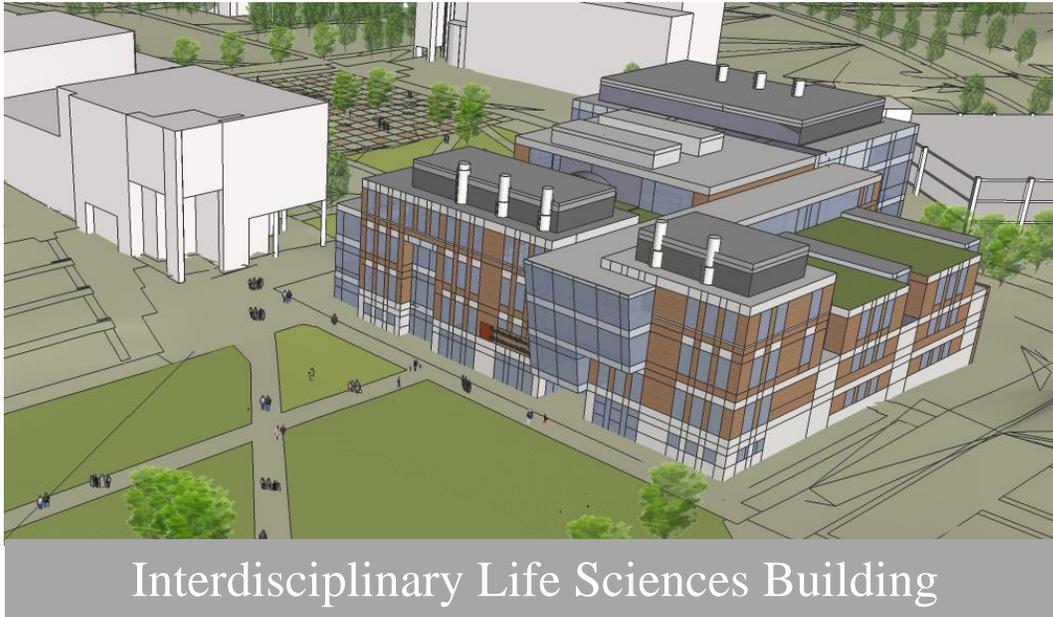


## University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) FY 2016 Capital Budget

---



- Over the past decade, UMBC has seen a 48 percent increase in enrollment in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors, outpacing UMBC's overall enrollment growth of 18 percent during the same period. In the past year alone, STEM majors increased by 6 percent, from 5,873 to 6,212 and now represent almost 55 percent of the majors chosen.
- 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 demanding STEM majors. 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 continued support of this important project with \$6 million in FY 2016 design funding. With your continued help, we begin design this year, start construction in 2017, and move into the building over the summer of 2019.