The UI Carver College of Medicine was established in 1870 and today is part of an integrated academic medical center—together with UI Hospitals and Clinics and UI Physicians—called University of Iowa Health Care. The College is a major component of the UI’s health sciences center, which also includes the colleges of Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, UI Hospitals and Clinics, the University Hygienic Laboratory, and the Veterans Affairs Iowa City Health System. In March 2002, after receiving a $63 million gift from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, the College was renamed the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine. More than 850 full-time faculty teach more than 580 medical students and more than 200 associated medical sciences students. Faculty also teach basic science classes to more than 5,000 undergraduate students from other UI colleges. In addition, more than 1,500 residents, fellows, and graduate students are trained in a range of specialties and subspecialties. It is the only allopathic medical school in the state of Iowa. Primary revenue sources for the College include state appropriations, extramural research funding, and clinical practice revenue (see chart below). Over the past decade, the College has brought in nearly $1.1 billion in research funding from the National Institutes of Health. In fiscal year 2008, the College received $144.5 million in NIH funding—with total research funding from all sources totaling over $200 million. The College is ranked 12th among public medical schools and 28th overall among medical schools in the amount of awards from the National Institutes of Health.

The University of Iowa Institute for Clinical and Translational Science was established by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, in 2006. With creation of the Institute, scientists from the University of Iowa’s 11 colleges were brought together within a single research organization for the first time. In September 2007, the Institute received a $33.8 million Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) from the National Institutes of Health, making the UI one of the first 24 such centers in the nation to receive an award.

In recent years, a redesigned campus resulted in a series of new and updated buildings surrounding a pedestrian-friendly commons, offering a functional and stimulating environment for students, faculty and staff. The UI Medical Education and Research Facility includes modern and attractive spaces designed to change as knowledge and methods evolve. The UI Carver Biomedical Research Building, dedicated in 2006, is the College’s newest home for scientific discovery. In September 2007, ground was broken for the John and Mary Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building, which will offer researchers a unique, state-of-the-art environment for high-risk high-reward research in areas such as aging, neuroscience, regenerative medicine and cancer.