Driving the Innovation Economy
Academic Technology Transfer In Numbers

From 1996 to 2017, up to...

- $1.7 trillion contributed to U.S. gross industrial output
- $865 billion contributed to U.S. gross domestic product
- 5.9 million jobs supported

- 480,000+ inventions disclosed...
- 117,000+ U.S. patents issued...

- 15,000+ startups formed
- 68% of university licenses are to startups and small companies
- 200+ drugs and vaccines developed through public-private partnerships since Bayh-Dole Act enacted in 1980


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Benefiting Society and the Economy
Academic Technology Transfer For 2020

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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- $83.1 billion Research Expenditures
- 27,112 Invention Disclosures
- 6,567 Startups Still Operational as of FY2020
- 1,117 Startups Formed
- 933 New Products Created
- 10,050 Licenses & Options Executed
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Technology Transfer Life Cycle 2020

Research & Development
Invention
Public Use & Economic Growth
Evaluation
Product Development
IP Protection
Licensing
Marketing

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