

HISTORY

The Dell Medical School is the first new medical school to be built on the campus of an AAU-recognized research university in nearly 50 years. In 2011, state Senator Kirk Watson proposed building a UT Austin medical school as the centerpiece of 10 community health-related goals to achieve in 10 years. Travis County voters approved a city-wide referendum for bond package. As recently as 2012, Austin was the largest city in the country with a Tier One research university but without a medical school. The Dell Medical School welcomed its first class in the summer of 2016.

2017 GOAL

We ask the legislature to provide secure funding for Dell Medical School in the state's budget.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Austin doesn't need or want another medical enterprise.

- This is an investment in the state of Texas that was mandated by the community when they passed Proposition 1 in 2012 to use local property tax revenue to help fund the school.

Dell Med is isolated from our established Austin-area healthcare community.

- Dell Medical has partnerships with the people of Travis County, the Seton Healthcare Family and Central Health, as well as to local physicians, nonprofits, entrepreneurs; the medical school is connected in deep and meaningful ways to the community.

UT-Austin doesn't need the money for Dell Med School.

- Education of medical students should be established under the formula used for other medical schools located at health-related institutions.
- Dell Med School should be funded in the same way other public institutions training medical resident students receive funding.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Dell Medical is an investment in the future of medicine worldwide and technological innovation in the way we heal and care for our people.
- The Dell Medical School's partnership with the people of Austin and Travis County is unprecedented. The school would not exist without the support of its community.
- The school would not exist without the state support granted to all public health related institutions.