our most promising ventures is the creation of the Office for External Education. We also are planning for a bold new curriculum redesign within our Program in Medical Education. As in the past, our HMS faculty remain in the vanguard of biomedical research. We are grateful for the partnerships that make this progress possible and that enable us to advance our mission to alleviate human suffering caused by disease.

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