

Gary L. Crocker
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Gary L. Crocker is president of Crocker Ventures, a privately-held life science investment firm funding differentiated technologies in the areas of biotechnology and medical devices. Since 2004, he has also been chairman of Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, a personalized oncology drug company.

In addition, Crocker has held senior executive or director level positions in several Utah and national life science firms, including: chairman of ARUP Laboratories; director of Interleuken Genetics and LineaGen Genetics; and co-founder and director of Theratech, which was acquired in 1999 by Watson Pharmaceuticals.

In 1983, Crocker founded Research Medical, a manufacturer and marketer of specialty cardiac catheters and related medical devices utilized in open heart surgeries. He served as the president and CEO until 1997, during which time the company generated more than a 20 percent average annual growth in both sales and earnings and was recognized for six straight years by Forbes magazine as one of "America's Best 200 Small Growth Companies." Research Medical was acquired in 1997 by Baxter International's Edwards Life Science division, one of the world's largest medical device companies, for \$236 million. At the time, it was the largest medical device merger in Utah history.

Prior to Research Medical, Crocker was vice president of business development and director of marketing for the Sorenson Research division of Abbott Laboratories, and an internal strategic analyst for Baxter International.

In the community, Crocker has served for 15 years as the chairman of the Utah Youth Village. Additionally, he served as vice-chair of the University of Utah's Board of Trustees and on the board of the University Hospital, and was a long-time director of its Research Foundation. He has served as chairman of the University's College of Science Advisory Board and has been inducted into the College of Science Hall of Fame. He currently serves on the Utah Technology Council Board of Trustees and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Crocker has been selected as Entrepreneur of the Year for Utah by both Ernst & Young and the MountainWest Capital Network. He earned his MBA and also graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University. Crocker and his wife, Ann, have seven children and were honored with the Next Generation Spirit of Giving Award at the Utah 2001 Philanthropy Day. In 2010, the couple provided the anchor donation for the new Gary L. and Ann S. Crocker Science Center at the University of Utah.