Salk scientists make groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of the brain, cancer, aging, metabolism, infectious disease and plant science.

### About the Salk
- In 1955, Jonas Salk developed the first safe and effective polio vaccine.
- In 1960, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies was founded.
- Jonas Salk selected world-renowned architect Louis Kahn to design the Salk Institute with his vision in mind.

### Innovation
- Biotech companies spun off of or inspired by Salk Institute discoveries: 39
- U.S. & foreign patents covering Salk technology issued to date: 580

### The Salk Difference
- One of the top five research centers in the world*
- Second in the world for high-quality, high-impact scientific collaborations in the life sciences**

### Funding
- Total funding: $134 million
- Sources:
  - Government: 40%
  - Foundations: 30%
  - Individuals: 17%
  - Investments: 13%

### Scientific Priorities
- Autism
- Cancer
- Neuroscience
- Alzheimer's
- Metabolism
- Plant Biology
- Aging
- Schizophrenia
- Immune System
- ALS
- Diabetes

### Who We Are by the Numbers
- Faculty: 53
- Research Staff: 346
- Postdoctoral Scholars: 201
- Graduate Students: 90
- Nobel Laureates: 6
- San Diego Students: 3,000
- 54 countries represented by Salk faculty, staff and students

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* SCImago Institutions Rankings World Report
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