



## INSTITUTIONAL FACT SHEET

The Monell Center, founded in 1968, is an independent nonprofit basic research institute. A leader in scientific discovery, Monell expands fundamental knowledge of taste and smell through interdisciplinary research, training, and communication.

- MISSION:** The Monell Center advances scientific understanding of the mechanisms and functions of the chemical senses to benefit human health and well-being.
- LOCATION:** University City, Philadelphia. The Center occupies a 60,000 sq. ft. building and recently purchased and expanded into the adjacent building, increasing total occupied space to 80,000 sq. ft.
- LEADERSHIP:** Gary K. Beauchamp, PhD; Director and President  
Dwight Risky, PhD; Chair, Board of Directors
- SCIENTISTS:** Approximately 25 principal investigators and 35 post-doctoral fellows and research associates, trained in a wide variety of disciplines including biology, chemistry, sensory science, psychology, neuroscience, molecular genetics, and public health.
- RESEARCH:** The highly interdisciplinary research at Monell increases knowledge about the many mysteries of taste, smell, and the chemically-stimulated skin senses. Monell is dedicated to basic research, with scientists choosing projects based on their own curiosity and interests without regard to immediate practical applications. Even so, the Center's studies often have relevance to health and quality of life, opening doors to insights that improve lives in countless ways. There still is much to learn about these senses and how they relate to today's pressing issues, including obesity, diabetes, hypertension, pediatric nutrition and health, aging, homeland security, occupational health and environmental interactions.
- FUNDING:** Monell's funding comes from competitive government grants, primarily through the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders and other divisions of the National Institutes of Health; grants from the Center's corporate sponsors; foundation sources; and, private philanthropy.
- EXPANSION:** The Center recently completed a "*Science of the Senses*" capital campaign, raising \$11.2 million to construct state-of-the-art laboratories and hire new faculty for its integrated molecular biology and human sensory perception research programs.

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