

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

Dr. Ben F. Bryer Foundation Medical Research Fund

The Ben F. Bryer Foundation Medical Research Fund was established by the family of Ben F. Bryer to encourage and support the medical research endeavors of University of Michigan-Flint faculty. This research fund honors the accomplishments of Ben Bryer, surgeon, scientist, educator, author, and humanist, in his pursuit of medical knowledge.

Dr. Bryer graduated from Flint Central High in 1930 before receiving a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh. His post graduate studies were interrupted when Dr. Bryer joined the United States Army as a surgeon during World War II eventually becoming the Lieutenant Colonel M.C. with stations in Texas and China. Upon returning to the United States in 1946, Dr. Bryer continued his study of surgery specializing in abdominal and gastro-intestinal procedures. Although his later appointments were in New York, Dr. Bryer continued to share his knowledge of medicine through fellowships, international medical lectures, and publications including “The Multiple Injury Patient” which has been distributed to all Medical Schools and Medical Libraries in the United States and abroad. His achievements earned Dr. Bryer several awards including the Gold Achievement Award from the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons and features in *Who’s Who in the World* and a place in the Wisdom Hall of Fame.

The Dr. Ben F. Bryer Medical Research Fund will be available, on an application basis, to full-time faculty of the University of Michigan-Flint to provide support for medical and biomedical research, with a priority given to research related to cancer.

The selection committee for this award will give careful consideration to each research proposal to determine if the project embodies the level of medical and biomedical research intended by the Ben F. Bryer Foundation. Qualifying projects will involve formal medical and biomedical research that furthers knowledge in disease prevention and control.

Fund Guidelines

1. Awards will be used for expenses directly related to the research initiative and may be used for such items as research equipment, release time from teaching, and a student research assistant.
2. The minimum award received will be \$5,000 with no faculty member receiving more than two awards per five year period.
3. Any unused funds will be returned to the expendable account following project completion.

4. Awards will be made on an annual basis. The selection committee will be appointed by the Provost and will be responsible for reviewing applications and determining recipients.
5. Applicants must provide the Office of Research with a project abstract.
6. Recipients must provide the Office of Research and the Office of Institutional Advancement with a detailed project summary and research findings within one year of receiving an award.