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**DEVELOPING PROTOTYPE DRUGS**

- One of the most advanced nonprofit drug discovery centers in the world
- **Industry-trained personnel** have a track record of discovering and developing novel therapeutics
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- **Over $100M** of translational science grants in last 5 years

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**TOTAL HEADCOUNT** 554

- **FACULTY** 39
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- **STATE SUPPORT** 2%
- **OTHER GRANTS** 2%
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Our Mission

Sanford Burnham Prebys discoveries begin with our people—scientists, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and support staff—who work collaboratively toward understanding the cause of disease and identifying new therapeutic approaches to improve human health.

As an independent, nonprofit institution, we focus on conducting biomedical research including cancer, neuroscience, immunology and children’s diseases.

Sanford Burnham Prebys is home to one of the most comprehensive drug discovery centers in the nonprofit world.

Our innovative approach to research underpins our strategic partnerships with the biotech and pharmaceutical industry.

We cultivate the next generation of biomedical scientists through our graduate and postdoctoral training programs.