About the CDD

Membership includes research-active faculty with interests in drug discovery and complimentary areas selected from the UGA, Georgia Regents University, Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University.

Included in the faculty are eight Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars in the areas of drug discovery, molecular biology, tropical and emerging global diseases, cellular biology, molecular biotechnology and structural biology. Their interdisciplinary research covers chemistry, biology and health related sciences with the common goal of contributing to the advancement of drug discovery.

Faculty members conduct their research investigations individually or collaboratively and are connected to the Center through individual or joint research projects and extramural grants in the drug discovery area, through coordinated seminars and research meetings and through participation in conferences.

Giving to the CDD

Center for Drug Discovery Endowment Fund

The Center for Drug Discovery Endowment Fund gives the Center the flexibility to pursue research and discovery that fulfill a critical national and international need to combat a variety of existing and emerging life-threatening infectious diseases and other therapeutic areas.

Make a Gift

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CDD Research Areas

The CDD brings together scientists from different disciplines who are actively involved in the discovery of therapeutic agents for a variety of serious diseases. Research areas include:

- Medicinal chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Chemical biology
- Cancer biology
- Infectious disease
- Neuroscience
- Cellular biology
- Structural biology
- Microbiology
- Virology
- Biopharmaceutics
- Genetics
- Pharmacology
- Toxicology
- Nanotechnology
- Cell and gene therapeutics

Objectives and Goals

- Provide a mechanism to better integrate interdisciplinary research efforts in developing new chemical and biological entities to combat targeted diseases.
- Link researchers to form strong interdisciplinary groups and obtain access to shared core resources.
- Develop joint recruitment plans for graduate students interested in drug discovery from relevant disciplines and pursue training grants for interdisciplinary research efforts in drug discovery.
- Organize joint seminars and conferences on drug discovery.
- Work with Schools and Colleges to strengthen education on drug discovery.
- Work to establish endowments that will support the CDD.
- Work to enhance scientific interactions with pharmaceutical companies.
- Contribute to the recruitment and retention of highly competent faculty, staff and postdoctoral associates in drug discovery and complementary sciences.
- Utilize the Center as an “economic engine” for the State of Georgia in the area of pharmaceuticals and related biotechnology.

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