The Michigan Translational Research and Commercialization for Life Sciences Innovation Hub is a statewide program that supports translational research projects in life sciences with high commercial potential, with the ultimate goal of positively impacting human health.

Innovators from all schools and colleges at the University of Michigan and other institutes of higher education, non-profit research centers, and hospitals across Michigan are eligible to submit projects for funding consideration.

Supported projects will focus on cutting-edge biomedical technologies with commercialization potential, with the goal of an increased number of start-ups, jobs, licenses, and investment for Michigan.

The MTRAC for Life Sciences Innovation Hub is co-managed by the U-M Medical School’s Fast Forward Medical Innovation Program and U-M Tech Transfer. With an award budget of $4M, the program reinforces the commitment of the State of Michigan’s Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF), the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and the U-M to innovation and entrepreneurship as a dynamic catalyst for economic growth across the state.
**Mi-KICKSTART**

*Early-stage funding awards* in the $25K–$30K range enable researchers to develop and validate innovative technologies for possible funding from later-stage sources.

- Quarterly proposal reviews and awards.
- Example projects include in-vivo testing, prototype development, beta development, or drug-candidate screening.

*Goal is to increase the commercialization potential of the overall research project to the point where it can be considered a strong candidate for funding from the next-stage Mi-TRAC program.*

$25K–$30K

**Mi-TRAC**

*Mid-stage funding awards* in the $100K–$200K range bring researchers’ cutting-edge technology to the point of commercial reality.

- RFP is released in July, proposals are due in September, awards made in January.
- Milestone-driven research and measurable results.
- Selected for funding by an Oversight Committee comprising senior technology development experts from the pharma, biotech, and venture communities.
- Awardees receive regulatory guidance, training in business plan development, and mentorship from industry and investment veterans.

*$100K–$200K*

And while invention reports, start-up formation, IP licensing, and jobs are important milestones, positive impact on human health—across Michigan and around the world—is the ultimate measure of success.

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