



FEARLESSLY FORWARD: In Pursuit of Excellence and Impact for the Public Good

2026 Annual Report

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Senior Vice President & Provost



University Senate Progress Report
April 21, 2026

An aerial photograph of the University of Maryland campus, showing various brick buildings, green lawns, and trees. The text is overlaid on the image.

What progress have we made to
move the University of Maryland

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2022-2026: Four Years of *Fearlessly Forward*

The **committees delivered their recommendations** to the President, Provost, and other campus leaders at the *Fearlessly Forward* Assembly.

Sharing our success!

Each spring, data are reviewed and an annual report is delivered to the campus to demonstrate our outcomes and impact.



2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

Future...

Provost Rice **charged four strategic commitment implementation committees** with advising her on appropriate targets and metrics to assess progress.

Together, we **developed, launched, and implemented *Fearlessly Forward***.

Data collection begins! Starting in Fall 2023, and continuing each fall afterwards, we collect information about accomplishments and transformational impact of our initiatives and metrics.

We will mark a **five-year milestone in 2027**. Five years of *Fearlessly Forward* investment, impact, and progress.

We'll **continue to work collaboratively** with our students, faculty, staff, and community partners to move the University of Maryland *Fearlessly Forward...*



Implementation 2022-2026



THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

MOVING FEARLESSLY FORWARD

IMPLEMENTING OUR
STRATEGIC PLAN



IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AND IMPACT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

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**Annual Priority Setting
and Initiatives**



**Investing in Needed
Infrastructure and
Support**



**Community Input
and Engagement**



Assessing Our Progress

Document available:
strategicplan.umd.edu/implementation



Fearlessly Forward Implementation At a Glance

25+

Fearlessly Forward
Signature
Initiatives

\$389M

Total UMD
Investments
Since Launch

ALL

Divisions & Colleges
Engaged in
Implementation and
Data Collection



Our Strategic Commitments & Initiatives

WE REIMAGINE LEARNING

Lead in the development of **innovative and inclusive approaches** for teaching and learning

Expand the use of **high-impact experiential learning** to ensure every student has the opportunity to learn through public service, civic engagement, internships, and project-based experiences

Create opportunities for **multidisciplinary collaboration** that foster creative expression, discovery, and critical thinking

We Reimagine Learning

- Learning Environment Modernization
- Teaching Innovation Grants
- Office of Undergraduate Research
- TLTC Teaching Academy
 - Arts for All
 - Special Undergraduate Programs

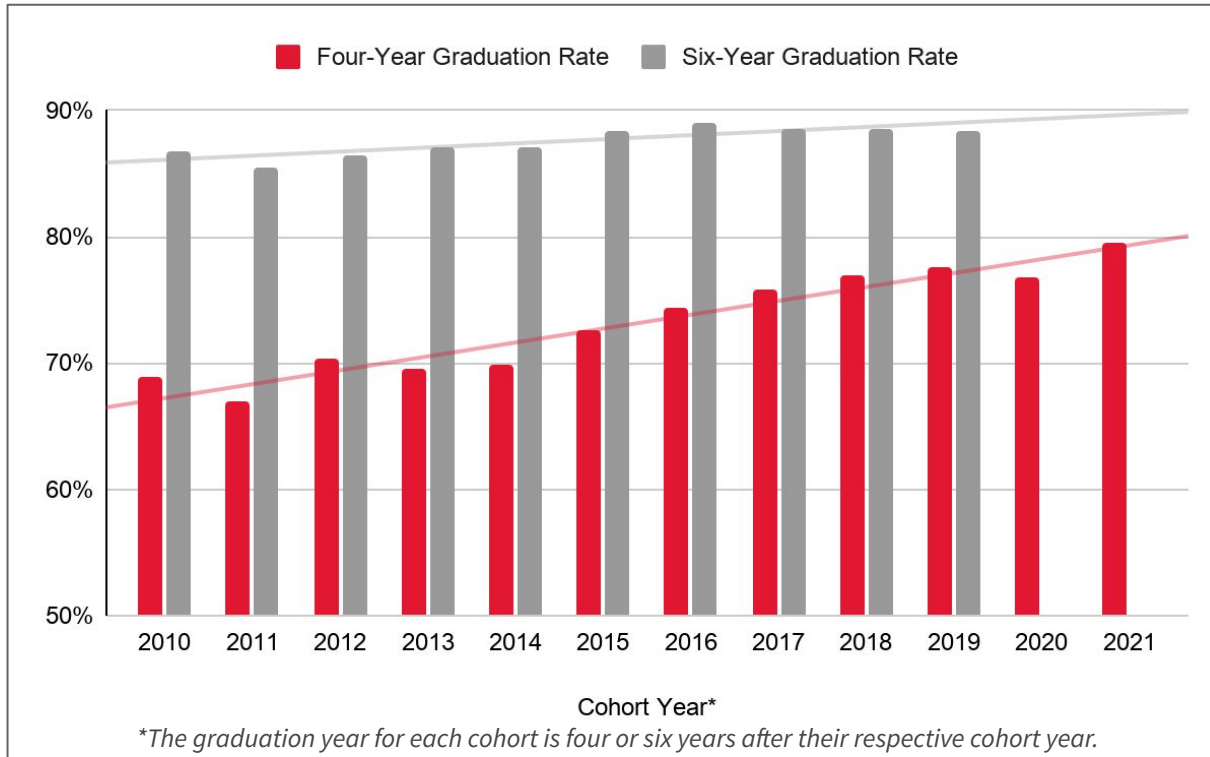


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Graduation Rate Improvement



UMD graduates more than **88%** of our first time students within six years and over **79%** within four years.

UMD's graduation rates are among the highest for public institutions in the Big Ten:

- #3 - Four-year graduation rate
- #4 - Six-year graduation rate

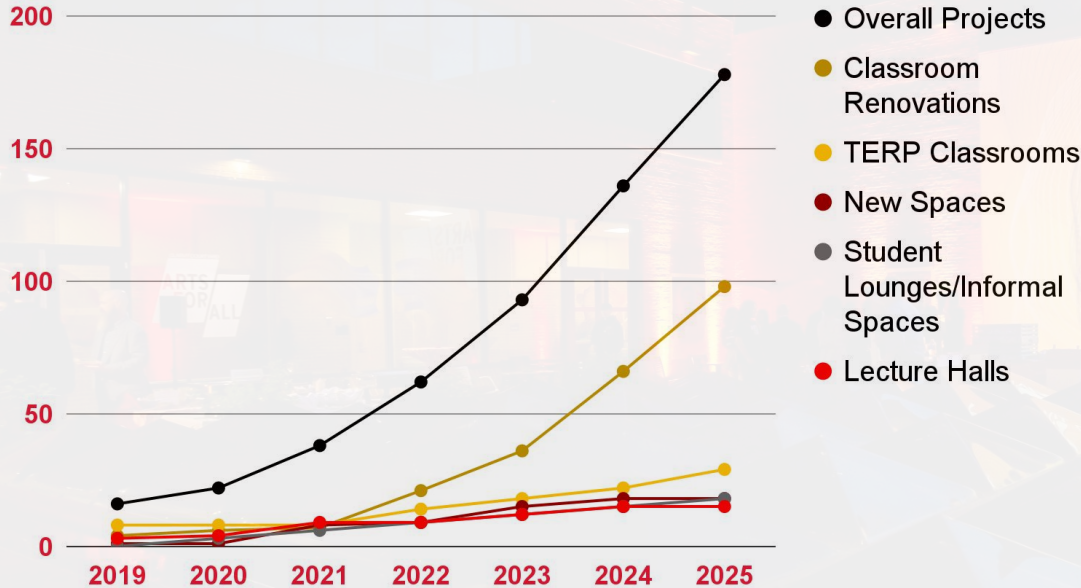


Learning Environment Modernization

Launched
2022

An initiative to develop and expand smart, accessible, and learner-centered environments.

Total Learning Environments Modernized



\$16.7M

Total Investment 2022-2025

113,250

Student Seats Impacted

2,841

Instructors Have Benefited

Teaching Innovation Grants

Launched
2022

A grant program to support innovative educational practices across disciplines.

Combined Investment

2022-2026

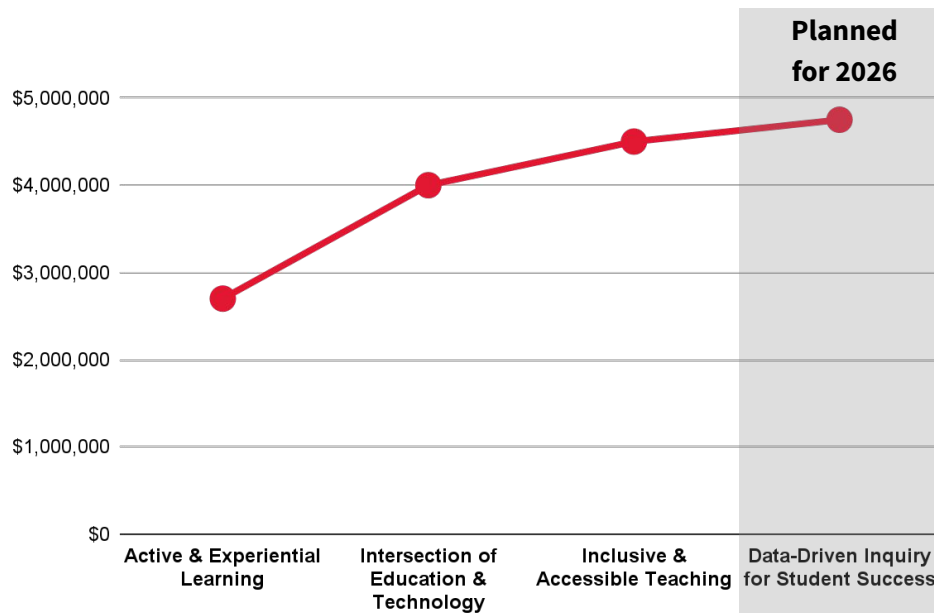
➤ **\$4.5**

➤ **187** ➤ **300**
Projects Invested in + Courses

➤ **ALL**

Schools & Colleges Represented

Cumulative Investments



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Office of Undergraduate Research

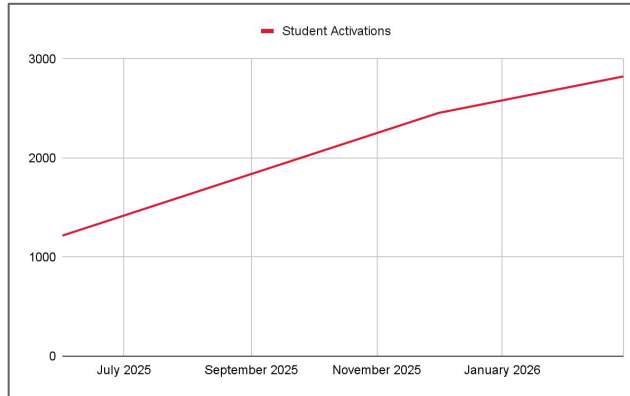
Launched
2023

A central resource to support undergraduate research culture, community and opportunity.

Newly Launched Programs and Initiatives

ForagerOne

Connecting faculty with research opportunities with students who seek them.



Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP)

Engaging undergraduate students of all backgrounds and disciplines in ambitious, longitudinal, large-scale, multidisciplinary, course-based project teams led by UMD campus partners.



188

undergraduate students participated in VIP projects in Spring 2026



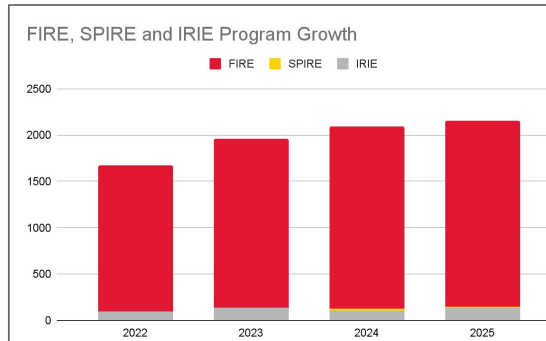
349

undergraduate students projected to participate in VIP projects in Fall 2026

FIRE: First-Year Innovation & Research Experience

SPIRE: Student-Proposed Innovation & Research Experience

IRIE: Immersive Research Internship Experience



7,000+

Students from nearly every school and college have participated in the FIRE, IRIE, and SPIRE programs.

New Courses

OURS100 Entering Research

OURS308 Peer Mentorship - Supporting Students Entering Research

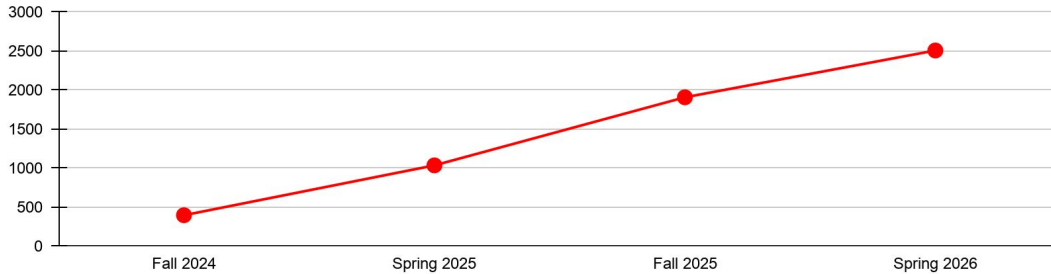


TLTC Teaching Academy

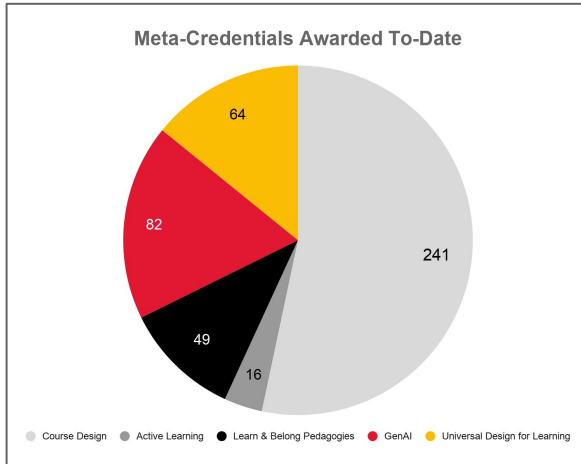
Launched
2024

A professional development program to equip instructors with cutting-edge pedagogical strategies.

Cumulative Micro-Credentials Awarded



Most popular micro-credential offering with **500+** awarded



1,733
Faculty, Staff, and Students Have Participated in Teaching Academy Sessions



Most popular meta-credential offering with **200+** awarded



Learning We're Reimagining



Arts for All expanded and enhanced work across the UMD community, which now includes engagement with every UMD College.

Growth was seen in nearly all of the Arts for All academic initiatives and programs.

Grants

- 40 grants awarded
- Totaling \$159,634
- ALL schools and colleges engaged

Events

NextNOW Festival

- 50 events
- 15 campus venues
- 50 campus partners

Maryland Day

- 2,000 participants in mural painting



We've continued to see strong engagement in our **Special Undergraduate Programs**.

The Fellows Program announced new partnerships with the Do Good Institute and the Maryland Democracy Initiative. These partnerships provide students with the opportunity to engage in paid work with local organizations.

The Honors College has seen growth in the Interdisciplinary Business Honors (IBH) and Honors Global Challenges and Solutions (HGLO) programs, both surpassing Honors' overall yield rate of 30%.

An aerial photograph of a university campus featuring a large building with a solar panel array on its roof, a parking lot, and a green field. A large white banner with a black border is positioned across the top of the image, containing the main title in bold, italicized black text.

WE TAKE ON HUMANITY'S GRAND CHALLENGES

Invest in faculty, student, staff, alum, and partner capacity to take on grand challenges through multidisciplinary and engaged research and curricular innovations

Leverage our location near the state and nation's capitals to advance and support evidence-based policy that addresses grand challenges at community, state, national, and global levels

Amplify impactful research, scholarship, creative activities, teaching, and service work through communication, visibility, and translation

We Take on Humanity's Grand Challenges

- Grand Challenges Grants
- Maryland Democracy Initiative
- Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland (AIM)
- Research Resilience Initiatives
 - PROGRESS
 - The 1856 Project
 - Climate Action Plan
 - xFoundry @ UMD



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Grand Challenges Grants

A grants program to accelerate solutions to humanity's grand challenges locally and globally.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

2022

APRIL / UMD Grand Challenges Grants Program announced.



2023

FEB. / 50 grants awarded totaling \$30M in institutional investments.

JUNE / **Programmable Design of Sustainable, All-Natural Plastic Substitutes** team lead receives **UMD Invention of the Year Award**.

OCT. / First Maryland Mesonet extreme weather monitoring tower is installed, managed by the **Climate Resilience Network**.

2024

APRIL / Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland launches, based on work by the **Values-Centered Artificial Intelligence** project.

JUNE / **HydroNet** partnership between UMD and the city of Annapolis announces the installation of 20-plus sensors to monitor and help predict Chesapeake Bay flooding.

SEPT. / **Maryland Initiative for Digital Accessibility** team launches collaborations with Adobe and the U.S. Access Board to advance digital accessibility, influencing federal and state policy.

SEPT. / **Maryland Initiative for Literacy and Equity** team releases results of a comprehensive review of literacy instruction in public school districts, commissioned by the **Maryland State Department of Education**.

2025

JULY / \$55M in external funding secured, doubling the return on the university's initial investment.

MARCH / **Using Machine Learning to Measure and Improve Equity in K-12 Mathematics Classrooms** team is awarded \$4.5M from the **Gates Foundation** and **Walton Family Foundation** to improve math education with artificial intelligence; **Center for Educational Data Science and Innovation** later launches based on the team's work.

MAY / Marsha Laufer '64 and husband Henry Laufer give \$6M to **Maryland Democracy Initiative** for projects boosting civic literacy and democratic engagement in schools, colleges and beyond.

JUNE / **Seizing Opportunities: Social Capital, Businesses, and Communities** project team partners with the Maryland Office of the Comptroller to quantify the impact of federal funding decisions on the state.

AUG. / Crossfire, part of the **Observing Wildfires Through UAVs and Fire Imaging Technologies** project, advances in the \$5M XPRIZE Wildfire Competition as one of 15 semifinalist teams developing autonomous firefighting technology.

2026

JAN. / UMD Grand Challenges 2.0 grants announced to continue accelerating solutions to society's most pressing problems.

SPRING / First growing season begins at University Park Elementary School Garden, created by a partnership between the **Global FEWture Alliance** team, Whole Kids Foundation and UMD Arts for All.

Grand Challenges Grants 1.0

Announced
4/21/22



50

projects

450

partnerships

\$30M

UMD investment

\$55M

in additional external
funding secured

100%

Maryland counties
benefited

6,500

students involved

94%

of projects have
provided experiential
learning opportunities

63K

stakeholders engaged

➤ Institutional Grants



Global FEWture Alliance



Maryland Initiative
for Literacy and Equity



Climate Resilience
Network

➤ Projects Taking Root



MARYLAND
DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE

AIM

ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
INTERDISCIPLINARY
INSTITUTE AT
MARYLAND

EESI

CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL
DATA SCIENCE & INNOVATION

➤ Public Impact

**Water Emergency Team
(WET Lab)**
Potomac River Sewage Spill

Maryland Opportunity Project
*Identifying barriers to
economic opportunity*

Maryland Democracy Initiative

Received a \$6M gift
from Marsha '64
and Henry Laufer

Launched
2023

An initiative to strengthen civic engagement and democracy through research, teaching and partnerships.

CORE WORK

RESEARCH & INITIATIVES

- 25+ Research Projects
- 15+ Teaching & Learning Initiatives
- 20+ Civic Engagement Initiatives

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

- 15+ Publications
- 15 Major Conferences, Summits & Workshops

PARTNERSHIPS & PEOPLE

- 20+ Core Faculty & Students from 4 Colleges
- 25+ Community & Campus Partners

ENGAGEMENT & REACH



15,000+
PEOPLE
ENGAGED

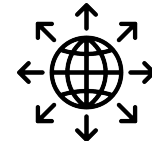
500+ Faculty & Staff

3,300 Students

11,568 External Stakeholders

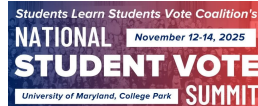


All 23 Maryland
Counties +
Baltimore City

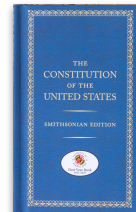


40+ U.S. States
7 Countries

**INITIATIVES &
PARTNERSHIPS**



**CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT
ACROSS THE
CURRICULUM**



A central hub for AI education, research, partnerships, and collaboration across campus.

AIM Faculty Affiliates

186 → **224**
(2024) (2025)

Representing every school and college



AI Degree Programs Expand Across Campus

- M.S. Artificial Intelligence
- M.Eng. Artificial Intelligence
- B.A. Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence
- B.S. Computational Structures for AI Systems

Launched
2024



AIM Research Seed Award Program

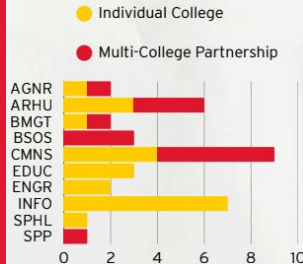
➤ 22 Proposals awarded across 10 schools and colleges

➤ Four areas of focus:

- Learning
- Accessibility
- Social Justice
- Sustainability

AWARDS BY COLLEGE

Awarded proposals were supported by individual colleges or multi-college partnerships.



≡ **MarylandToday**

RESEARCH

AIM WELCOMES 5 DISTINGUISHED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOLARS

Core Faculty Hires Bring Expertise in Philosophy, Computer Science, Public Health, Bioengineering, Government and Politics



Building Infrastructure for Public Impact

Announced
1/20/26

- Involvement of new support units (Center for Community Engagement, Office of Undergraduate Research)
- Interdisciplinary fundraising
- Program sustainability plan (engagement with Development Officers)
- Media training

2026: Grand
Challenges
Grants
2.0

Institutional Awards

- Teams representing **three or more colleges**
- Up to **three awards**
- Each project will be eligible to receive **\$1.5M** total over **three years**

Team Awards

- Teams representing **two or more colleges**
- Up to **seven awards**
- Each project will be eligible to receive **\$600K** total over **three years**

Research Resilience Initiatives

Launched
2025

A funding program to sustain essential research and support early-career scholars.

Preserve, Pivot & Grow Programs

Strategic Institutional
Investments

7 awards, \$2.4M invested
across 6 colleges

At-risk Faculty
Members and Lab
Groups

18 awards, \$900K invested
across 8 colleges

MPower Early Scholars Investment Funds



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Junior Tenure-Track
Faculty

20 awards, \$1M invested
across 9 colleges

Graduate Students

31 awards, \$750K invested
across 7 colleges

Postdoctoral Fellows

6 awards, \$225K invested
across 5 colleges

82 projects
awarded a
total of
\$5.25M
across 30+
disciplines

Second round
planned for
FY2027



Grand Challenges We're Taking On



The **1856 Project** was awarded a grant by the Maryland 250 Commission to contribute to events surrounding the 250th anniversary of the United States.

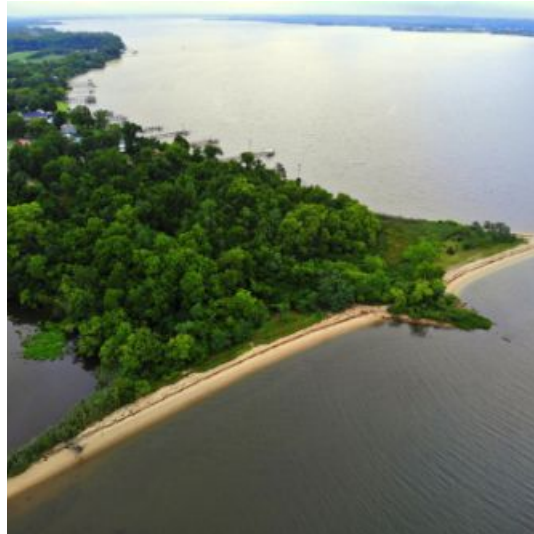


PROGRESS expanded community engagement efforts, facilitating dialogues on Community Violence Intervention (CVI) data, analysis, and policy.

PROGRESS is also leading the development of GeoAI analytics for gun violence prevention, expanding the team of research assistants and coordinating with AI ethics scholars.



xFoundry @ UMD hosted the School Safety Xperience Competition. Team DefenX from UMD (11 students from CMNS, ENGR, and BMGT) secured a \$250K investment from the University of Maryland College Park Foundation. President Pines and Dean Kimberly Griffin announced the winner at NEXPLORE 2040, xFoundry's annual industry summit.



In 2025 the University of Maryland achieved **carbon neutrality** and continues to reduce carbon emissions from campus energy and transportation systems.

Modernization of the campus district energy system began in 2025. This modernization is the most impactful project to reduce direct emissions to date, as part of **Climate Action Plan (CAP 3.0)**.



WE INVEST IN PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

Lead the nation in living a commitment to **equity, diversity, and inclusion** in all we do

Become a **connected, coordinated, and effective community of care** that supports the success and well-being of students, faculty, and staff

Align **evaluations, rewards, and incentives** with our goals and values

We Invest in People and Communities

Investments to support students:

- Terrapin Commitment
- Supporting Graduate Students
 - Unity Center

Investments to support staff:

- MVP Impact and Terrapin Innovation Awards
- Excellence in Supervision Program
 - Family Care Benefits

Investments to support faculty:

- Faculty Supports, Evaluations, and Rewards

Investments to support all Terps:

- Mental Health & Well-being
 - TerrapinSTRONG



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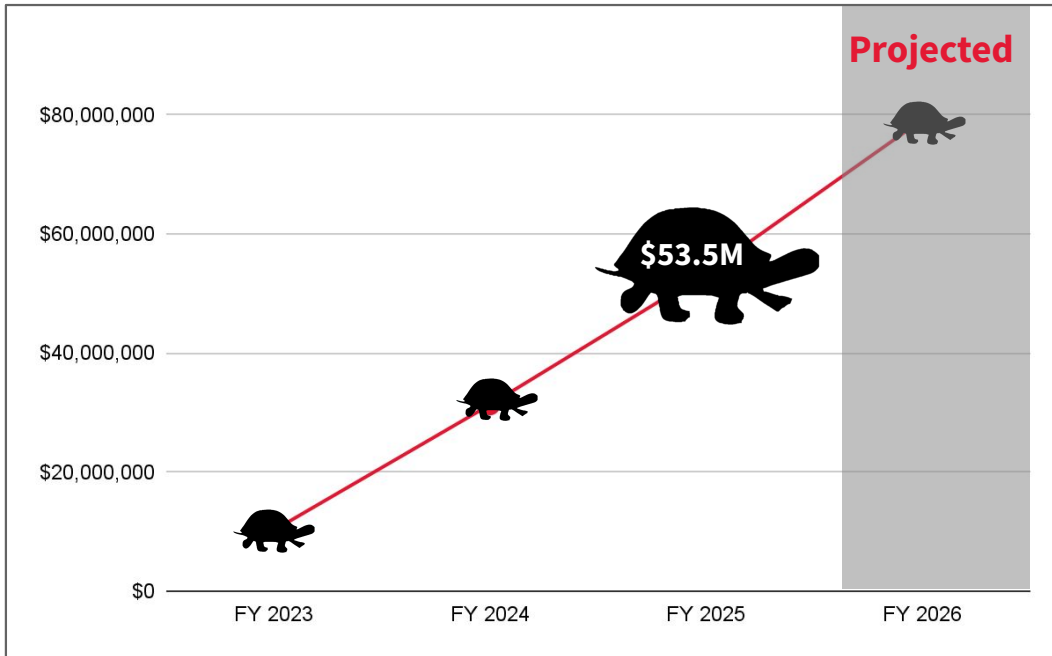


Investing in Undergraduate Students: Terrapin Commitment's Impact To-Date

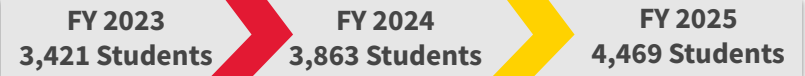
Announced
10/24/22

A signature need-based financial aid program to support Maryland students.

Cumulative TC Awards Granted



Number of Low Income Students Served



Expanding Our Impact

Starting in Fall 2026, Terrapin Commitment will **ensure 100% of tuition and fees are covered** for Maryland students with unmet financial need **from families making \$75,000 or less.**

Investing in Graduate Students

Announced
2/13/23

A series of initiatives to improve the graduate student experience.

Discovery House



Neared completion on a **new graduate housing facility**, slated to serve **about 750 individuals** beginning in 2026-27.

Grand Challenges Graduate Communities (GC)²

An Accelerator for Interdisciplinary Research and Professional Impact

- Designed to revolutionize graduate education, moving past disciplinary silos to build lasting research networks able to tackle humanity's most pressing issues.
- (GC)² will bring together small, carefully curated cohorts from across campus to focus on a grand challenge.

Student Benefits

High-Value

Collaborative Research

Expanded Mentorship

and Committee Access

Tangible Research

Support

Additional Investments in Graduate Students

- Minimum graduate assistant stipends have **increased 64% from Fall 2019 to Fall 2025**, making UMD the fifth highest among BTAA public schools.
- Introduction of College Resolution Officers
- Creation of Statement of Mutual Expectations process



Investing in Staff

STAFF FEARLESSLY FORWARD AWARDS

256

Nominations
50% Increase from
inaugural year (2023)

25

UMD staff who were awarded at
the third annual MVP Impact and
Terrapin Innovation Awards



14

Divisions



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SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISORS

Programs launched to support supervisors who play an essential role in leading and supporting the success of their teams.



Start

New Supervisor
Orientation



Go Deeper

Excellence in Supervision



A Resource for Supervisors

Supervisor Toolkit

275

Faculty and Staff completed the Excellence in Supervision training to date

378

Faculty and Staff supervisors are currently in the process of completing Excellence in Supervision training

Faculty Supports, Evaluations, and Rewards

EXCELLENCE

108 84

Memberships in the National Academies Members of the National Academies

119 5

AAAS Fellows

NSF CAREER Awards in 2025



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Supporting Faculty Excellence & Success

Announced December 2025

- Guidance and support resources for evaluation and promotion
- Faculty Support Team
- Research Resilience Initiatives
- Advancing PTK administrative reforms
- Launch of Leadership Development Programs
- Grand Challenges Grants 2.0
- Formation of APT Working Group

Formed for our tenure-track faculty, this group has considered revisions to the university's APT policy that better align our promotion criteria with our mission, values, and priorities.

Investing in All Terps: Mental Health and Well-being

65% Increase

In Terps reached through programming in 2025, totaling 17,231.

AVERAGE

1.87



Business days to schedule a visit with the Counseling Center. Wait times continue to decline.

xFOUNDRY: Mental Health Xperience Competition

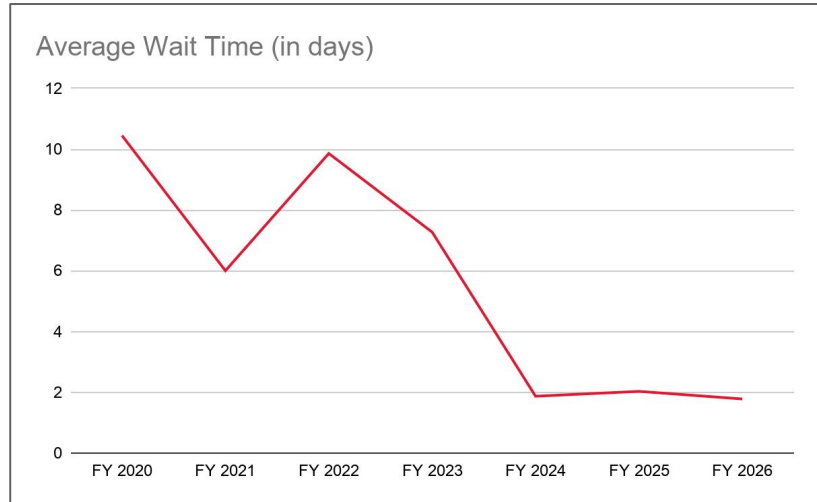
xFOUNDRY @ UMD

The Mental Health Xperience Competition empowers student teams to develop groundbreaking solutions tackling real-world mental health challenges.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING @ UMD

We are committed to fostering a culture of care so that every member of our community feels valued, empowered and supported.



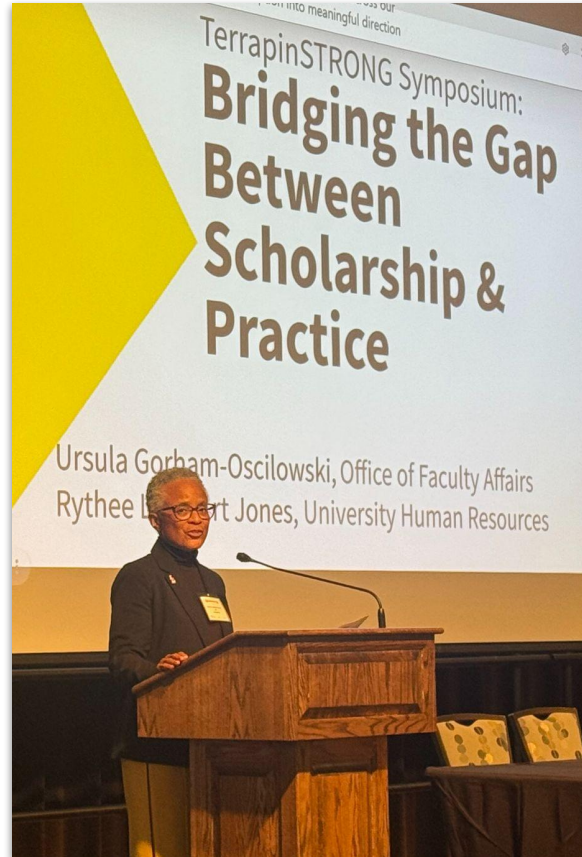
Announced
**July
2022**



Investments We're Making



The **Unity Center** opened its doors to the UMD community in Fall 2025. The Center's design is grounded in the collective voices of our student body and created to honor and celebrate the richness of our entire campus community. It is home to five lounges and a multipurpose room. The five lounge spaces are intentionally named to honor community, history, and connection.



In 2025 **TerrapinSTRONG** trained 9,224 community members, obtaining a 83% completion rate for all full-time employees.

The third annual TerrapinSTRONG Symposium hosted 175 participants and piloted a second virtual conference day with 45 participants. The conference's sessions focused on the theme of 'Navigating Change.'



WE PARTNER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC GOOD

Expand our impact through strategic research partnerships with **local, state, national, and global stakeholders**

Catalyze **innovation and entrepreneurship** for inclusive economic development

Enhance the **economy, educational outcomes, social justice, quality of life, and civic engagement** of our neighbors and neighborhoods through relationship-building and ongoing commitment to partnerships

We Partner to Advance the Public Good

- Center for Community Engagement
- Do Good Campus
- MPOWER Professorship Program
- Capital of Quantum & Discovery District
 - Enhancing P-20 Education in Maryland



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Center for Community Engagement

Announced
2023

A central hub to support impact-driven and community-centered research, teaching and service.

UMD earned one of the nation's highest recognitions for institutional excellence in community-engaged teaching, research and service.



Expanding Capacity

- Staff hires supporting faculty engagement, the Do Good Campus, and community partnerships
- New office and central location for the Center

Policy and Practice Impact

- Tracking community-engaged activities in Faculty Success
- Identifying community-engaged research in IRB process
- *In progress: integration into APT process*

Pathways Forward Resource Hub

Supporting Marylanders impacted by federal workforce layoffs, job transitions, and funding changes.

Has reached
14,239
users



Do Good Campus

\$460K

Cumulative inurement in to Do Good Campus Fund Projects and Signature Initiatives

↑10%
from 2024

Powered **27** projects across **all** colleges and schools.

Established Do Good Campus Signature Initiatives

- Mission Centered
- Focused Toward Transformative Change
- Catalyzes Students for Social Impact
- Identifiable Social Impact
- Fosters Collaborative Partnerships
- Longevity and Sustainability

Every UMD School and College is an active participant with Do Good

OUR VISION

To empower students, faculty and staff to apply their passions and ideas to make a social impact and **change the world for good**

Announced
9/26/23



MPOWERing the State



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MPOWERING THE STATE

A collaboration with UMB to strengthen and serve the state of Maryland and its citizens.



MPower Early Scholars Investment Fund

Protecting and strengthening the next generation of researchers. (Research Resilience Initiative)

- Provides short-term funding to protect and strengthen future researchers impacted by cuts to research
- Advances Maryland's future competitiveness
- Secures UMB-UMCP Joint Research Enterprise



Engineering and Medicine Partnership

Uniting disciplines to tackle health issues, drive medical innovation, and educate future leaders.

Edward and Jennifer St. John Center for Translational Engineering and Medicine

- Hub for innovation and collaboration
- Addresses real-world medical needs using a medical and engineering perspective
- Enhances education opportunities, joint research, and faculty access
- Co-locates faculty for synergy and impact

BS-MD Dual-Degree Pathway

- Bridges engineering, mathematics, data science, and medicine
- Creates seamless pathway to train the next generation of physician-engineers
- First cohort enrolled in eight-year program



University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing

Collaborating to improve the health of Maryland residents and advance the state's biotech industry.

135
Faculty, Staff, Postdocs,
and Students

20
Student Interns and
Trainees
in summer 2025

2
Government Agencies
Co-Located On-Site
*National Institutes of Health/
National Heart, Lung, and
Blood Institute and U.S. Food
and Drug Administration*

7
Provisional Patents,
Trademarks, or Copyrights
Submitted
and
1
Faculty Member Spin-Out
Company

20+
Industry Partnerships
in life sciences and
biotech sectors



Quantum & Discovery District

A region-wide initiative to solidify UMD's position as the Capital of Quantum.

200+
Quantum
Researchers

10
Quantum-focused
centers

#9
U.S. News
Best Graduate
Schools in Quantum

The Capital of Quantum

\$1B investment to support quantum research and training across the university and beyond

New Quantum Initiatives/Announcements

- Capital of Quantum Benchmarking Hub
- The ARLIS/UMD Institute for Quantum Applications
- Microsoft's Quantum Research Lab

Discovery District

60+

companies, federal agencies,
academic research institutes,
labs, and collaborative spaces

10

Startup companies

2M

square feet of office, retail,
residential, and research space

25

UMD entities, research
partners and affiliates



The Discovery District is now home to the 110,000-square-foot Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS) headquarters

Our Partnerships to Advance the Public Good



Terrapin STARS students and their families participated in a welcome session at the UMD Visitor Center for the second annual Terrapin STARS at Maryland Day event, which brought students from across the state to campus to explore the 26th annual Maryland Day. The Small Town & Rural Students (STARS) College Network supports students from these areas in exploring higher education opportunities that align with their passion and interests. 4,496 current undergraduate students are from STARS designated locations.

The Center for Community Engagement continues to lead efforts to **enhance P-20 education in Maryland**. This includes working across the university to identify 20+ tutoring and mentoring opportunities, providing access to community-based learning courses, as well as developing early college, research, and professional learning opportunities focused on local schools.



Reviewing our
impact and recognition

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Public University
for R&D Spending
Combined with
UMB
NSF HERD

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Top Patent
Producing U.S.
Public University
National Academy of
Inventors

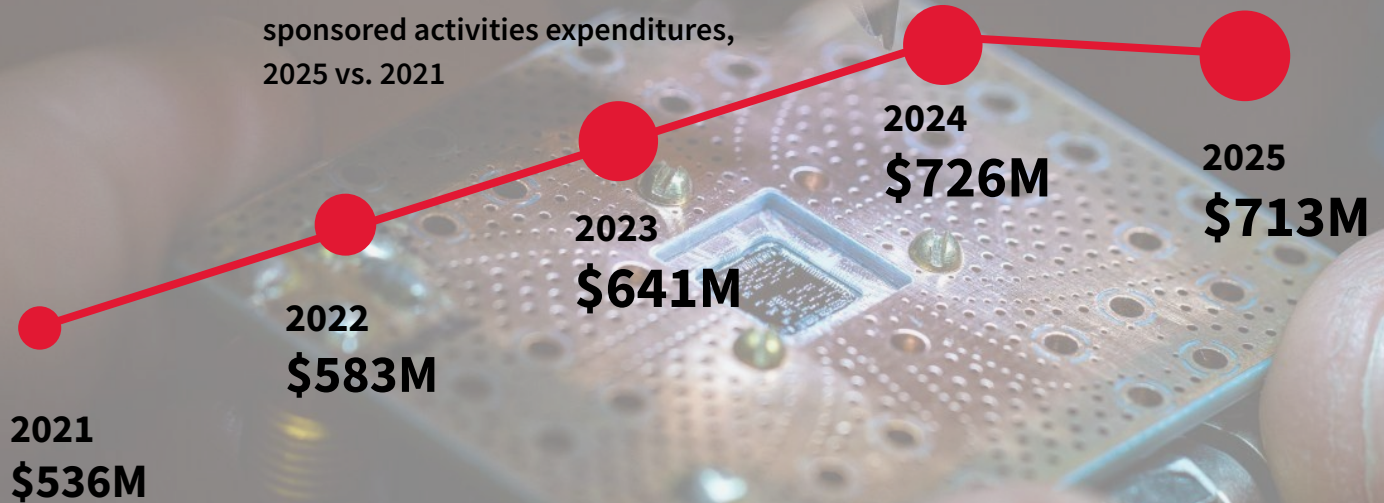
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➔ +\$177M

increase in UMD research and other
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**Undergraduate
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*The Princeton Review and
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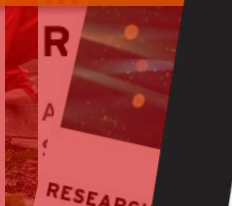
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External Funding From First Round
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Core Faculty Hires B
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Among All U.S. Universities, UMD Places No.
42—Another Record

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**Research, Support Early-
Career Scholars**

82 Projects Receive Research Resilience
Initiatives Funding Through UMD, MPower

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Power Funds Combine to Help
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