For 100 years, Berkeley Optometry and Vision Science has produced innovators and pioneers in the field. Now, with a century-long legacy of leading the way in groundbreaking research, clinical training, and unparalleled education in optometry and vision science, the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science is poised to redefine the role of vision care, the impact of clinical and basic vision research, and the profession of optometry.

Propelled by the $50 million landmark commitment from the Wertheim Family Foundation, the school is embarking on an ambitious campaign to prepare the next generation of trailblazing optometrists and vision scientists. Our campaign, Our Vision, Our Future, is a $100 million investment that will fulfill our bold vision for a forward-thinking transformation in the teaching and training of those who deliver vision care and push the boundaries of discovery and innovation.

Today, the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science is ready to lead a new golden age for optometry and vision research. As we look forward to the next 100 years, we are confident in our ability to shape the profession’s future and pioneer innovation and discovery. With your philanthropic partnership, we can make an even greater impact.

**OUR PRIORITIES**
The Herbert Wertheim School is uniquely positioned to transform optometry and vision science. Our potential to drive research innovation and discovery is far-reaching. Our primary care clinics and our wide-range of specialty clinics, which address areas such as myopia control, medical optometry, specialty contact lenses, pediatrics, sports vision, traumatic brain injury, low vision, vision therapy, and neurorehabilitation, will continue to develop and provide outstanding clinical care.
Our Vision, Our Future, will focus on the following critical initiatives:

- **The Future of Optometry**
  We will invest in new, state-of-the-art simulation labs, and infuse cutting-edge innovations in evidence-based clinical practice to ensure that we are training optometrists capable of practicing to the highest national and global standards and who are ready to take their place as an essential component of the primary health care team.

- **Children’s Vision**
  We are committed to a novel model of integrated, multidisciplinary, optometry led, children’s eye care and vision health, which will play a key role in training the future pediatric optometry workforce and establish new standards of children’s eye and vision care. In addition, Berkeley Vision CURE (Children’s Uncorrected Refractive Error), and its key program One School at a Time, was launched as a global effort in partnership with federal and international agencies and organizations, with the aim of correcting all children’s refractive error by 2050.

- **Expanded Patient Care, a network of clinics and institutions**
  The Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science will establish clinics throughout the University of California. This will create a systemwide network of eye care and vision health clinics capable of meeting the challenges of health care systems, dramatically increase the number of residency placements, provide excellent internship opportunities, and strive towards financial independence. We will also partner on research initiatives with UC campuses and other members of the Wertheim Family of Institutions.

- **Funding the Future of Vision Research**
  Situated at the world’s preeminent public research institution, the school will draw on the breadth and depth of Berkeley’s research strength. Our globally renowned faculty will explore a wide array of research questions, helping us to better understand how we see, why our sense of vision may fail, and what corrective measures we could employ to address vision loss. Scientific breakthroughs in our vision science labs have the potential for immediate translation into professional practice by our graduates.
Our Vision. Our Future.
Paving the Road for the Next 100 Years

The demand for primary eye care is increasing dramatically, and the scope of the profession is expanding to meet the demand. The following areas of investment will help ensure that the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science remains a global center of excellence:

**Academy for Advanced Optometric Education**

- This undertaking will enhance the school's ability to expand training programs for practicing optometrists. The Academy for Advanced Optometric Education will provide personalized, live-patient training, coupled with virtual skill-building to infuse advanced techniques into the current professional workforce. From a new lecture hall to adaptable breakout spaces, the academy will offer certificate courses in critical areas in which optometrists are gatekeepers to diagnosis, and essential to primary care, management, and treatment.

**Campus Clinic Renovation and New Simulation Lab**

- Support of new clinical and educational facilities are critical to meeting the need for quality eyecare and vision health. The current clinic, built in 1978, was designed for a capacity of 5,000 patient visits a year. In 2022, the clinic had over 80,000 patient visits. The expansion of the Emeryville satellite clinic will allow the school to renovate the campus clinic in stages while maintaining our excellent continuum of care.

**Berkeley Vision CURE**

- Worldwide, there are approximately 2.7 billion people living with uncorrected refractive error (URE), making it the single most widespread unaddressed disability. Berkeley Vision is committed to correcting refractive error on a global scale, in partnership with federal and international agencies. Through direct care and international partnership, the school will pave the way for pediatric vision correction across the globe, resulting in equality of opportunity, increased productivity and a program of change.
Children's Vision Clinics

- Pediatric Optometry will be based at the Wertheim Center in the new satellite clinic where a multidisciplinary, integrated model of pediatric eyecare and children's vision health will encompass everything from well-baby and toddler clinics to early intervention and disease management, vision therapy, binocular vision, vision therapy, children's contact lenses, neurorehabilitation, special needs eyecare, myopia control and more; all in one place.

Emeryville Satellite Campus

- This dynamic space will expand the school's clinical footprint, providing new classrooms that facilitate active learning and reinforce the school's leadership in patient care, innovation, entrepreneurship and scientific research in optometry and vision science. Plans for new clinical space will double the current capacity and include new exam rooms, facilities for diagnostic testing, office space for practitioners, and a clinical research center.

Scholarships and Fellowships

- The strength of the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science is, at its core, our students. Our goal is that no potential student will find tuition or cost of living to be a barrier to admittance. Doctors who graduate from the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science with reduced debt are poised to serve as changemakers and to pursue career opportunities of influence and public service.

Vision Science Institute

- The Vision Science Institute is a new space specifically designed to provide a focus for our world renowned vision science program. It will include seminar and meeting spaces, and a home for visiting scholars.

As the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science ushers in a new era, the school is building upon its standing as one of the finest programs of its kind. From groundbreaking research to an unparalleled educational experience that produces world-class eye care practitioners and vision scientists, the school remains dedicated to expanding its exceptional legacy of excellence as a leader in the field of optometry and vision science for the next 100 years — and beyond.

To learn more about Our Vision. Our Future, email optodev@berkeley.edu or call 510-388-7563.