

The Vision Research Center of Kansas City

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The Vision Research Center was founded as and is a well established collaboration of several of UMKC schools and Kansas City Medical Centers and thus offers an unprecedented interdisciplinary synergy with a unified goal: to better diagnose, prevent, and treat eye disease and vision disorders through translational research in order to make a difference in the lives of tens of millions of people worldwide.

To this end, the center conducts federally and industry funded basic, translational and clinical research to develop new medical therapies and offers patient care in all subspecialties of ophthalmology. The center's nationally recognized excellence in research, patient care and medical education contribute to UMKC's strengths in the life sciences.

Past, present and future objectives of the Vision Research Center:

- Provide a direct avenue for basic and translational research in eye and related diseases
- Transfer basic science findings seamlessly into practical use with patients through translational research
- Develop new therapy approaches urgently needed by physicians in the US and worldwide
- Provide educational excellence
- Ensure patients receive the most advanced medical treatments available
- Become national center of excellence for eye research