

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Project Agreements with the University of Michigan

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into or amend Agreements

Preamble:

Statutory conflicts of interest situations were identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing Proposal Approval Forms that then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board and/or the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee. Plans for management of the possible risks associated with the conflicts of interest will be developed and approved by the Board and/or Committee and may require agreement by the parties involved at time of award.

These proposed project (e.g., research, sponsored activity, and/or subcontract) agreements ("Agreement") and/or amendments to Agreements ("Amendments") fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because University of Michigan ("University") employees have activities, relationships, or interests in the companies as described in Attachment A. The law permits such Agreements provided they are disclosed to the Board of Regents ("Regents") of the University and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreements and/or Amendments conform to University policy. The funding support will not exceed the amount reported in Attachment A for each Agreement and/or Amendment. Since projects are often amended, these Agreements and/or Amendments include provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreements and/or Amendments will provide support of investigator's effort to use their expertise and University laboratories, as well as other University resources, to execute the projects as reported in Attachment A.

Recommendations:

These matters have been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board and/or the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreements and Amendments were negotiated in

conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University's entering into or amending the Agreements referenced in Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur Lupia", written in dark ink.

Arthur Lupia
Vice President for Research and Innovation

March 2026

Attachment A

Project #1

Subcontract Agreement between the University and Arbor Research Collaborative for Health Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Data Research Center (CDRC)	U-M Project ID: 26-PAF05872
Direct Sponsor: Arbor Research Collaborative for Health	Prime Sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Principal Investigator/Department: Amy Pienta, ICPSR-Business and Collection	
Project Start Date: 3/15/2026 Project End Date: 3/14/2031	Funding Support: \$5,835,492
Purpose: The purpose of this project is to provide specialized operational and research support for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Data Access Program, enabling secure, compliant, and efficient access to restricted CMS data for researchers and organizations while advancing privacy protection, compliance monitoring, and policy-relevant health system improvement.	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Arbor Research Collaborative for Health</u> • Paula Lantz; Professor, Public Policy; Member, Board of Directors • Marianne Udow-Phillips; LEO Intermittent Lecturer, Health Management and Policy; Officer, Board of Directors	

Project #2

Subcontract Agreement between the University and AUTHENTIQ CORP. Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: Opto-Excitonic Physical Unclonable Functions	U-M Project ID: 26-PAF03384
Direct Sponsor: AUTHENTIQ CORP.	Prime Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Principal Investigator/Department: Parag Deotare, EECS - ECE - OPT	
Project Start Date: 4/1/2026 Project End Date: 3/31/2027	Funding Support: \$137,250
Purpose: The purpose of this project is to understand two-dimensional (2D) material degradation over time by providing optical characterization of materials/samples provided by AUTHENTIQ CORP.	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with AUTHENTIQ CORP.</u> • Parag Deotare; Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science – Electrical And Computer Engineering (EECS – ECE) Division; Partial Owner	

Project #3

Subcontract Agreement between the University and EVOQ Therapeutics, Inc. Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: Immunomodulator-Loaded NanoDiscs as a Next-Generation Tolerogenic Platform	U-M Project ID: 26-PAF01254
Direct Sponsor: EVOQ Therapeutics, Inc.	Prime Sponsor: Health and Human Services, Department of-National Institutes of Health-Subcontracts
Principal Investigator/Department: James Moon, Pharmaceutical Sciences	
Project Start Date: 4/1/2026 Project End Date: 3/31/2028	Funding Support: \$300,000
Purpose: The purpose of this project is to develop new technologies for inducing immune tolerance against autoimmune diseases.	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with EVOQ Therapeutics, Inc.</u> • James Moon; Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences; Partial Owner • Anna Schwendeman; Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences; Partial Owner	

Project #4

Subcontract Agreement between the University and Fourth State Technologies Inc. Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: Towards a Scalable Continuous Flow Plasma Water Treatment Architecture for PFAS Remediation and Water Reuse, Ph II	U-M Project ID: 26-PAF01075
Direct Sponsor: Fourth State Technologies Inc.	Prime Sponsor: Department of Agriculture
Principal Investigator/Department: John Foster, Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences	
Project Start Date: 4/1/2026 Project End Date: 3/31/2028	Funding Support: \$200,000
Purpose: The purpose of this project is to develop a scalable continuous flow plasma water treatment architecture for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) destruction.	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Fourth State Technologies Inc.</u> • John Foster; Professor, Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences; Partial Owner • Curt Wolf; Strategic Director, Civil & Environmental Engineering; Partial Owner	

Project #5

Other Sponsored Activity Agreement between the University and Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: U-M DNEP & Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) Access to Capital x CFO Boot Camp Series	U-M Project ID: 26-PAF05903
Direct Sponsor: Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation	
Principal Investigator/Department: Gerald Davis, Ross Business+Impact	
Project Start Date: 3/13/2026 Project End Date: 4/30/2026	Funding Support: \$5,000
Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to establish a partnership between U-M's Detroit Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Project and Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation that will have four components: workshops, lender meet-up, one-on-one account appointments, and video content.	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation</u> • Dale Thomson; Professor, Dearborn Political Science; Officer, Board of Directors	

Project #6

Subcontract Agreement between the University and H3D, Inc.
Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee

Project Information

Title: Characterization of Equipment Contamination with a CZT Imaging Spectrometer and Passive and Induced Gamma-Ray Signatures - H3D		U-M Project ID: 25-PAF05556
Direct Sponsor: H3D, Inc.		Prime Sponsor: Energy, Department of
Principal Investigator/Department: Igor Jovanovic, Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences		
Project Start Date: 7/8/2025 Project End Date: 4/7/2026		Funding Support: \$9,459
Purpose: The purpose of this project is to improve algorithms to detect and identify contamination within facilities.		
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with H3D, Inc.</u> • Zhong He; Professor, Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences; Partial Owner		

Project #7

Amendment to Other Sponsored Activity Agreement between the University and Mekanistic Therapeutics, Inc.
Reviewed by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board

Project Information

Title: Evaluation of In Vivo Antitumor Activity of MTX-531		U-M Project ID: 26-PAF04658
Direct Sponsor: Mekanistic Therapeutics, Inc.		
Principal Investigator/Department: Judith Leopold, Radiology		
Current Project Start Date: 10/1/2024 Current Project End Date: 9/30/2026 Revised Project End Date: 12/31/2026		Current Funding Support: \$220,563 Additional Funding Support: \$238,581
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to add time and funds so Dr. Leopold may extend in vivo evaluation of MTX-531 to include a broad spectrum of non head & neck tumor models.		
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Mekanistic Therapeutics, Inc.</u> • Judith Leopold; Research Professor, Radiology; Partial Owner • Mary Stewart; Research Administrator Senior, Radiology; Partial Owner		

Project #8

Subcontract Agreement between the University and the Michigan Public Health Institute Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: Building and evaluating a model for rapid maternal mental health response system for home visitors	U-M Project ID: 25-PAF07880
Direct Sponsor: Michigan Public Health Institute	Prime Sponsor: Michigan Health Endowment Fund
Principal Investigator/Department: Rena Menke, MM Psychiatry Zero to Thrive	
Project Start Date: 10/1/2025 Project End Date: 9/30/2027	Funding Support: \$241,068
Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to support home visitors on expanding, enhancing, and increasing access to mental health resources.	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Michigan Public Health Institute</u>	
Denise Anthony; Professor, Health Management and Policy; Officer, Board of Directors	

Project #9

Subcontract Agreement between the University and Mitophilix, Inc. Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee	
<u>Project Information</u>	
Title: First-in-Class Small Molecule Therapeutics for Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer	U-M Project ID: 26-PAF01182
Direct Sponsor: Mitophilix, Inc.	Prime Sponsor: Health and Human Services, Department of-National Institutes of Health-Subcontracts
Principal Investigator/Department: Nouri Neamati, Medicinal Chemistry	
Project Start Date: 4/1/2026 Project End Date: 3/31/2027	Funding Support: \$150,000
Purpose: The purpose of this project is to develop AGB374 into an effective small molecule therapeutic that improves patient outcomes from pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC).	
<u>University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Mitophilix, Inc.</u>	
Nouri Neamati; Professor, Medicinal Chemistry; Partial Owner	