

Strategic Plan for Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine

Mission:

The Stritch School of Medicine exists to support the University's commitment to a socially just world by developing health care leaders and improving human health through education and research grounded in Jesuit, Catholic values which put God at the center of life.

We expect our students, faculty, staff and graduates to lead lives of consequence in the spirit of the Jesuit's call to become women and men for others, especially for those most in need.

Education Vision:

An SSOM education goes beyond the mastery of knowledge and skills to foster intellectual curiosity, compassion and a commitment to social justice. SSOM offers education in which the student seeks out a personal connection with those affected by health disparities or injustice, reflects on that experience, and is transformed and moved to action.

Education Goal: SSOM will develop socially-engaged health care leaders and advance the science and practice of medical education.

Strategic Education Priorities:

- Engage talented faculty, staff and students with diverse backgrounds;
- Develop and employ evidence-based teaching methods;
- Tailor teaching to the learning needs of our individual students;
- Develop social awareness in our students;
- Develop leadership and collaboration skills in our students; and
- Nurture intellectual curiosity and life-long learning.

Research Vision:

SSOM research goes beyond discovery to ensure that new knowledge benefits all humanity. SSOM research improves health and reduces disparities through creation, dissemination and implementation of new knowledge.

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Research Goal: SSOM will improve patient care outcomes, improve the health of populations and reduce health care disparities.

Strategic Research Priorities:

- Align SSOM's pre-clinical and translational research with LUHS' clinical program priorities to attain the maximum benefit for both partners;
- Accelerate research that improves patient outcomes and the health of populations that Loyola serves, with emphasis on reducing health disparities; and
- Establish a dissemination and implementation research program.

Service Vision:

SSOM service fosters social justice and solidarity with those affected by inequities related to the social determinants of health (e.g., educational, economic, social, political). Service incorporates our Jesuit, Catholic values by transforming the individual and helping those in need for the greater glory of God.

Service Goal: SSOM inspires students to incorporate service into their professional life through transformative experiences that provide help to those in need.

Strategic Service Priorities

- Form sustainable local and international community and academic partnerships in order to provide a broad range of service experiences for students, while optimizing ongoing relationships with those in need; and
- Incorporate meaningful personal commitment into service experiences.
- See God at work in our world.