



SUPPORTING YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY



UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

University Early Stage Proof of Concept Fund – (ADVANCE): Supports early stage commercialization activities; projects will benefit through the achievement of critical early stage milestones which will lead to follow-on commercialization activities and funding.

Technology Transfer Talent Network (T3N):
A collaboration between universities that supports university projects and startups with postdocs, fellows and mentor talent.

Michigan Translational Research and Commercialization (MTRAC) Program: Statewide innovation hubs in five key technical areas: life sciences, advanced transportation, ag bio, advanced computing, and advanced applied materials. MTRAC innovation hubs support projects from all institutions of higher education, hospital systems and nonprofit research centers.

EARLY STAGE FUNDING

Business Accelerator Fund (BAF): Provides funding to participating business accelerators in the SmartZone network to support the delivery of highly specialized services to clients, which would otherwise be unavailable.

Emerging Technologies Fund (ETF): Supports technology companies in federal research and development by providing matching dollars to Phase I and Phase II Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) projects.

First Capital Fund: Provides “genesis” funds (up to \$150,000) to new technology companies at the earliest stages of commercialization across the state of Michigan.

Michigan Pre-Seed Fund III: Supports high-tech startup companies as they near commercial viability by providing access to early-stage capital, accelerating company development.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SmartZones: Offers a statewide network of 21 technology business accelerators in distinct geographical locations where technology-based companies, entrepreneurs and researchers can locate near community assets that assist in their endeavors.

Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Tech Team: Provides consulting to innovative tech companies through its “Tech Team” of Michigan business consultants who have many years of first-hand experience launching and growing high tech companies.

BBC Entrepreneurial Training and Consulting (BBCetc): Manages the Michigan SBIR/STTR Assistance Program which provides group training and one-on-one proposal development consulting to Michigan’s technology-based entrepreneurs and early-stage companies.

To learn more about these and other resources available to tech entrepreneurs visit:
michiganbusiness.org/entrepreneurship



ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION "SUBWAY MAP" OF CURRENT PROGRAMS



- MSF Funded, MEDC Administered Programs
- University
- New Start Up Company
- Existing Company