The mission of Innovation Partnerships is broader and more impactful than ever before. Ideas born from extraordinary minds. They happen every day at the University of Michigan. Ideas that forward our world. Technologies that save lives. Innovations that connect and transform.

Meet Innovation Partnerships.

Our experts champion the creation of corporate research alliances and collaborations to accelerate the development of promising research. We enable the translation, commercial development and licensing of groundbreaking research discoveries and technologies. We help create new ventures to usher in change.

Alliances
Corporate Research Alliances is the University’s destination for corporate partners seeking research collaborations with faculty that emphasize the translation of novel ideas and discoveries to commercial applications.

- Connect with U-M research experts
- Structure research collaborations
- Create and support strategic research partnership opportunities

Licensing
As a relationship-oriented organization our goal is to form productive, long-term relationships. We have a team of highly experienced licensing professionals to connect you with available technologies.

- Find technologies available for licensing
- Create commercialization relationships
- Support ongoing licensing relationships

Ventures
Our Ventures team supports the launch of startups based on University of Michigan technologies and research discoveries. We provide a full suite of resources, services and funding to help you launch sustainable, impactful world changing startups.

- Research Funding
- Business Mentorship
- Venture Capital Investment
- Connections to Entrepreneurial Talent
- Incubator Space
- Ecosystem Connections

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FUNDING
The University of Michigan is the nation's largest public research university. U-M's vast research enterprise constantly gives rise to incredible new innovations — innovations that spark new industries, improve human life, and help solve society’s most pressing challenges.

Innovation Partnerships at the University of Michigan has impact focused funding to support your research, postdocs and research-based startups.

MICHIGAN TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH & COMMERCIALIZATION
Two programs managed by Innovation Partnerships and funded by Michigan Economic Development Corporations support Advanced Transportation and Life Sciences translational research and commercialization. Up to $250,000 per award is available.

GAP FUNDS
When your research reaches a point where an established commercialization support program is not available, Innovation Partnerships can provide gap funding to high potential projects to achieve key commercialization milestones.

POSTDOC FELLOWSHIP SALARY SUPPORT
Via the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Tech Transfer Talent Network (T3N) program, Innovation Partnerships provides up to $25,000 for three to six postdoc fellowships per year to support high potential commercialization focused research.

ACCELERATE BLUE FUND
The Accelerate Blue Fund makes venture investments exclusively in U-M licensed startups. Contact us if your startup needs patient, risk-tolerant investment capital backed by the world-class team of experienced entrepreneurs and investors at Innovation Partnerships.

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