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ESTABLISH THE INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH SCIENCES INSTITUTE,  
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, URBANA

**Action:** Establish the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to establish the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute.

The mission of the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute (IHSI) is to harness and enhance university-wide expertise and infrastructure towards establishing the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a leading provider of innovative health research solutions, and as an internationally recognized and funded leader in health sciences research and technology. The IHSI provides the critical hub for empowering and catalyzing the integration of health science and technology-related research university-wide. IHSI will be a virtual institute that coordinates existing resources internally and at clinical partner sites, to synergistically strengthen the overall research grant portfolio and enhance funding potential. The near-term strategic objectives of IHSI are to facilitate: 1) coordination of expertise around specific health-related topics; 2)

development and management of partnerships with strategic external clinical sites, corporations, and health-focused organizations; and 3) support of services to facilitate the pursuit of clinical and translational research.

Currently, the research areas for which IHSI will bring together health sciences and technology across units are: 1) cancer, 2) clinical and translational neuroscience, 3) precision medicine, 4) heart and vascular health, 5) metabolic and digestive health, and 6) health equity. ISHI administratively supports these research program areas and themes, catalyzing research internally and with clinical partners. The IHSI fosters economic development through coordination of this thematic research that shows clear potential for practical outcomes.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.