

## University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) FY 2018 Capital Budget

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- In the last ten years, UMBC has seen a 50 percent increase in undergraduate and graduate enrollment in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors, outpacing UMBC's overall enrollment growth of 16 percent during the same period.
- The proposed Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building is an essential element of our plans to sustain our success in helping students of every background graduate in STEM majors in high demand in Maryland's workforce. The new building will reduce our current teaching space deficit with addition of active learning classrooms, teaching labs, and a good manufacturing practice (GMP) lab that will serve 1,800 FTE STEM students annually.
- A hallmark of UMBC's undergraduate experience is the integration of teaching and research that allows STEM majors to graduate with a breadth of experience that positions them for success in highly competitive fields.
- The Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building features flexible and adaptable research laboratories for innovative, team-based life science research. This space will facilitate millions of dollars annually in additional extramural research funding at UMBC that will also advance Maryland's innovation economy.
- UMBC is grateful to the Governor and the General Assembly for their sustained support of this important project with \$40.2 million in FY 2018 construction and equipment funding. With your continued help, we will remain on schedule and move into the building over the summer of 2019.