



KAREN TOFFLER CHARITABLE TRUST FACT SHEET

The Karen Toffler Charitable Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing medical research and discovery through systems-level thinking and collaboration. To achieve the world-changing breakthroughs our legacy demands, we build strong partnerships with leading institutions, interdisciplinary teams, and promising early-career researchers by funding high-potential projects each year. Our focus is on early-stage research that advances medicine in meaningful, high-impact ways, particularly at the intersections where disciplines and biological systems meet.

Our audacious goals are only possible through partnership. To maximize impact, we connect our network across academia, philanthropy, and innovation to foster new ways of thinking and problem-solving. We draw on diverse expertise and perspectives to support research that addresses complex medical challenges and accelerates progress from insight to real-world impact. Our socially responsible investments ensure long-term sustainability and continued support for future generations of discovery, encouraging our stakeholders to feel confident in our enduring commitment.

FOCUS AREAS

Early-Stage Research

The Karen Toffler Charitable Trust has built a future-focused framework that allows us to be a bridge from early-stage ideas to a stage of research where funding traditionally is more obtainable. We back our commitment to groundbreaking science with meaningful financial support. The impact is seen in the incredible work being done by individuals and organizations that might otherwise be unable to move their work forward.

Discovery In The Seams

Neurological disease does not arise from the brain in isolation. The brain functions within an intricate network of interacting biological systems, including cardiovascular, immune, and lymphatic systems. Epidemiology reveals how environmental factors, exposures, and population-level risks further shape brain health. The Tofflers believed the most potent insights emerge at the intersections where systems influence one another, not within isolated silos. In that spirit, the Karen Toffler Charitable Trust actively funds and promotes collaborative, cross-disciplinary research efforts to uncover hidden connections and advance neurological health.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Dementia Research

Dementia affects an estimated 50 million people worldwide. It refers to a group of neurological conditions that impair memory, thinking, behavior, and daily function. It is not a single disease but a clinical syndrome caused by diverse, often overlapping pathologies. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause, alongside Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's disease dementia, vascular dementia, and mixed forms, each involving distinct yet interconnected biological mechanisms.

New data sources are reshaping how researchers understand these disorders. Advances in genetics, brain imaging, biomarkers, epidemiology, and population-level health data reveal how neurodegeneration intersects cardiovascular health, immune function, metabolism, environment, and aging. Nearly 10 million new cases arise each year, and projections suggest more than 150 million people may live with dementia by 2050. With global costs already exceeding \$1 trillion annually, the stakes are high. Through targeted funding, the KTCT supports research that integrates these insights and advances more connected approaches to understanding, preventing, and treating dementia.

Toffler Scholar Program

Through partnerships with leading universities, the Toffler Scholar program supports promising young medical researchers, physicians, and scientists who are at a pivotal point in their careers. With funding and a vital, relevant network, recipients have the resources they need to continue their groundbreaking work and develop into experienced professionals.

**PROGRAMS &
PARTNERSHIPS**

ExeloopSM

ExeloopSM serves as a dynamic hub connecting the Karen Toffler Charitable Trust (KTCT) with Toffler Scholars, university partners, and research supporters across philanthropy, policy, and investment. Designed as a catalyst for collaboration, Exeloop builds a living network where relationships deepen, discoveries gain momentum, and the future of brain health begins to take form. This approach aims to foster trust and a sense of belonging among all involved, strengthening our collective impact.

LEADERSHIP

Deborah Westphal, CEO	Tom Johnson, Trustee
Rebecca Bartoli, Executive Director	Dr. Peter Katona, Trustee
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FOUNDATION FACTS

Total Funding (From 2020-2026):	Partner Universities:	Toffler Scholars and Leadership Awards:
Over \$5M in Grant Investment	16 Institutions Funded	90 Scholars Supported