Case Western Reserve University has received an anonymous $2 million gift to endow the program directorship of the Coulter-Case Translational Research Partnership in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, a joint department of the Case School of Engineering and the School of Medicine. Case Western Reserve is one of only nine schools in the United States selected to participate in the Translational Research Partnerships in Biomedical Engineering, sponsored by the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation.

“Private commitments to the Coulter-Case Partnership are vitally important to its continued work in advancing interdisciplinary research,” says Norman C. Tien, dean and Nord Professor of Engineering at the Case School of Engineering. “By promoting, developing, and supporting translational research through these collaborative projects, we can accelerate the process of moving promising technologies to clinical application.”

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Susie Gharib and Mary Ann Jørgenson are helping lead “Bridge to the Future: The Challenge for the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women.” This $1 million matching challenge campaign from the Flora Stone Mather Alumnae Association will benefit the Center for Women.

When Eric T. Nord (CIT ’39, HON ’98) passed away in June 2008, Case Western Reserve University lost one of its most distinguished and generous alumni. As a co-founder of Nordson Corporation with his brother Evan Nord (CIT ’41), Eric Nord grew a modest local firm into a publicly traded international company, personally accumulating more than 25 U.S. patents. Together, Eric and Jane Baker Nord (GRS ’76), the Nord Family Foundation, the Eric and Jane Nord Foundation, and the Nordson Foundation have contributed greatly to Case Western Reserve. Their combined philanthropic support is evident all around campus—in beautiful learning and research spaces and in endowed funds that support faculty, students, and innovative teaching. Their daughter, Virginia Nord Barbato (FSM ’72), continues the family’s commitment to the university by serving on the Board of Trustees.