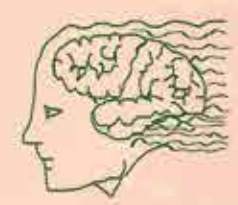


Established in 1987, the University of Miami Brain Endowment Bank is one of the largest biorepositories in the United States. However, more donations are needed to support the new NIH NeuroBiobank initiative. This program will create a centralized resource that use breakthrough technologies to study the human brain in health and disease.

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The importance of BRAIN DONATIONS

Approximately 1 in 88 children in the United States are born with Autism or a related disorder. An estimated 5.2 million aging Americans will be diagnosed with Dementia. Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and other disabling brain disorders are on the rise worldwide. Although people who suffer from Schizophrenia, Major Depression and Bipolar Disorder are helped by medications, they have to cope with symptoms throughout their entire lives. You can become an advocate for research and a cure.

“The brain is the next biological frontier. Yet the answers to questions about how the brain works and what goes wrong when the brain is affected by disease can't come fast enough. Brain donations support research discoveries that can ultimately prevent and cure many of these debilitating brain disorders, but to do so, we need your help.”

Deborah C. Mash, Ph.D.

Founder and Director,
University of Miami
Brain Endowment Bank™



Advancing BRAIN RESEARCH

Researchers will find the answers to important questions about the human brain across the lifespan and what goes wrong when a disease affects the brain. Progress and advancement in knowledge will lead to better treatments and prevention, but only if the brain is donated after death. Your endowment could make the difference and change lives by helping scientists find the answers.

Scientists are investigating how the interplay of genes and the environment contribute to the development of psychiatric and degenerative brain diseases. Donated tissues from healthy individuals are needed to understand why certain individuals age well and others are more at risk, even in the same family.

The University of Miami's Brain Endowment Bank is a National Institutes of Health NeuroBiobank, one of five designated biorepositories in the nation. We support medical and scientific researchers who study the human brain in search of better medications and treatments, prevention and ultimately a cure.

The Brain Endowment Bank supports America's engine of discovery by distributing tissues to qualified researchers, following advanced research protocols and strict patient privacy policies, to support the investigative efforts of scientists from across the nation.

The brain bank's primary goal is to advance the study of the human brain in health and disease including:

- Neurological diseases (Parkinson's disease and related movement disorders, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, ALS, Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington's disease, and traumatic brain and spinal cord injury)
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (Autism and related brain disorders affecting children and Down's syndrome)
- Neuropsychiatric or mental health disorders (Schizophrenia, Depression and Bipolar Disorder)



The most THOUGHTFUL OF GIFTS

Most people understand the importance of organ donation and how it can save lives, but a brain donation is a special gift.

A brain donation after death supports the health of the next generation. One brain can supply hundreds of qualified researchers in their quest to bring about cures, find new treatments or ways to prevent autism, Schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, ALS and the many other disorders that affect the human brain.

As with any organ donation, the best way to donate is to contact us to register with the program. That's where you can help.

Your gift can make the difference and lead to the next scientific breakthrough. For more information about brain donation, or to learn how to become a donor, visit the University of Miami Brain Endowment Bank at www.brainbank.med.miami.edu or call 1-800-UM-BRAIN.