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## **Feinstein Institute graduate school receives \$10M gift**

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The Elmezzi Graduate School of Molecular Medicine at Northwell Health's Feinstein Institute for Medical Research announced Thursday a new \$10 million endowed gift from the Thomas and Jeanne Elmezzi Private Foundation.

The gift will provide students with salary stipends and help recruit talent to the school, it said. It follows an initial \$15 million donation from the Elmezzi Foundation back in 2007, which resulted in the naming of the school.

Marking its 25th anniversary this year, the school is a Ph.D. program for physicians seeking careers in biomedical research. Specifically, physicians are trained to pursue work in discovering the causes of human disease and translating research into diagnostic and therapeutic solutions.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of the Elmezzi Graduate School alumni, all of whom are making significant contributions to a better understanding of human disease," Jose Rivero, the chairman and president of the Elmezzi Foundation, said in a statement. "The additional endowment gift will allow the school to become a global magnet for training promising doctors in translational medicine, and we are excited about the potential for generational impact."

The school said 35 graduates to date are working in the U.S. and eight other countries. Their work has been recorded in more than 500 research papers published in academic and medical journals, and they have received 23 U.S. utility patents and 13 grants from the National Institutes of Health.

The Feinstein Institute consists of 4,000 researchers and staff working in areas ranging from molecular medicine genetics and oncology to a new field known as bioelectronic medicine.