

A PLACE TO PARTNER

Graduate Research Innovation District (the Grid)



COMMUNITY SERVICES

As an anchor institution in West Baltimore, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) prides itself on establishing meaningful ways in which to integrate with and strengthen the neighborhoods that are west of our downtown campus and that are home to our many community engagement initiatives.

The Community Campus encompasses many UMB-affiliated programs and buildings, including the **Graduate Research Innovation District (the Grid)**. Opened in 2017, the Grid occupies a portion of the historic Lion Brothers building, located across the street from the new UMB Community Engagement Center.

“This is truly a space where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and entrepreneurs – inside and outside the University – can work shoulder to shoulder on the next big thing or the next small thing that can make a big difference.”

- **JAY A. PERMAN, MD**,
president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore



SUPPORTING NEW VENTURES THROUGH EDUCATION

University of Maryland (UM) Ventures and the University of Maryland Graduate School worked in partnership to create the Grid, an innovation space where students, faculty, and staff, as well as local entrepreneurs can access entrepreneurial education and programming initiatives and free, high-end business development services. Nearly a dozen startup companies reside at the Grid, injecting the space with an entrepreneurial spirit.



Community members working to launch new companies are able to collaborate with UM Ventures staff and engage with on-site experts, including UMB entrepreneurs-in-residence, advisors with the Maryland Small Business Development Center, and faculty and students working in the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic (IPEC).

Starting in fall 2019 the Grid will be home to the University of Maryland Graduate School's new Master of Science in Health and Social Innovation, providing graduate-level coursework that challenges students to explore and apply principles of innovation, entrepreneurship, and design thinking to solve complex health and social challenges. Housing the program in the Grid will anchor the program in West Baltimore, and provide students the opportunity to work alongside cutting-edge startups focused on innovative health science solutions.

UMB's capacity to serve the public good of Maryland and society-at-large through education, research, clinical care, service, and community outreach is enhanced through the support of benefactors who share a commitment to excellence and leadership. To invest in the University's mission to improve the human condition, please contact:

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