We drive innovation

Home to incredible research, OHSU is the perfect place to fund and fuel innovation in women's health. The Circle of Giving invests in promising studies at their earliest phase, increasing the chances that Circle funding is leveraged to achieve breakthrough outcomes and secure future grants.

We transform women’s health

Circle of Giving grants have led to transformative advances in menopause, cancer, high-risk pregnancy, urinary incontinence, contraception, fertility and nutrition. What OHSU learns today shapes the future of medicine for women everywhere.

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Highlights of our success

2015: Pepper Schedin, Ph.D.
Dr. Schedin’s study found the first evidence that women’s livers grow during pregnancy. Now she will determine if the liver shrinks after weaning, and whether that provides an environment for cancer to metastasize. **This could fundamentally change how we think about breast cancer in young women.**

2010: Shoukhrat Mitalipov, Ph.D. & Paula Amato, M.D.
Dr. Mitalipov and Dr. Amato studied mitochondrial disease inherited from a mother’s eggs. Because of federal funding restrictions on stem cell research, the Circle’s funding made this project possible. Resulting breakthroughs in cloning human stem cells were published in Nature and receive frequent national press.

2007: Richard Stouffer, Ph.D. & Judy Cameron, Ph.D.
Dr. Stouffer and Dr. Cameron investigated how androgen affects women’s bodies during menopause. They have since leveraged the findings our investment made possible to secure a five-year, $9 million grant for new work on androgens and infertility.

We shape the future

The Circle has invested nearly $2 million in 17 projects. As a member, your donation will join contributions from other members to support annual research grants of $125,000. Circle members determine which studies are funded and get annual updates on progress. **Put your research passion to work alongside like-minded donors to amplify your impact.**