



# School of Medicine

*University of Missouri Health*

## Foundation Values for Medical Education

1. The health of our patients is our first priority. The highest quality health care is the environment for the highest quality education of future physicians.
2. Respect for one's self, for others and for the truth is a hallmark of our community. The most effective learning takes place in an environment of collaboration, respect, honesty and constructive feedback.
3. Respect is demonstrated by our commitment to act ethically, to welcome difference and to engage in an open exchange.
4. We hold ourselves responsible in our duty to our patients, colleagues and learners. We will not permit consideration of religion, nationality, race, sexual orientation, party politics or social standing to intervene.
5. The attitudes, values and behaviors of future physicians are shaped by the social and cultural milieu of the institution. All our interactions will model the professionalism expected of physicians.
6. Learning requires trust in the value of knowledge and the process of discovery. We strive to achieve the most effective learning environment by engaging in activities designed to promote critical thinking, problem solving and analysis.
7. We aspire to an excellence that is approached through diligent effort, both individual and collective. Pursuing excellence means being satisfied with no less than the highest goals we can envision.