

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

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 Conflict of Interest Offices while reviewing Proposal Approval Forms that then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board ("Board") and/or the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee ("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 projects (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 Board and/or the 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 black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hurn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Hurn

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation

September 2026

Attachment

Attachment A

Project #1

Research Agreement between the University and Cerillo, Inc.

Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee

Title: Modeling Airway Host–Microbe Interactions using the Cerillo Alto System: Epithelial and Macrophage Responses to Commensal Bacteria

U-M Project ID: 26-PAF09228

Direct Sponsor: Cerillo, Inc.

Principal Investigator/Department: Ariangela Kozik, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology

Project Start Date: 1/1/2026

Project End Date: 12/31/2027

Funding Support: Non-financial incentives valued at \$14,295

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to optimize a macrophage–bacteria co-culture model using the Cerillo Alto system to study how airway commensal bacteria modulate macrophage inflammatory responses and polarization.

University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Cerillo, Inc.:

- Paul Jensen; Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering; Partial Owner

Project #2**Other Sponsored Activity Agreement between the University and McFarlan Charitable Corporation****Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee**

Title: Senior Housing Gap Analysis for Genesee County and the City of Flint

U-M Project ID: 26-PAF09769

Direct Sponsor: McFarlan Charitable Corporation

Principal Investigator/Department: Paula Nas, UM-Flint Office of Economic Development and Community Engagement

Project Start Date: 9/1/2026

Project End Date: 8/31/2027

Funding Support: \$17,845

Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to complete a senior housing gap analysis for McFarlan Charitable Corporation as they examine the expansion and renovation of various senior housing they operate within the City of Flint and Genesee County.

University Employee; University Title; Relationship with McFarlan Charitable Corporation

- Donna Fry; Professor, UM-Flint Physical Therapy; Officer, Board of Directors

Project #3**Subcontract Agreement between the University and Skeletalis, Inc.****Reviewed by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board****Title:** Bone-Targeted Small Molecule Protease Inhibitors for Treating Prostate Cancer Bone Metastases**U-M Project ID:** 27-PAF01242**Direct Sponsor:** Skeletalis, Inc.**Prime Sponsor:** Defense, Department of-Defense Health Agency**Principal Investigator/Department:** Evan Keller, MM Urology**Project Start Date:** 4/1/2028**Project End Date:** 3/31/2031**Funding Support:** \$1,050,000**Purpose:** Demonstrate anti-metastatic efficacy of a targeted cathepsin K inhibitor (OASIS-CTSKi) in vivo in a prostate cancer (PCa) bone metastasis model.**University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Skeletalis, Inc.:**

- Colin Greineder; Associate Professor Of Emergency Medicine; Partial Owner

Project #4**Subcontract Agreement between the University and Ulendo Technologies, Inc.****Reviewed by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Committee****Title:** NSF SBIR Phase II B: Vibration Compensation for Silicon Wafer Handling Robots**U-M Project ID:** 27-PAF00472**Direct Sponsor:** Ulendo Technologies, Inc.**Prime Sponsor:** National Science Foundation**Principal Investigator/Department:** Chinedum Okwudire, Mechanical Engineering**Project Start Date:** 9/1/2026**Project End Date:** 8/31/2027**Funding Support:** \$61,800**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to support Ulendo Technologies, Inc. with testing and validating vibration compensation algorithms on a silicon wafer handling robot.**University Employee; University Title; Relationship with Ulendo Technologies, Inc.:**

- Chinedum Okwudire; Professor, Mechanical Engineering; Partial Owner