



The Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships

In 2013, Michael Bloomberg made a visionary gift establishing 50 Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships. It was a call to transform Johns Hopkins' research mission for the 21st century. A recent gift by Mr. Bloomberg has extended this gift to include a total of 100 Bloomberg Distinguished Professors.

Among the world's most accomplished interdisciplinary scholars, these faculty link academic disciplines, open novel fields of inquiry, and invigorate our entire community, all in the service of addressing society's most complex problems.

In 2020, Johns Hopkins completed recruitment of the first 50 Bloomberg Distinguished Professors (BDPs). In the second phase of recruitment, the institution will appoint 50 more leading scholars by 2028, many in research clusters. This next phase will double the total number of BDPs to 100, launch research clusters, and fund new core facilities. With this second gift, the BDP program is the largest of its kind in the nation.

HOW THE PROFESSORSHIPS WORK

The Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships serve as the cornerstone of an ambitious effort to advance cross-disciplinary work across the University.

Each BDP must be appointed in at least two schools or divisions (including academic centers reporting directly to the Provost). In exceptional cases, they also may be appointed in two or more diverse departments within a single school. They hold tenured positions in each unit (where tenure is available) and teach, conduct research, and perform service in each unit. These world-class scholars hold countless academic awards and distinctions for their groundbreaking research. They have been instrumental in connecting researchers across Johns Hopkins to facilitate vital interdisciplinary research.

BDP CLUSTERS

Beginning in 2021, many BDPs will be recruited in research clusters. These faculty-developed interdisciplinary clusters will recruit new BDPs and junior faculty members to Johns Hopkins to conduct transformational research in crucial fields. BDP clusters offer unparalleled levels of support, including access to equipment and core research facilities. Post-doctoral researchers, graduate students, and support staff will also be recruited within each cluster to ensure the cluster's success.

The nine clusters include: Advancing Racial Equity in Health, Housing, and Education; Artificial Intelligence and Society; Brain Resilience Across the Lifespan; Climate, Resilience, and Health; Epigenome Sciences; Hub for Imaging and Quantum Technologies; Knowledge to Action and the Business of Health; Preparing and Responding to Emerging Pandemics; and Sustainable Transformations and Energy.