RECOGNIZING ONE AMAZING CAREER.
PAVING THE WAY FOR OTHERS.

The Eric R. Bates Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Michigan
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is an opportunity for the University, the Medical School and a core group of committed donors to recognize the accomplishments of a compassionate and prolific clinician and teacher, while creating the opportunity of a lifetime for others.

It is a rare honor to establish an endowed professorship in the name of an active faculty member. But the time is right, given the growing complexity of today’s cardiovascular care, the necessity of achieving still better outcomes for patients, and the urgent need to train a new generation of heart specialists.

In these extraordinary times, Eric Bates sets an extraordinary example.
A Legacy Six Generations in the Making

Eric Bates has been “true blue” since birth. Born in U-M Hospital in 1950, he is part of one of the largest legacy families ever associated with the University. More than 50 members of the Bates extended family have graduated U-M, the first in 1897, including eight with clinical degrees. Dr. Bates earned his medical degree at U-M in 1976, completing his residency and joining the faculty in 1981.

For him, the decision to study, teach, research and practice medicine here was not motivated solely by tradition, but by the realization that to be the best, one must associate with the best. In medicine, that means Michigan.

This endowed professorship is a career landmark for Dr. Bates, recognizing his impact on the field of cardiology and his commitment to Michigan. It is also one of academia’s most powerful recruiting and retaining tools: one more way to ensure that the “leaders and best” continue to call Michigan home.

Teaching Excellence

Building on one prolific career to launch another

Eric Bates has personally trained over 200 cardiology fellows, a remarkable number that rivals that of any faculty member in the history of the Medical School. The physicians he has trained have gone on to play leadership roles in top hospitals and private practices across the country, carrying on the U-M tradition of excellence in cardiovascular medicine and reinforcing U-M’s reputation as a global leader in heart attack diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Bates is one of Michigan’s most talented and passionate teachers. Inspired by his example, the faculty member named to this professorship will share that love of teaching, passing on the same high standards of skill, knowledge and compassion to the next generation of cardiac experts.
SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE NEXT REVOLUTION

In the over 30 years that Eric Bates has been at Michigan, he has helped to drive a revolution in cardiology. He has been at the ground floor of clinical research leading to many of the interventional cardiology procedures and therapies commonly employed to respond to heart attacks today.

Thanks to the tremendous technological advances occurring on his watch, the hospital mortality rate for heart attack patients has decreased four-fold since Dr. Bates began practicing. Due in great part to his leadership, Michigan has developed into one of the world’s top centers for reperfusion therapy, using clot-busting drugs to open blocked arteries and put patients back on their feet sooner.

Eric Bates continues to play a critical role in the transformation of heart attack treatment. We expect the physician named to this professorship will help usher in the next wave of innovation.

A GLOBAL IMPACT
Leading the way to better heart care everywhere

Above and beyond his stellar work at Michigan, for over two decades, Eric Bates has looked outside U-M’s walls for ways to impact the health of heart attack sufferers around the world. Playing a prominent role on the practice guidelines teams of both the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, Dr. Bates has been instrumental in authoring cardiac care standards accepted and used around the world.

Heart care specialists everywhere have Dr. Bates to thank for the proven approaches they rely on every day. In raising the standards, he has raised Michigan’s reputation as an international center of excellence in cardiology.

When it comes to making a difference around the world, the standards set for the Eric R. Bates Professorship are equally high.
Join us as we establish the Eric R. Bates Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Michigan.

With your partnership, we will recognize a career marked by excellence in patient care, education, research and international collaboration.

With your partnership, we will make an investment in continuing that legacy of leadership into perpetuity.

**With your partnership, we will make the Michigan Difference.**

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