

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ***MPowering the State***

On October 1, the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016 became law in Maryland. This law formalizes an alliance between the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) called *MPowering the State*, created in 2012 by the University of Maryland's Board of Regents.

The University of Maryland Strategic Partnership pursues collaborative initiatives that leverage the complementary academic and research strengths of both UMB and UMCP and that would be difficult to achieve by UMB and UMCP acting independent of each other.

The mission of the partnership has remained firm: to generate collaborative academic and research programs and to accelerate economy-boosting university activities by focusing on joint research, technology and technology commercialization. The partnership also focuses on service and community development particularly in Baltimore City and Prince George's County.

The initiatives under the partnership are jointly managed by the Presidents of UMB and UMCP – Jay A. Perman, MD and Wallace D. Loh, PhD – who have dual authority for resource allocation and oversight of partnership initiatives.

Examples of University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Initiatives include the following:

- Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI): *ALEI educates the agricultural community about the network of laws and policies which apply to and affect the food system*
- Center for Health-Related Informatics and Bioimaging (CHIB): *a joint academic computing and research infrastructure*
- Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures (CMAV) and UM Ventures: *commercialization of university inventions and university start-ups; centered at UMB*
- University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Development (UMCEED): *a joint center to advance education and research in neuroscience, virtual and augmented reality, biomedical devices, data analytics, and cybersecurity; centered at UMCP*
- Bioengineering Capstone Program: *a capstone design program that connects UMCP bioengineering undergraduate students to clinical and faculty mentors at the UMB School of Medicine*
- Center for Sports Medicine, Health and Human Performance (CSMHHP): *renovation of Cole Field House to develop new programs in research, clinical care, innovation and entrepreneurship, integrated with athletic programs*

- Collaborative Research Proposals and Joint Research and Innovation Seed Grants: *continued yearly efforts in joint research projects and seed grant programs*
- Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research (IBBR): *a joint research center at Shady Grove*
- Maryland Academy for Innovation in National Security (FBI): *proposed partnership with FBI in anticipation of the FBI Headquarters' relocation in Prince George's County*
- Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (M-CERSI): *a joint FDA sponsored educational and research program*
- MLAW: Undergraduate Programs in Law: *a training program in law for undergraduates at UMCP*
- Master of Science in Law: *a two-year program that targets working professionals in highly regulated fields as seen in state and federal agencies, corporations and not-for-profit organizations*
- Pipeline in Nursing: *a joint program that provides an admission pathway from UMCP to UMB's School of Nursing in Baltimore or Shady Grove; students can earn a BSN in as few as four years*
- SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors: *an interdisciplinary service, research and advocacy program, drawing on the combined resources and wide range of disciplines at UMB and UMCP to address human trafficking*
- UM Scholars Program: *a mentored educational program that connects students from UMB or UMCP to faculty mentors at the opposite campus to work on research projects designed to expand students' knowledge and enlighten students about career choices*
- University of Maryland Institute for Healthcare Innovation: *proposed partnership with Prince George's County healthcare to study delivery and efficiency associated with the new medical center and healthcare networks*