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University of Maryland hands out \$1.4M in tech grants

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The University of Maryland's Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program is helping to launch 18 technology research projects at state research institutions that could mean new products for local companies.

The program partners with companies to fund the research projects, which are worth \$4.4 million -- \$3 million from the companies involved and \$1.4 million from the program.

Most of the projects have ties to companies or research institutions in Baltimore.

- Frederick-based [BioElectronics Corporation](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Pulsed Electromagnetic Therapy for Healing; \$258,788.
- Baltimore-based [CCC Diagnostics LLC](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Clinical Studies of Drug Response Indicators Test; \$732,700.
- Baltimore-based [CSA Medical Inc.](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Multi-Center Dysplasia Study; \$636,731.
- Rockville-based [Flexible Medical Systems LLC](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Noninvasive Sensing of Glucose and Lactate; \$219,974.
- North Potomac-based [Potomac Affinity Proteins LLC](#) and the [University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute](#): Proteases and Tags for Protein Purification; \$135,000.
- Rockville-based [Rexahn Pharmaceuticals Inc.](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Polymer-drug Conjugates for Cancer Therapy; \$217,761.
- Gaithersburg-based [Sirnaomics, Inc.](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Silencing Scar Formation by Targeting Hoxb13; \$158,199.
- Rockville-based [VectorLogics Inc.](#) and the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute: Development of IBDV Vectors for Therapeutic Use; \$143,749.
- Baltimore-based [WellDoc Communications, Inc.](#) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore: Mobile Diabetes Management Platform; \$443,595.
- Boyds-based Zylacta Corporation and the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute: Glycopeptides for Management of Hepatitis C; \$138,200.

Any companies operating in Maryland are eligible to take advantage of the MIPS partnerships, as are faculty from any of the **University System of Maryland's** 13 institutions. Projects must deal with innovative technological or scientific concepts and have direct commercial applications.

MIPS contributes up to \$100,000 for each project year, and projects can be funded for one or two years. There is no limit on company project contributions. Funding rounds occur twice yearly.

The Maryland program has been disbursing funding since 1987 and has supported projects at more than 400 different Maryland companies.

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