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BRUTON CHARITABLE TRUST ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — March 10, 1995 — The David Bruton Jr. Charitable Trust — a longtime and generous donor to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas — has contributed \$100,000 to establish a scholarship fund for students pursuing simultaneous M.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

The gift will be matched by a dollar-for-dollar challenge grant.

The David Bruton Jr. Medical Scientist Scholarship Fund will award one scholarship of at least \$10,000 each year to an outstanding student chosen from the Medical Scientist Training Program at UT Southwestern. The recipient will be called "The David Bruton Jr. Medical Scientist Scholar."

The Medical Scientist Training Program integrates medical and research training for individuals interested in careers in both biomedical research and the application of research discoveries to the practice of medicine. Participants earn both an M.D. and a Ph. D. degree.

Students conduct original laboratory research on important medical problems under the personal direction and guidance of UT Southwestern faculty members, who are often eminent authorities on the subject under investigation.

"This program prepares highly motivated and competitive students for careers devoted to solving the most pressing medical problems of our society through basic biomedical research," said UT Southwestern president Dr. Kern Wildenthal. "But because of the rigor and length of this training, and the financial sacrifice of devoting their careers to research rather than lucrative practices, these students must rely on scholarship support. We are extremely pleased that, once again, The David Bruton Jr. Charitable Trust has joined us in

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our quest for excellence in medicine and education."

The David Bruton Jr. Scholar will be chosen by a committee of UT Southwestern's leading scientists, including Nobel laureates Michael Brown, Johann Deisenhoffer, Alfred Gilman and Joseph Goldstein, on the basis of outstanding class work and innovative research accomplishments.

David Bruton Jr., a Dallas real estate entrepreneur and investor, spent 25 years in Dallas commercial real estate. One of his most notable accomplishments was the development of the Inwood Industrial District along the Trinity River.

He died of cancer in 1979 at the age of 48.

The David Bruton Jr. Charitable Trust was organized shortly before his death. During his lifetime and through the trust, Bruton has given more than \$1 million to UT Southwestern. Among the gifts are an endowed chair in ophthalmology, a professorship in clinical cancer research and donations to the departments of microbiology, psychiatry and internal medicine. A 1988 gift established a laboratory for retroviral research, which is a focal point for important AIDS research being conducted at UT Southwestern.

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