Elimination of Disease. In 1905, Purdue University was the first to introduce a dietetics program in the state of Indiana. Today, Purdue’s Department of Nutrition Science (NUTR) tackles major public health issues, both nationally and internationally.

Eighty percent of heart disease, stroke, and Type 2 diabetes cases could be eliminated. Forty percent of cancers could be wiped out. How? By eradicating the primary risk factors of chronic disease through the science of our eating habits. The science of nutrition is at the core of health, wellness, and quality of life. What we eat directly affects our propensity for obesity, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease.

Helping the World. Because nutrition contributes to cognitive development in children, physical work capacity, and school performance, along with overall health, nutrition science plays a vital role in addressing complex global issues related to productivity, economic development, poverty reduction, and disease prevention.

Every day, people’s lives are improved by NUTR faculty and students, and by NUTR alumni who are among the finest nutrition scientists and health professionals in the world. Our students acquire a strong science background and have opportunities to work and learn in state-of-the-art clinical settings. Upon graduation, they work in a variety of professions.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
Your contribution through Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University can help the Department find links between diet and exercise, and good health. Research centers within the Department of Nutrition Science are tackling national and international public health issues. Your support could lead to the next discovery in preventing cancer, stroke, diabetes, or heart disease. A range of giving opportunities is available to improve lives at Purdue and beyond, and to help cultivate the Boilermaker ambition to turn ideas into reality.
2012-2019 CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES

CENTERS

The Women’s Global Health Institute (WGHI) is improving the health of women worldwide through research and training by identifying the causes and prevention of diseases related to women. WGHI is a national model for changing the way women’s health is addressed by focusing on prevention, developing technologies to identify disease onset and progression, and by designing interventions to prevent and reduce risk of women’s cancers, bone health, alterations in cognitive function, and overall wellness. Endowed and annual gifts are needed to secure leadership, move research forward for the long term, and sustain the Center overall.

The Ingestive Behavior Research Center (IBRC) is unique in providing an interdisciplinary research and training environment that promotes excellence in the analysis of ingestive behavior and its disorders. IBRC’s integrative and collaborative research training program promotes a wide range of projects related to eating behavior and its disorders. Individual and population-based health practices are optimized by advancing understanding of the controls of ingestive behavior. Endowed and annual gifts are needed to secure the research and programming needs of the Center.

The Nutrition and Exercise Clinical Research Center is working to improve lifelong nutrition, fitness, health, and well-being through cutting-edge research integrated with student training and community engagement. The Center is dedicated to becoming a preeminent national facility for diet and exercise research. The Center includes laboratories dedicated to bionutrition services; bone, muscle, and body composition assessment; neural imaging to clarify relationships between stress, cognition, and metabolism; outpatient clinical health, energy expenditure, and function assessment services; exercise testing and training facilities and equipment; interview, counseling, and health motivation services, and more. Endowed and annual gifts are needed to secure research, programming, and staffing needs of the Center.

FACULTY SUPPORT

Endowed and distinguished professorships are among the highest honor that can be granted to a faculty member and are essential to recruit and retain top professors. An endowed named Headship will provide the Head with more funding to address key initiatives and emerging programs, and distinguish the School as paramount among peers.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Outstanding students are highly sought by a multitude of institutions, making scholarships and other financial support an important tool for recruiting the best students. Your donations (of any amount) are needed for undergraduate student scholarships, graduate student support, and experiential learning and study abroad opportunities. An endowment creates a perpetual legacy.