



## History and Overview

The College of Medicine at Taipei Medical University (TMUCOM) has three undergraduate schools and four graduate schools (graduate institutes) on September 1, 2009. Tracing the history, the School of Medicine was established in 1960, the School of Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology 1975, the School of Health Care Administration 1997, the School of Respiratory Therapy 2001; the Graduate Institute of Medicine 1990, the Graduate Institute of Cell and Molecular Biology 1994, the Graduate Institute of Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology 1998, the Graduate Institute of Medical Informatics 1998, the Graduate Institute of Health Care Administration 2000, the Graduate Institute of Pharmacology 2002, and the Graduate Institute of Humanity in Medicine 2003, Graduate Institute of Neuroscience 2005, Graduate Institute of Medical Science 2007, and Graduate Institute of Clinical Medicine 2007. All those schools/ institutes are responsible for teaching, research and services in basic, clinical and applied medicine. To integrate the resources, to increase the collaboration, and to offer the graduate students with more

opportunity in decision of their research subjects the five Graduate Institutes as the Basic Science Division of the Graduate Institute of Medicine, the Graduate Institute of Cell and Molecular Biology, the Graduate Institute of Pharmacology, the Graduate Institute of Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology, and the Graduate Institute of Neuroscience were merged and named as the Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in 2007. Currently, the Graduate Institute of Medical Science consists of five Divisions, including the Division of Microbiology and Immunology, the Division of Molecular Pharmacology, the Division of Biochemistry and Molecular Cell Biology, the Division of Cell Physiology and Neuroscience, and the Division of Medical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology. Meanwhile, The Clinical Science Division of the Graduate Institute of Medicine was established to the Graduate Institute of Clinical Science in 2007. The School and Graduate Institute of Health Care Administration transferred to the College of Public



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### Health and Nutrition in August 2009.

With about 2000 undergraduate and 420 graduate students, the TMUCOM has about 650 faculty members including full time, part-time and clinical teachers and staff. Being the largest college at TMU, the College accounts for two thirds of the total faculty members and 40% students on the entire campus.

The TMU is currently undergoing major expansion and renovation. The space of 10,018 m<sup>2</sup> of The TMU General Medical Building is for the TMUCOM. With the newly renovated Anatomy Building and Basic Science Building, a brand new and larger space for laboratory teaching will be available. The College focuses on the spirit of both humanity and medical professions. In the research and development, the TMUCOM strongly stresses the need of integrating both basic and clinical research. With

innovated biomedical technology, and substantial collaboration of medical informatics with the industries, the College hopes to make the best use of those resources to provide the most favorable research environment for faculty members and students as well as to cultivate talents in various medical fields for the future.

The TMUCOM will continue to increase the number of faculty to improve the teachers-to-students ratio, and to ensure a better teaching quality. The College also offers special funds for faculty members to pursue short-term advanced study abroad during their summer vacation. Moreover, the College will refurbish the physical facilities and equipment annually. The College encourages inter-college and inter-school team-work research, to achieve the goals of internationalization and excellence as well as to make our unique contribution to medical education in Taiwan.