Vision: To make U-M a global leader in high-impact biosciences research, from fundamental discovery through practical application, for the benefit of society.
1 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES

• Large-scale efforts to advance major new directions
• Up to five faculty positions; can also include admin. and core resources
• Chairs/Directors work with faculty to design
• Involve three or more schools/colleges/departments
2 SCIENCE SYNERGY INITIATIVES

• Build on U-M’s strengths to take existing efforts to higher levels of impact
• Up to three faculty positions; can also include admin. and core resources
• Faculty groups to design
• Involve multiple schools/colleges/departments
EXPLORATORY FUNDING PROPOSALS

- For activities exploring new scientific opportunities or initiatives
- Available to individual faculty members (or small teams)
- Outward facing, such as: national/international workshops, sabbaticals bringing unique expertise to U-M, creating new U-M partnerships (excluding faculty salary and research expenses)
- One budget year funding requests of up to $100K to be awarded.
TIMELINES FOR RFA PROCESS
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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES AND SCIENCE SYNERGY INITIATIVES

• Letter of Intent due: April 30, 2018
• Invitations for Full Proposals to be sent: June 1, 2018
• Due dates for Full Proposals: August 31, 2018
• Notice of Award: October 19, 2018
• Program to run for 4 cycles, 2018 - 2021
TIMELINE FOR EXPLORATORY FUNDING PROPOSALS

• No LOI required
• Due dates for Full Proposals: August 31, 2018
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• RFA will occur annually until 2021
LETTER OF INTENT
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A Letter of Intent (LOI) is due April 30, 2018, for the Scientific Research Initiatives and Science Synergy Initiatives only. The LOI should include a two-page Executive Summary clearly stating the problem the proposal seeks to address, the strategies for addressing the problem, the resources required, and a compelling argument as to why this initiative can make Michigan a global leader in the field.

LOIs should also include a page with key personnel members.

For Scientific Research Initiatives, also describe how ongoing departmental recruiting will align with the initiative. Scientific Research Initiatives should also include a completed form page including signatures of relevant department chairs and deans; this signature page is not required for Science Synergy Initiatives until submission of the full proposal.
ELIGIBILITY

PIs must hold faculty appointments at UM-Ann Arbor. All UM-Ann Arbor faculty may participate.

Proposals should be focused on solving important biological problems, and may utilize biological sciences and convergent disciplines.
NEXT STEPS
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**February to April:** Collaborate. Reach out to colleagues to create interdisciplinary ideas and find thought partners ([experts.umich.edu](experts.umich.edu)).

Attend one or two workshops offered by the Biosciences Initiative Coordinating Committee.

Brainstorm, interact with research partners on Ann Arbor campus, and develop your ideas.

Engage with [Biosciences Initiative Coordinating Committee](https://biosciences.umich.edu) members and get questions answered.

Contact the Biosciences Initiative if you have any questions: [biosciences@umich.edu](mailto:biosciences@umich.edu)
NEXT STEPS

RFA Workshops

Wednesday, February 28
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Great Lakes Room South, Palmer Commons

Tuesday, March 13
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Great Lakes South, Palmer Commons
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