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Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization**

**November 5, 2020**

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Public Session Agenda

- (1) [Featured Start-Up](#): CoapTech – Steven Tropello, MD, MS, Founder and CMO, CoapTech (Information Item)
- (2) [UMB Innovation and Economic Impact](#) – Jim Hughes, Senior Vice President and Chief Enterprise and Economic Development Officer at University of Maryland, Baltimore & Mary Morris, Director of Baltimore Fund (Information Item)
- (3) [Maryland New Venture Fellows for Cybersecurity via UMBC](#) – Megan Wahler, Director of Entrepreneurial Services, bwtech@UMBC Research and Technology Park (Information Item)
- (4) [USM Office of Economic Development Update](#) – Tom Sadowski, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development (Information Item)
  - a. Governing Principles
  - b. COVID-19 Task Force Activity
  - c. Momentum Fund Update
  - d. Industry Partnerships Update



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**SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION  
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**TOPIC:** Featured Startup: CoapTech

**COMMITTEE:** Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday November 5, 2020

**SUMMARY:** Steven Tropello, MD, MS, Founder and CMO of CoapTech, will provide an update on the company, which is based on technology he developed at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Their product, a medical device called the PUMA-G, makes feeding tube placement simpler and more efficient. The PUMA-G received FDA clearance last year and has had positive results with its launch so far. The company raised \$7M in financing in a Series B round of financing this fall.

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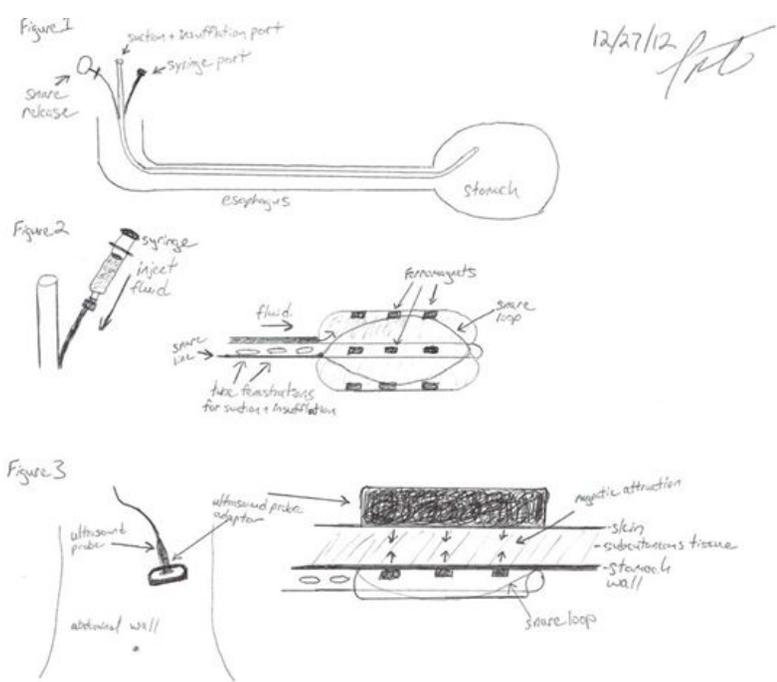
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# The PUMA System: Revolutionizing Point-of-Care Ultrasound Technology for Enteral Nutrition and Beyond



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## Patients who cannot eat or swallow must have liquid nutrition pumped into the stomach through a gastrostomy feeding tube



Feeding tube placement typically requires the surgical suite, with expensive imaging and multi-disciplinary specialists.

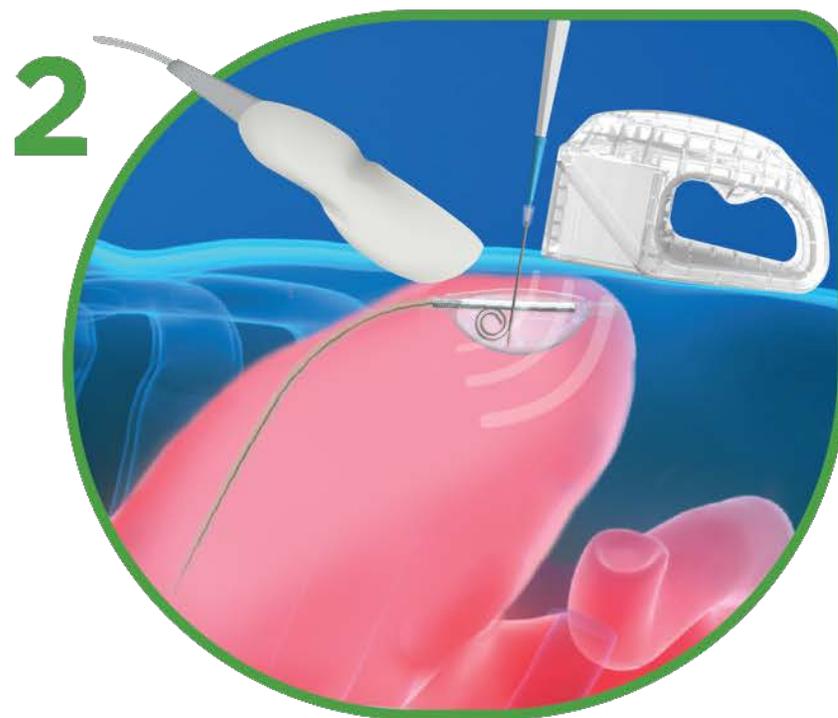
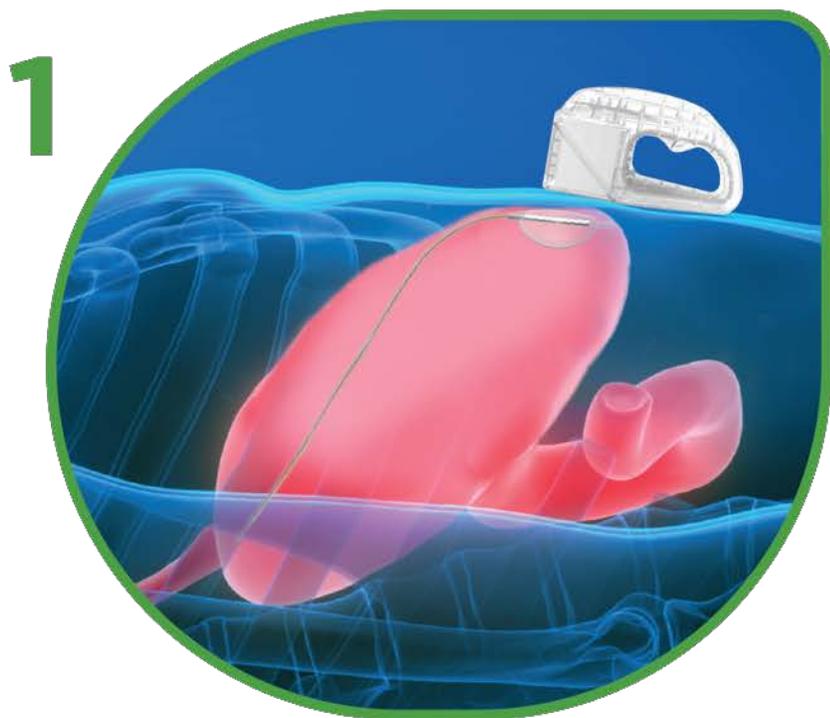
This model is inefficient and expensive.

CoapTech's **PUMA-G System** is the world's first and only system for feeding tube placement at the patient's bedside, using ***only ultrasound***. Nothing else is needed

# Introducing The PUMA System™

On top of the skin, an external magnet is used to control a magnetic catheter balloon, which is fed inside hollow organs, magnetically joined, and then filled with fluid, simulating a fluidic organ

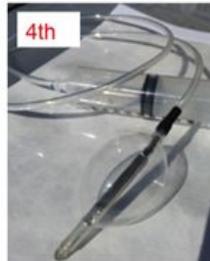
Physicians can now visualize and safely perform procedures in the hollow cavity, using any standard ultrasound unit, due to echogenic (ultrasound-visible) properties of the fluid-filled balloon



Patented Platform allows ultrasound to guide and visualize procedures in any **hollow organ** (e.g. stomach, lung, airway, pubic region), where previously it was unsafe or impossible to do so.

# History of PUMA System™

- Technology Disclosure to OTT UMB (February 2013)
- University of Maryland Dept of Emergency Medicine \$10K Grant Funded First Generation Production and Testing (July 2013)
- MII Phase 1 Funded Second - 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Production and Testing (July 2014 - May 2015 )
- CoapTech LLC Formed in March 2016
- MII Phases 2 & 3, Seed Round, MIPS and NIH SBIRs Funded 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Production, Testing, Regulatory Clearance and Strategic Launch
- PUMA-G First in Human October 2018
- PUMA-G FDA Clearance and First USA Case June 2019



# Market Opportunity

## Drivers

- ✓ Exponential growth of ultrasound utilization
- ✓ Market pull for minimally-invasive procedures
- ✓ Relevant conditions (stroke, cancer, diabetes, etc.) ascending in incidence
- ✓ 65+ population ↑ 38% between 2020-2030

## PUMA-G Only (lead device)

250-300K gastrostomies annually in US

80% of procedures eligible

\$1995 price for PUMA-G full kit

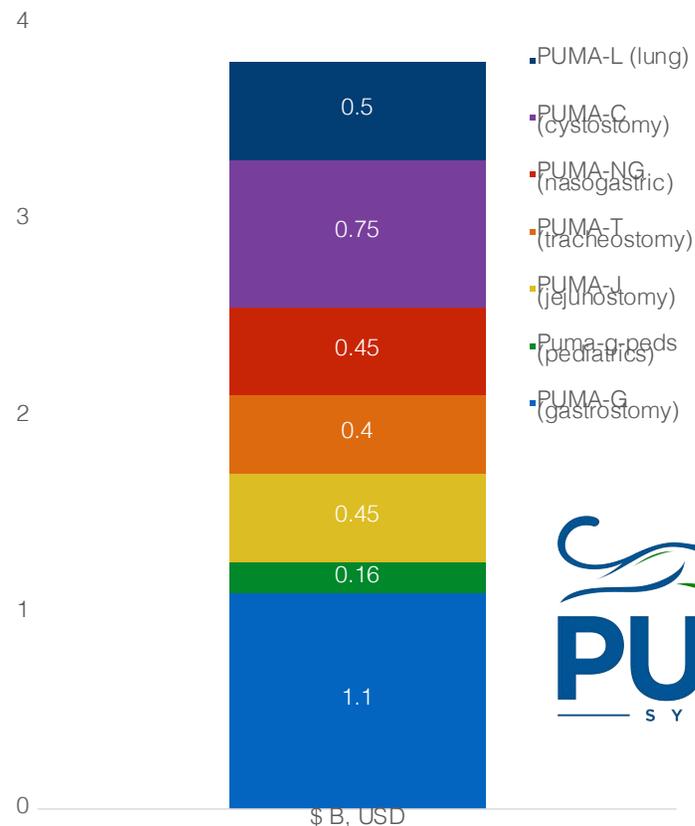
~ \$475M US, \$950M global TAM (today)

~570M US, 1.1B global TAM (by 2030)

## PUMA System (Platform) Total

Applicable to millions of procedures annually worldwide

~4B Worldwide TAM



# Company Highlights

- 5 total patents granted worldwide, several additional pending applications
- 10 clinical sites currently participating in limited strategic launch
- Capital Raises To Date:
  - \$5.8M in prior funding: \$3.7M Seed/Series A + \$ 2.1M in grants
  - \$8M new Series B round: \$7M closed, \$1M committed
- \$1.5M NIH SBIR Pediatric PUMA-G just awarded
- Company hiring sales team as well as adding more engineering and commercialization support employees
- Transitioned to 100% virtual training in adapting to COVID19 Pandemic





# Management Team



**Steven Tropello MD, MS**  
Founder, CMO



**Howard Carolan, MPH, MBA**  
Co-Founder, CEO



**Jack Kent, MPH, MBA**  
Chief Commercialization  
Officer



**Liz Goldwasser**  
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Empire IP

## Support



# Questions & Answers

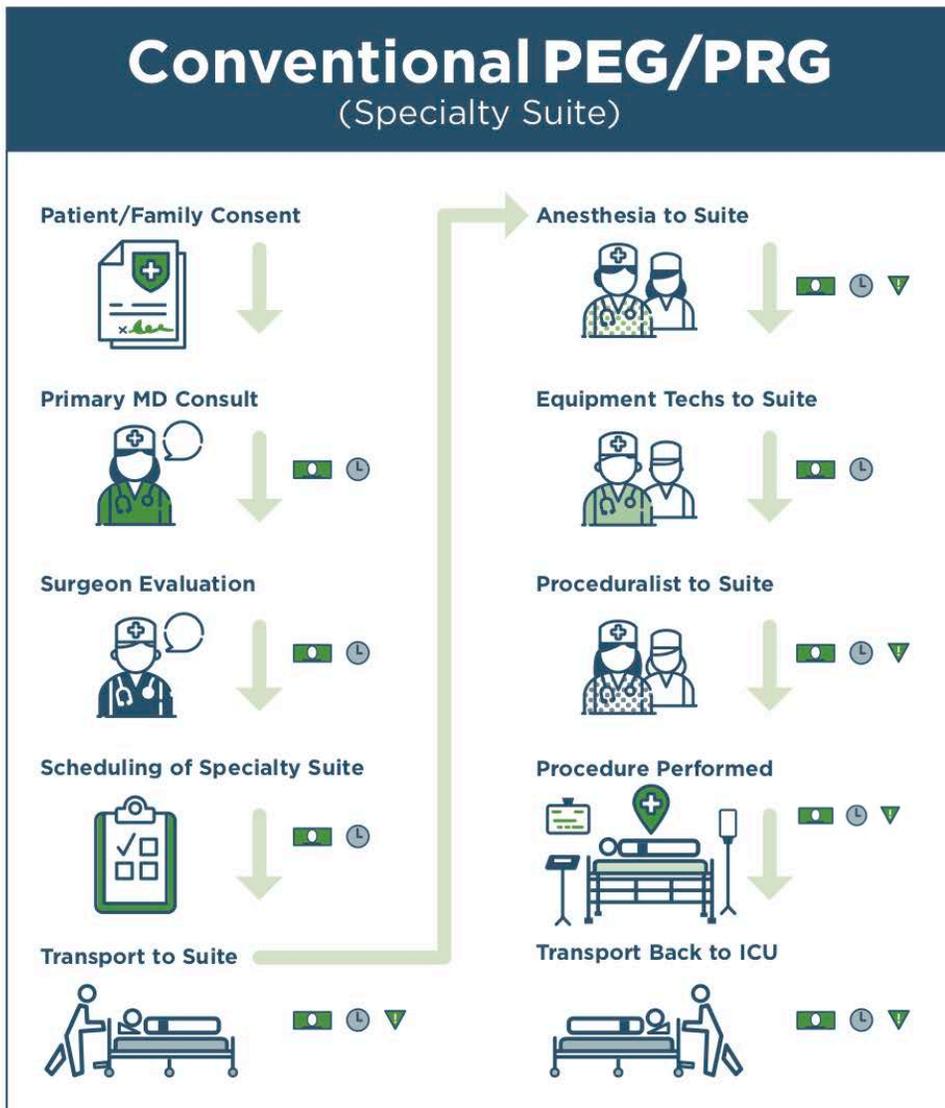
## CoapTech Team



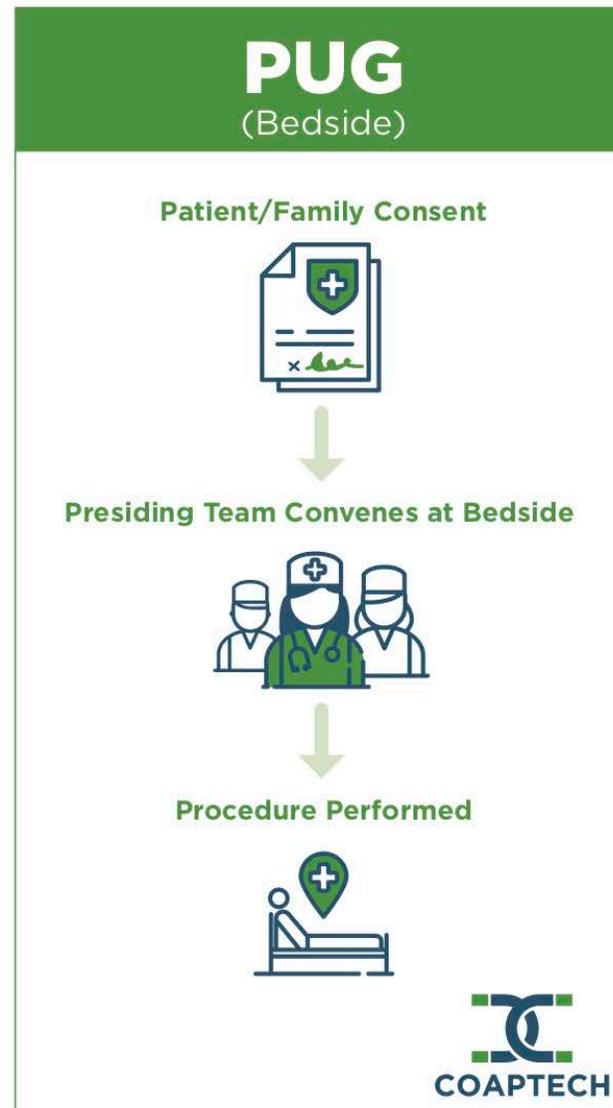
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# G-tube Placement - Workflow

   = Adds Money, Adds Time, Adds Risk



**1-5 DAYS**



**< 1 Hour**



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**TOPIC:** UMB Innovation and Economic Impact

**COMMITTEE:** Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday November 5, 2020

**SUMMARY:** Jim Hughes, senior vice president and chief enterprise and economic development officer at University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) will provide an overview of the University’s economic impact related to innovation and Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures (CMAV) activities. CMAV was created by the Maryland General Assembly to promote the commercialization of University discoveries and create the next generation of Maryland entrepreneurs. Additionally, an update on the Baltimore Fund will be presented by Mary Morris, director of the Fund. A CMAV initiative, the Baltimore Fund offers Maryland public higher education-affiliated companies financial incentives to locate and expand within Baltimore City.

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# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE

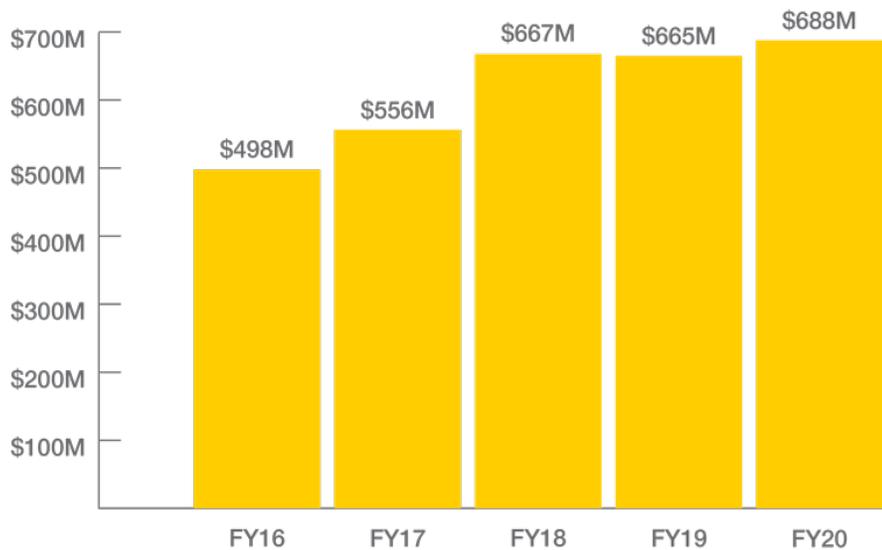
## INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC IMPACT



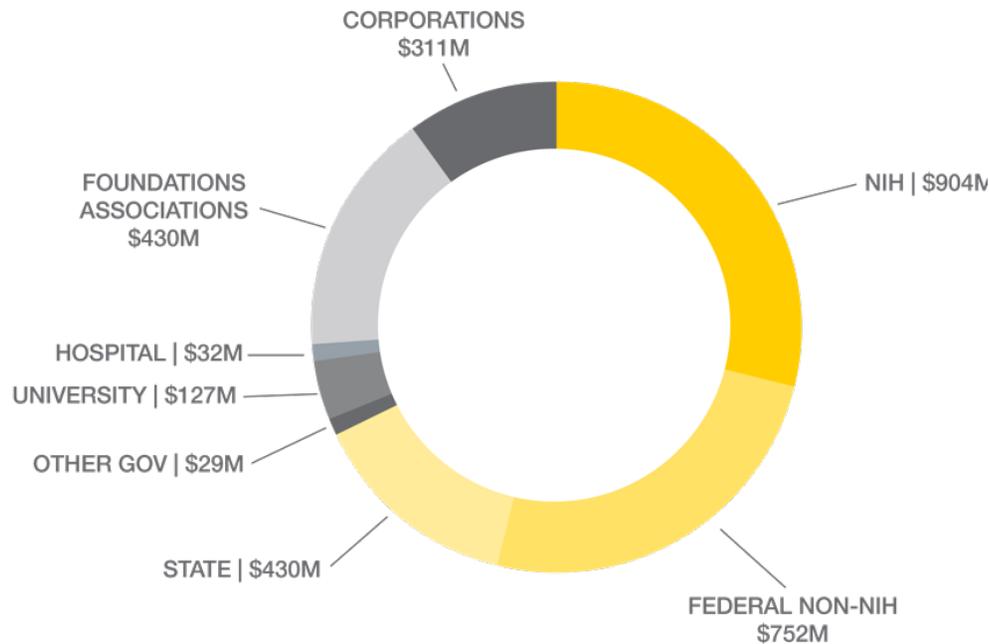
# INNOVATION AT UMB

## *Sponsored Research*

### Sponsored Research Growth



### Sources of Funding





# INNOVATION AT UMB

## *UM BioPark During COVID-19*

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the UM BioPark has remained open, allowing tenants to continue their existing work as well as take on new demands. Several tenants, including Gliknik, Pharmaron, Catalent, and Illumina, are working on projects to address COVID19.



### **Gliknik During COVID**

Each day of the pandemic, Gliknik has been in the lab at the UM BioPark, creating a newly designed drug for COVID-19. This drug is expected to help symptomatic COVID-19 + patients at risk of advancing to hospitalization, ventilators, and worse, an area where there currently are no good treatments and none on the horizon. Gliknik has cloned cells to produce the drug at high levels and has devised advanced manufacturing techniques that were needed. Next steps are full scale manufacturing, FDA-required toxicology, and then clinical trial in patients.



# INNOVATION AT UMB

## *Grant Initiatives*

### **AI + Medicine for High Impact**

[Four grants were awarded](#) supporting joint UMB/UMCP teams investigating new ways of tackling major medical challenges in four areas: chronic pain, mental health, aging and age-associated diseases, and neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome.

- **4 awards** will receive a total of up to **\$1.8 million** over three years.

### **Medical Device Development Fund**

The Medical Device Development Fund provides funding that contributes to a meaningful milestone that would advance a medical device technology towards commercialization. In spring 2020, the Fund pivoted to support medical devices related to COVID-19 response.

- **4 awards** totaling **\$200,000** were made to joint UMB/UMCP projects

### **Life Sciences IP Fund**

The Life Sciences IP Fund provides proof-of-concept and external validation funding to accelerate commercialization of technologies at UMB.

- **21** technologies funded
- **3** UMB startups were formed

### **Institute for Clinical & Translational Research (ICTR)**

The first Universitywide interdisciplinary hub for clinical translational research and training, ICTR is a unique center which operates as part of a consortium with JHU.

- **17** general projects were funded
- **10** COVID-19 projects were funded

# INNOVATION AT UMB

## *Investment Initiatives*

Investing in University discoveries with commercial potential moves our science out of the lab and into the marketplace.

### **UM Ventures, Baltimore**

Invests in early-stage UMB startups with promising commercial potential.

- **\$12M+** in publicly disclosed equity was raised by UMB startups
- **2** UMB startups were acquired
- **4** UMB startups have been acquired in the last four years

### **Maryland Momentum Fund (MMF)**

Invests in USM-affiliated companies to support entrepreneurship, catalyze outside investment in early-stage startups, and foster economic development and technology commercialization.

- **\$5.9M** committed
- **\$27M** in matching funds
- **19** companies

### **University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) Innovation Fund**

UMSOM established this philanthropic investment fund to invest in UMSOM startups alongside UM Ventures and MMF.



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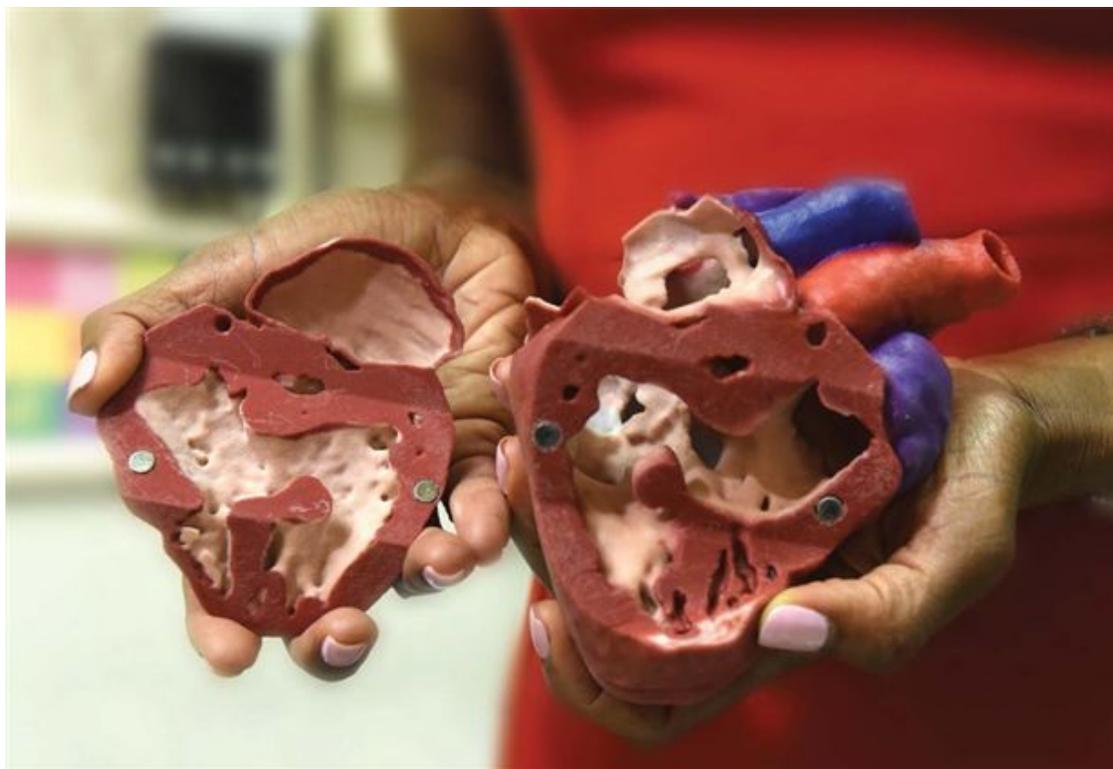
## *Specialized Facilities*

### **Molecular and Cell Biology Lab**

Located in the UM BioPark, this 650 sq. ft. wet laboratory with molecular and cell biology capabilities and specialized equipment gives UMB researchers private space to advance their discoveries. The lab is staffed by UMB's Office of Technology Transfer.

### **Brody 3D Printing Lab**

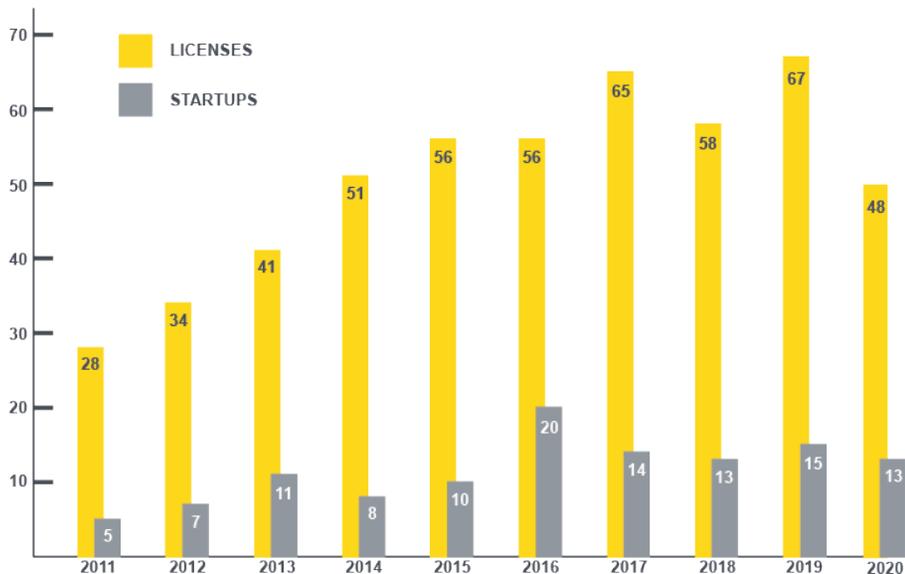
UM Ventures worked with UMSOM to create a medical device innovation and rapid prototyping space to support the rapid expansion of UMB's medical device portfolio. UMB's Office of Technology Transfer and the Robert E. Fischell Institute for Biomedical Devices will provide direct support, enabling CAD drawings, 3D printing, rapid prototyping, and streamlined patent filing.



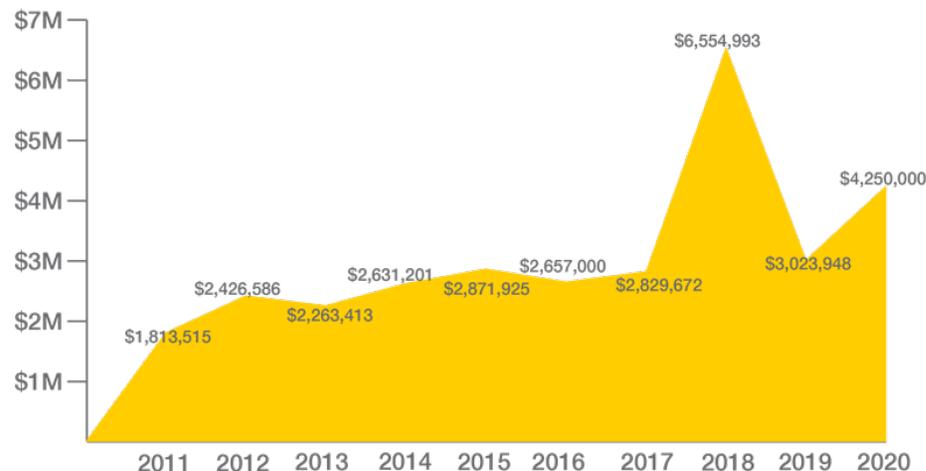
# INNOVATION AT UMB

## Technology Transfer

Licenses and Startups



Revenue Received



**160%** Increase in startups 2011-2020

**134%** Increase in revenue 2011-2020

**71%** Increase in licenses 2011-2020

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## *Services*

### **Small Business Development Center**

- **2 locations** on UMB's downtown campus
- **847 constituents** served
- **21** business starts
- **81** loan/equity financings
- **\$13M in total funding** with **\$4.6M** dedicated to **COVID-19** projects

### **Intellectual Property Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic**

- **117** clients served
- **2** part-time clinical law instructors
- **12** second- and third-year law students per semester

### **Anchor Ventures**

- **3** university partners
- **6** events, including a four-part virtual digital health series

### **UM BioPark Lion Brothers Building**

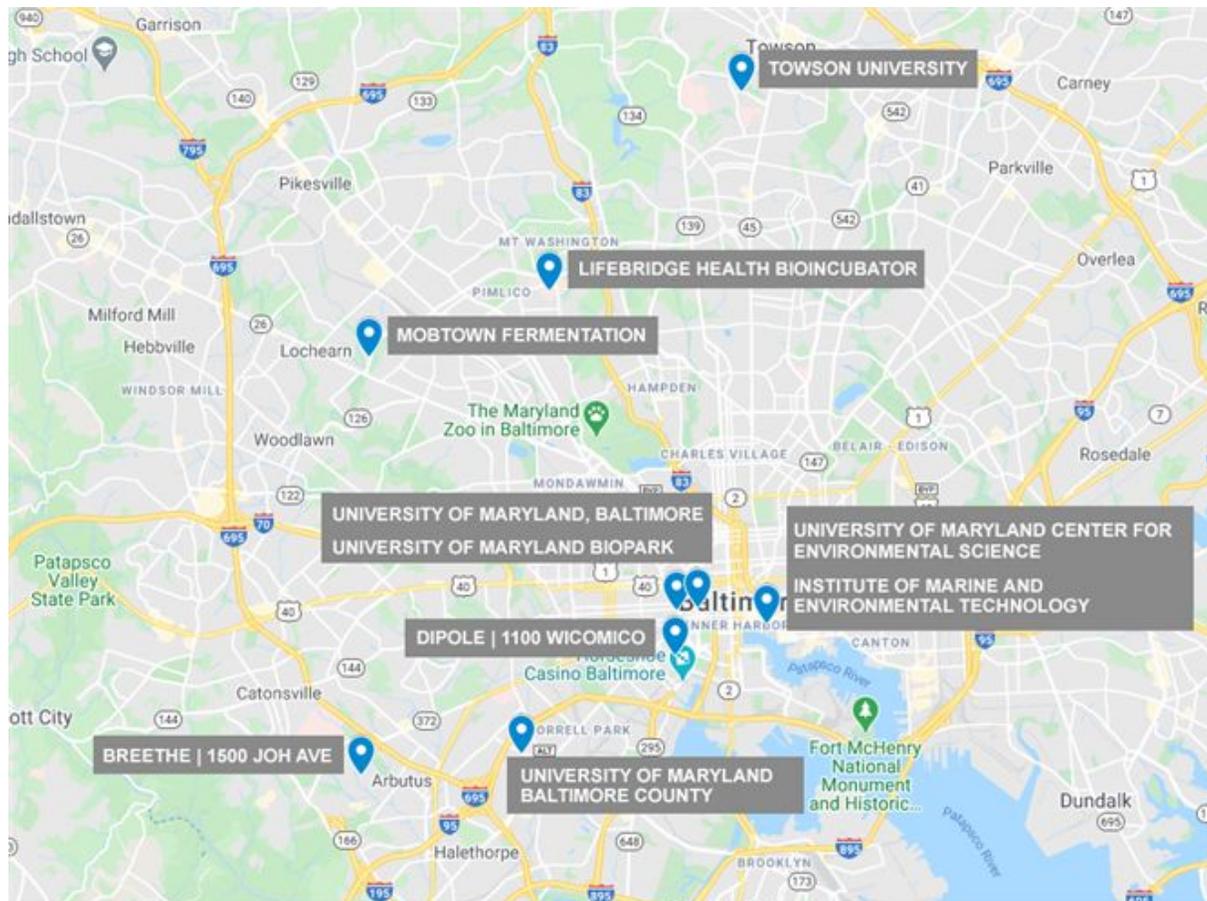
Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures partners with the UM BioPark to provide early-stage companies with the space and services needed to grow their ventures.

- **9** startups supported
  - **5** were UMB-affiliated

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## *The Baltimore Fund*

The Baltimore Fund encourages University-created or -sponsored technology companies to locate and expand in Baltimore City. Through engagement with Maryland's entrepreneurial ecosystem and its myriad support programs and resources, the Baltimore Fund helps facilitate the growth of companies.



### Advisory Board Members

#### **Tom Sadowski**

Vice Chancellor for Economic Development  
University System of Maryland

#### **Elizabeth Carven**

Senior Director, Regional Growth & Retention  
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#### **Jim Hughes**

Senior Vice President and  
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University of Maryland, Baltimore

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## *The Baltimore Fund*

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COMPANIES



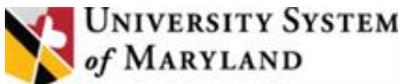
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JOBS



### Lexington Market Vendor Initiative

- **\$200,000** to support a \$1M loan fund supporting Lexington Market
- **\$50,000 micro loans** through partnership with Baltimore Community Lending
- **Building diversity** among vendor ownership, as illustrated in vendor applications



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**TOPIC:** Maryland New Venture Fellows for Cybersecurity via UMBC

**COMMITTEE:** Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

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**SUMMARY:** Megan Wahler, Director of Entrepreneurial Services, bwtech@UMBC Research and Technology Park will discuss the Maryland New Venture Fellowship for Cybersecurity. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Agency, this program will enable cybersecurity entrepreneurs to work together to create technologies and other cyber solutions that impact society, including utilities, infrastructure, and critical information systems. These entrepreneurs will include teams composed of graduate students interested in entrepreneurship, experienced entrepreneurs serving as mentors, and faculty from Maryland universities. This program will help leverage this talent, foster collaboration, facilitate new venture creation and get USM ideas to market.

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# MARYLAND NEW VENTURE FELLOWSHIP FOR CYBERSECURITY



BUILD TO SCALE VENTURE CHALLENGE  
BWTECH@UMBC AND  
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

[bwtechumbc.com](http://bwtechumbc.com)

## BWTECH@UMBC

Start Here. Grow Here. Stay Here.

Our mission is to foster the creation, growth and sustainability of innovative technology companies in the Greater Baltimore Region. We enable companies to start, grow, and thrive in Maryland by providing dedicated space, resources, guidance, and education throughout their development creating a viable and sustainable workforce.

The Maryland New Venture Fellowship for Cybersecurity Program will develop a pipeline of early stage technologies companies from UMBC and the entire University of Maryland System's 12 universities, connecting deep technical expertise with entrepreneurial master's student talent and local business leaders to continue to secure our infrastructure while creating economic opportunities for the region.

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## STATISTICS AND CHALLENGES

**THERE IS A SEVERE  
SHORTAGE IN NEW CYBER  
COMPANY FORMATION  
DESPITE THE FACT THAT  
THE GREATER BALTIMORE  
REGION RANKS AT THE  
TOP FOR CYBER TALENT.**

Maryland ranks far behind Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Boston, New York and Virginia in its startup creation and business development. There is an urgent need to support faculty and student entrepreneurship in this field to develop the cyber workforce and create jobs for talent to stay in Maryland.

Source: <https://cybersecurityventures.com>

### **#1 IN CYBER DEGREES**

Degree-granting universities have expanded cybersecurity related degree programs -- awarding 10,000 bachelor's degrees in cybersecurity related programs since 2015. Maryland's University System graduates more cyber related engineers than anywhere in the country. Maryland ranks #1 in the percentage of Bachelor's Degrees in computers, mathematics, and statistics.

### **#1 CYBER WORKFORCE IN THE WORLD**

Maryland is less expensive to build a company, compared to NY, CA, MA and other technology-focused states Maryland has the largest population of National Security experienced cyber and data science engineers in the world.

### **#1 CYBER BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM**

MD is less expensive to build a company, compared to NY, CA, MA and other technology-focused states. Maryland has the largest population of National Security experienced cyber and data science engineers in the world.

Source: DataTribe, [www.datatribe.com](http://www.datatribe.com)

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**SOLUTION: AN EXPERIENTIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CYBERSECURITY CONNECTING ENTREPRENEURIAL GRAD STUDENTS WITH EXPERIENCED ENTREPRENEURIAL MENTORS AND STUDENT SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS WITH FACULTY THAT ARE CREATING CYBER TECHNOLOGIES**



Alaire Jameson  
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Graduate Student



Donna Ruginski,  
Faculty Member in  
Cybersecurity



Gregg Smith  
Mentor  
Entrepreneur



Akshay Peshave  
UMBC Student  
Engineer Developer

## Partners across the Greater Baltimore Region

The MD New Venture Fellowship Program will work with partners across the region. The first year, the program will focus solely on technology coming from the University System of Maryland. Year 2 and 3 of the grant will expand to other area universities and research labs such as the NSA, Army Research Lab, Johns Hopkins University, and NASA

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## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

### **YEAR ONE**

The Fellows program will create 10 viable teams. At the core is the mentor who leads the team toward success. The entrepreneurial Fellows (top graduate students from a pool of applicants) will get hands on-experience and management, learning how to vet, create, and lead a great company. Faculty researchers and a member of their technical team are key to developing the technology. At the end of year one, 5-6 great companies will be formed.

### **YEAR TWO & THREE**

In year two and three the program will expand to other universities in the region and research institutions such as NSA, NASA, ARL. Partners and investors will continue to work with companies from the first cohort to ensure success and sustainability.

## PROGRAM TIMELINE FOR YEAR 1

### SEPT/OCT

- Funding received
- Market program, start recruiting
- Applications open

### NOVEMBER

- Mentors and Fellows interviewed
- Faculty and tech selected
- "MATCH event" to create teams
- Selected teams meet to build relationship
- Orientation

### DEC/JANUARY 2021

- Weekly check-ins with teams
- Monthly weekend seminars to include commercialization strategy, concept creation, customer discovery, financial modeling, pilot development, etc.

### FEBRUARY 2020

- Pitch presentation
- Companies formed

### SPRING 2021

- Selected companies continue under guidance
- Investor introductions and roadshow
- Pilot programs with partners
- Culminating event in May 2021

### APRIL 2020

- Begin new cohort recruiting with more universities and research institutions including NSA, Army Research Lab and NASA

**Multiple investors are committed to participate in the first 3 cohorts with the goal that they will invest and sponsor the program after year 3.**

# MARYLAND NEW VENTURE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TEAM



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Program Assistant  
UMBC

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***"Technology that could be used to secure data and infrastructure for civilians ... remains a potential resource — oil in the ground — when it comes to the potential to drive economic growth."***

## OUTCOMES



Critically vet 30+ technologies safeguarding infrastructure



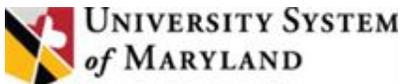
Train 30 entrepreneurial grad students, experientially



Create 5+ minority owned businesses



Create 6 companies with 10 employees by end of year one



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**COMMITTEE:** Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday November 5, 2020

**SUMMARY:** Vice Chancellor Sadowski will provide an update of governing principles of the Office of Economic Development, COVID-19 Task Force activity, and the Momentum Fund, in addition to providing information in regard to a Regent request to inventory partnerships with industry.

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# USM Economic Development

*Briefing for Regents Committee for Economic  
Development Tech Commercialization*

November 5, 2020



# USM Economic Development *Agenda*

- **Governing Principles**
- **COVID-19 Task Force Activity**
- **Momentum Fund Update**
- **Industry Partnerships Update**

## USM Economic Development

### *Guiding Principles ... Proposed Initiatives Going forward*

- 1. Enhance USM Innovation Infrastructure in partnership with Industry and Federal Government**
  - Work with Governor's office and legislature on bill to establish Innovation Partnership Fund/Tax Credit to help seed tech commercialization, research & innovation and workforce development projects (*complement \$100 Billion "Endless Frontiers Act" Legislation being developed by Congress*)
  - Generate more industry collaborations, particularly those offering physical proximity to USM institutions, faculty/researchers and students
  - Continue to mine/formalize talent supply, internship and workforce development relationships with industry to seed future research collaborations



## USM Economic Development

### *Guiding Principles ... Proposed Initiatives Going forward*

#### **2. Expand USM Venture Finance practice, focused on catalytic “Earlier-Stage” opportunities**

- Work with institutional partners to identify “catalytic” earlier-stage investments
- Explore with institutional partners possibility of smaller, flexible fund, with potential for philanthropic support

#### **3. Bolster Tech Transfer efforts by setting new benchmarks and encouraging system-wide collaboration**

- Identify funding and shared resources to help broaden System-wide support for Tech transfer, licensing and commercialization— in discussions with TEDCO

## USM COVID Research & Innovation Task Force

### *Going forward*

- **Acceleration Program:** Additional training for App Challenge winners and others addressing or responding to COVID
  - USM startup & innovators candidates identified
  - Offering COVID specific I-Corps mentoring program in November
  - Identifying Community and Industry partners for sustained accelerator effort
  
- **Bioproduction and Vaccine Development Strategy:** Working with the Governor's Life Science Advisory Board (LSAB), MD Commerce and MD Tech Council on comprehensive strategy to develop MD's bio-manufacturing, vaccine development, medical supply chain and related workforce capacity; exploring federal funding and industry partnership opportunities



## USM COVID Research & Innovation Task Force

### *Going forward*

- **Public health communications challenge:** Challenge prize competition aimed at encouraging Marylanders experiencing “COVID fatigue” to remain vigilant, maintain sound public health practices and good hygiene, and when available, to get vaccinated!
- **Public health policy workshop:** Considering forum led by USM experts on possible solutions to public health challenges and disparities, with involvement of industry and community officials.

# USM COVID Research & Innovation Task Force

## *Going forward*

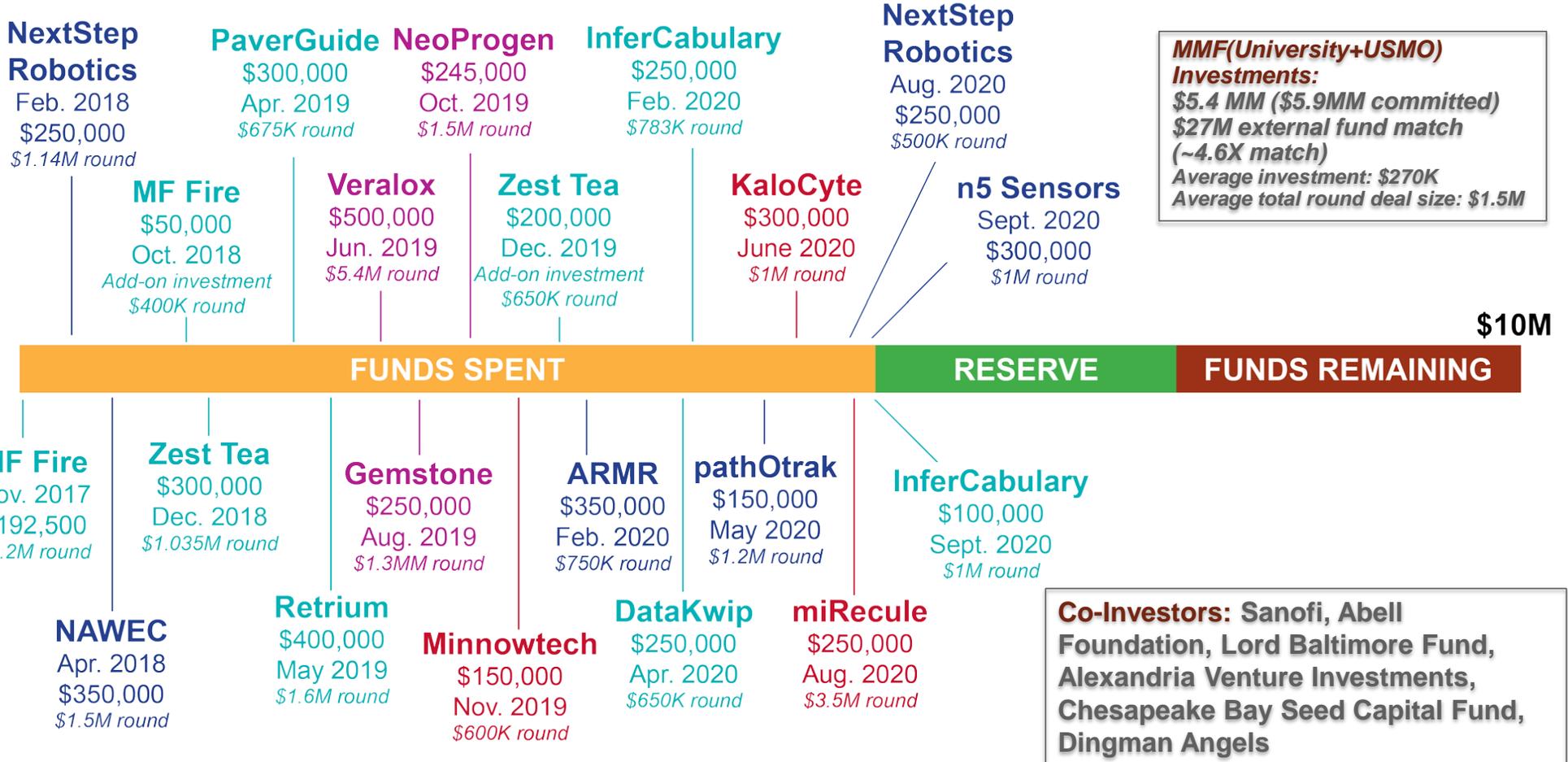
**Pandemic Research and Preparedness Effort:** Joint research effort created/funded in partnership with Industry and Federal Government to address ongoing COVID challenge and future health crises



# USM Maryland Momentum Fund



## Investments



# USM Maryland Momentum Fund

## Portfolio Companies



**UMCP IP and Alum**  
Advanced wood burning stove



**UMB IP, Towson Alum**  
Exoskeleton robot to reverse foot drop for stroke victims.



**UMCP IP, Alum**  
Advanced pulse jet engine



**UMCP Alum**  
High caffeine tea, energy drink product



**UMCP IP**  
Advanced semipermeable pavement system



**UMCP Alum**  
Agile software development management product



**UMBC and UMCP Alums**  
Tissue regeneration via stem cells



**UMB IP and Alum**  
Anticoagulant drug, therapeutics for rare blood disorders



**UMB IP and Faculty**  
Cell-based therapy for cardiovascular disease



**UMCES Alum**  
Sonar to measure shrimp biomass



**UM BioPark Tenant**  
Next-gen tourniquet



**Towson Alum, TU Incubator startup**  
Ed-tech vocabulary app



**UMCP Alum**  
Software platform to manage energy across buildings



**UMCP IP and Faculty**  
Food safety testing technology



**UMB/UMBC Faculty, UM BioPark Affiliate**  
Dried artificial red blood cell



**UMCP Alum**  
RNA Therapeutics



**UMCP IP and Faculty**  
Semiconductor sensor technology

# Industry Partnerships

## *Executive Summary*

- Information is not generally consolidated to enable quick inventory
- Workforce development partnerships are common, some innovation and entrepreneurship collaborations. At major research institutions, significant research partnerships exist with industry. The extent of *partnership* versus *sponsorship/support* involved in these activities varies.
- Increasing *research* partnerships is possible, and there is interest, despite barriers:
  - PI-driven (“bottom up”), but strategic direction can help
  - How are faculty incentivized? How are faculty professionally developed?
  - Know thyself – better understand relative strengths
  - Potential for collaboration as competitive advantage; need to connect; admin support

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### **Workforce & Education**

- In-"Classroom" – Training enhancement (both ways!) and capstone participation/sponsorship. E.g.: Bowie State University partnership with Google for digital training skills. [More here](#). UMGC's Corporate Learning Solutions.
- Internships, Career Services – E.g.: Towson University conservatively estimates that TU students have internships with between 2,500 - 3,000 unique Maryland employers.

### **Venture Development and Business Consulting**

- Support *for* Competitions, Entrepreneurship Programs – E.g.: Salisbury's Shore Hatchery incorporates judges and sponsorship from local businesses; Service provider support and sponsorship of Towson's accelerator
- Support *from* Entrepreneurship Programs – E.g.: E-Fellows at the University of Baltimore supports student companies.
- Business Consulting Support – Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), centers to facilitate business consulting from faculty and/or students.

### **Research**

- Gov't-Funded Research Partnership w/ Small Companies – Federal SBIR/STTR, state Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS) grant (~6 per year). E.g.: The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's strong track record in MIPS; UMES recent STTRs.
- Place-Based – Frostburg University's collaboration with Optimize Renewables for on-campus microgrid. [More here](#).
- Few conventional sponsored research relationships exist; there is interest but also barriers: lack of familiarity with mechanisms; IP complications; structural prioritization of federal research \$