

Our vision is to create a pathway to launch the next generation of trailblazers in diabetes research. We aim to build a human pathway to tackle the toughest questions in diabetes by driving research innovations through 1:1 mentorship and creating a brain trust in diabetes.

## **Talent Unleashed**

We launched **Pathway to Stop Diabetes**<sup>®</sup> with a simple, yet revolutionary goal — find scientists at the peak of their creativity and provide them with the autonomy, flexibility and resources toward the road to breakthrough discoveries.

We aim to attract and retain brilliant scientists in diabetes. Awarding a five-year grant, providing access to scientific and career mentoring from leading diabetes researchers and creating a diabetes think tank creates a unique formula to cultivate the next generation of leaders, whose discoveries will stop diabetes and all its burdens once and for all.

# **Our Opportunity**

Insulin was discovered 100+ years ago, and it remains the only treatment for diabetes today. While insulin is lifesaving, it is not a cure. Despite technological advances, too many of us and our loved ones are still fettered by diabetes, fearing about the next high or low and its longterm consequences, including vision loss, kidney failure, heart disease and limb amputations. To ensure that not another 100 years go by without a cure, we are investing in **Pathway to Stop Diabetes**<sup>®</sup> investigators to capitalize on current scientific and technological advances to make life with diabetes better and toward our goal of curing it.



We are in the fight of our lifetime. The diagnosis of diabetes in the U.S. has increased from under 1% in 1957 to one in ten Americans having the disease today. While the number of people needing diabetes care continues to increase, the number of medical professionals needed for diabetes care has dwindled. This brain drain is caused by the low compensation and reimbursement rates—compared with other specialties—high medical school debt and other factors. Researchers project that there will be a shortage upwards of 139,000 physicians for people with diabetes by year 2035.

**Pathway to Stop Diabetes**<sup>®</sup> is one of our strategies to proactively address these issues for people with diabetes. We cannot and will not wait.

### **Bold Bets toward Discoveries**

Through **Pathway to Stop Diabetes**<sup>®</sup>, we are placing bold bets on talented researchers with the most promising approaches to change the lives of people with diabetes and their loved ones. These include:

#### CURE

To cure diabetes, we know we must restore the body's ability to produce and use insulin. Pathway researchers are building on newly gained know-hows to develop cell-based therapies so that we can cure diabetes once and for all.

#### PREVENT

The majority of diabetes can be prevented. However, our opportunity is to uncover what increases someone's risk and how to capitalize on environmental factors that can reduce risk and lead to prevention.

#### **IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES**

Our job is not done, until we can eliminate the complications of diabetes. We want people facing diabetes, those diagnosed and their loved ones alike, to be free from complications, such as vision loss, kidney failure, depression and heart disease. We want people to explore their hopes and pursue their dreams. We want people to thrive while living with a chronic condition.

