



Research to Prevent Blindness

The eye is a truly remarkable structure—some see a window to the soul; we see a window to the future.

For 60 years, Research to Prevent Blindness has been committed to seeing that future clearly.

The Start

In 1960, Jules Stein, a trained ophthalmologist turned successful businessman, started a nonprofit organization to strategically and effectively **stimulate more intensive and extensive eye research** across the country.



Eight years into its existence, RPB successfully completed its campaign to bring about the creation of the **National Eye Institute**.



In the following years, RPB helped to create and elevate many **departments of ophthalmology** around the country—departments that lead the vision research field today.



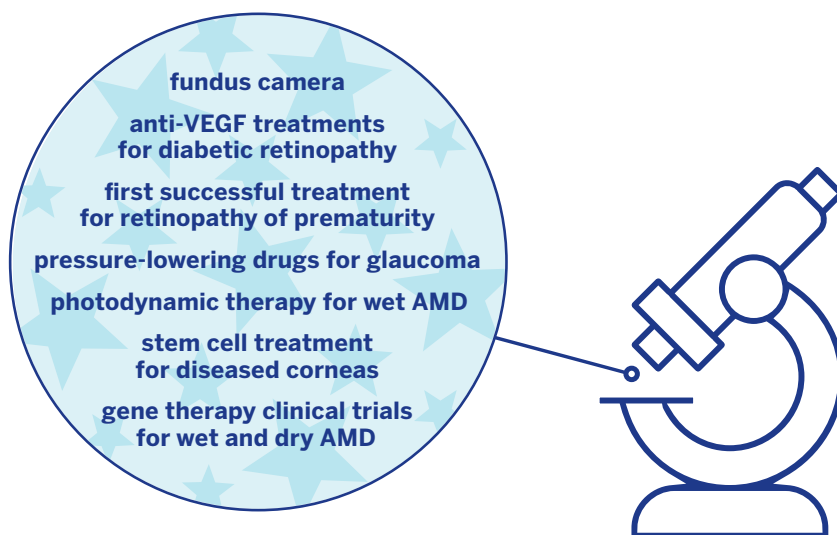
*That was just
the warm-up!*

At any given time, **hundreds of RPB-supported researchers** around the country are working on research projects related to every area of vision science.

RPB has provided more than **\$377 million** in funding to talented scientists and departments of ophthalmology, supporting research in ways that no one else can.

From investing in early-career researchers, to supporting high-risk, high-reward research projects from seasoned investigators, including three Nobel Laureates, RPB has become synonymous with **scientific excellence**.

RPB's influence is apparent in nearly every **major breakthrough** in eye care.



And the discoveries keep coming!

Each year, more than **1,000 newly published scientific studies** cite RPB support.

RPB also supports strategic educational and advocacy activities that positively impact the field at large—enabling a robust **vision research pipeline** that seeds future innovation.

Research to Prevent Blindness funds
the best researchers in the most effective labs
asking the most important questions.

Sixty years since our founding,
we're laser-focused on our mission,
and we're so glad you're with us.



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Seeing the future clearly.

Watch our anniversary video at <http://bit.ly/RPB60Years>