Benefiting Society and the Economy 
academic technology transfer for 2016

$66.9 billion
Research Expenditures

25,825
Invention Disclosures

1,024
Startups Formed

2016
Technology Transfer Lifecycle

Public Use and Economic Growth

800
New Products Created

Product Development

Licensing

IP Protection

Marketing

Evaluation

Research & Development

7,730
Licenses & Options Executed

16,487
New U.S. Patent Applications Filed

7,021
U.S. Patents Issued

Every year university research yields discoveries with commercial potential.

Technology transfer professionals associated with universities and other academic institutions manage the complex process of shepherding ideas from the lab to the marketplace — from evaluating and protecting discoveries to commercializing the inventions through new and existing companies.

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Driving the Innovation Economy
academic technology transfer in numbers

From 1996 to 2015...

$1.3 trillion contributed to U.S. gross industrial output

$591 billion contributed to U.S. gross domestic product

4.3 million jobs supported

380,000+ inventions disclosed...

80,000+ U.S. patents issued...

to research institutions in the past 25 years

11,000+ startups formed since 1995

70% of university innovations licensed to startups and small companies

200+ drugs and vaccines developed through public-private partnerships since Bayh-Dole Act enacted in 1980

The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) is a nonprofit leader in educating, developing, promoting and inspiring technology transfer practitioners to make the world a better place through the commercialization of academic research. AUTM’s global community of 3,200 members represent businesses and government organizations, and more than 350 universities, research institutions and teaching hospitals.