State of the Campus

Darryll J. Pines, President
March 4, 2026

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Thanks and Appreciation

Remember:

Challenges = Opportunities

MARYLAND GIVING DAY

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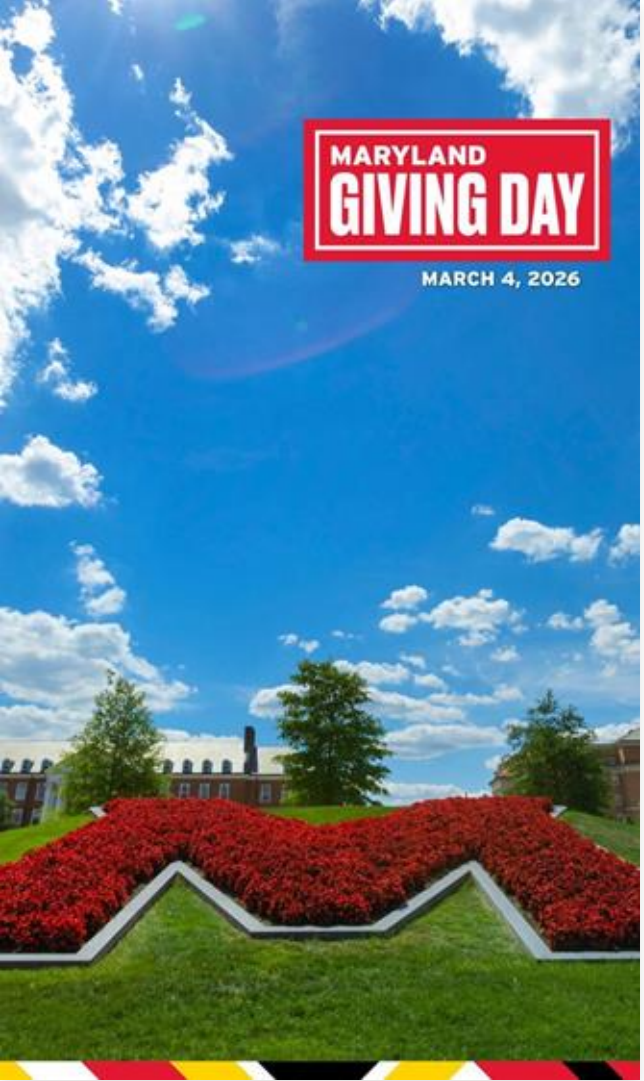

Givingday.umd.edu

$26M+ raised through Giving Day since its start in 2014

In 2025, **9,000** donors of all kinds gave **$5.3M**

AGENDA

- Indicators of Excellence
- Awards & Honors
- Campus Updates
- Grand Challenges
- Terp Pride

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Indicators of Excellence

2026 Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement

An elective designation awarded by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that highlights an institution's **commitment to and excellence in community engagement**.

Research Success

National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) Survey

#9 among public institutions along with University of Maryland, Baltimore

#14 among all U.S. institutions, up four spots from last year

$1.54B combined research expenditures, an increase of more than **$154M** from last year and **$440M** since FY19

Inaugural World's Top Universities Rankings

- **#9** for Academic Capacity & Performance among U.S. Public Institutions
  - *Resources devoted to teaching and research, and results achieved in scholarly output and academic excellence*
- **#17** Overall in U.S. Public Institutions
- **#40** Overall in United States
- **#93** Overall in the World

Top Ten

U.S. News & World Report

Undergraduate:
- Computer Science
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Information Systems
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering

Graduate:
- Student Counseling
- Education Psychology
- Higher Ed Administration
- Information Systems
- Homeland Security

Online:
- MBA Marketing
- Master of Engineering Program

Forbes

- Top Colleges
- Best Employers by State

NSF

- Research Enterprise

NAI National Academy of Inventors

- Patents Awarded

TIME

- Academic Capacity & Performance

The Chronicle of Higher Education

- Four- and Six-Year Graduation Rates
- Computer and Information Sciences Graduates
- Average Pay for Full Professors
- Producer of Fulbright Scholars

FAST COMPANY

- "Ignition Schools" Impact through entrepreneurship and innovation

The Princeton Review

- Undergraduate entrepreneurship

- 60 students earned Gilman Scholarships

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- Top Performers for Research

Clarivate

- 31 Highly Cited Researchers

NBER | National Bureau of Economic Research

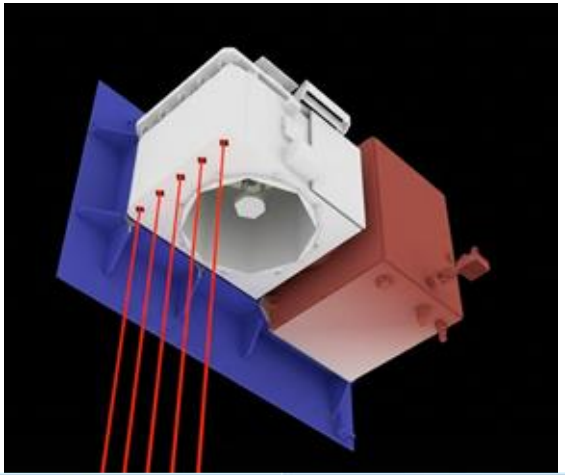
- Ph.D.s in Quantum Science, Artificial Intelligence, Space Technology, Networked Sensing, and Data Privacy and Cybersecurity (2025)

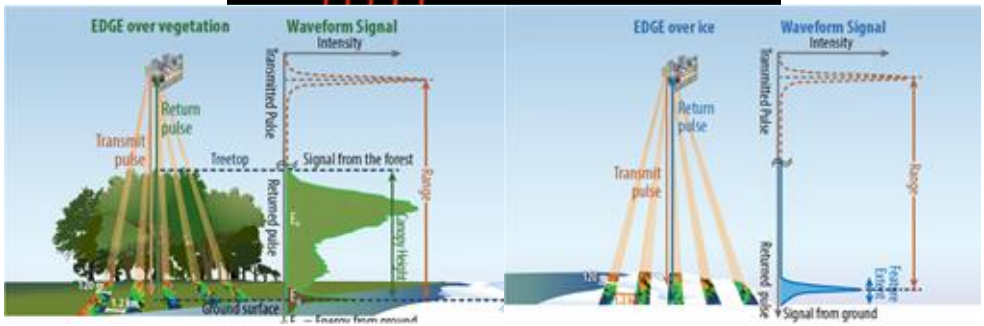
UMD to Lead Satellite Mission

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES

Six UMD researchers are part of a team that will lead NASA's new **Earth Dynamics Geodetic Explorer (EDGE)** satellite mission.

With up to **$355M** in support, EDGE is scheduled to launch in 2030 with the goal of providing high-resolution, 3D measurements of more of the Earth's surface than ever before.





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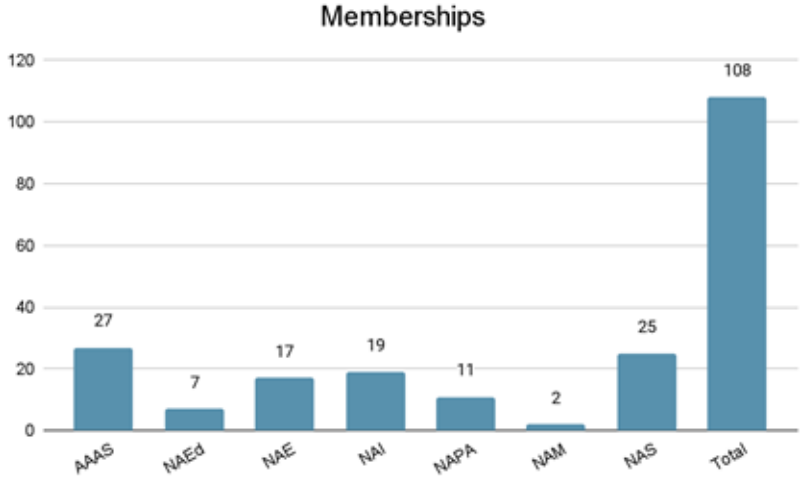
Awards & Honors

National Academies

- **108 Total Memberships**
  - Education
  - Engineering
  - Sciences
  - Inventors
  - Medicine
  - Public Administration
  - American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- **38 New Memberships** Since 2020

Professor Srinivasa Raghavan, President Darryll J. Pines,
Professor Daniel J. Nelson and Visiting Professor Peggy G. Carr



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
NATIONAL ACADEMY of EDUCATION
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
NAI NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

Accolades

- **Samuel Graham Jr.** was named a Black Marylander to Watch by The Baltimore Sun
- **Kimberly Griffin** and **David Blazar** named to *Education Week*'s 2026 RHSU Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings
- **Richard Bell**'s new book, "The American Revolution and the Fate of the World," won the 2025 Journal of the American Revolution Annual Book Award
- **Stephanie Draminski**, **Kurt Klier** and **Michael Herdson** received the LifeSaving Award for Professional Responders from the American Red Cross
- **Yichao Zhang** and team were named to *Physics World*'s Top 10 Breakthroughs of the Year for capturing the highest-resolution images ever taken of individual atoms in a material
- **Francis DuVinage** received the 2026 Churchill Adviser Award
- **Ivania Stack** received the Anderson Hopkins Award for Excellence in Theatre Arts

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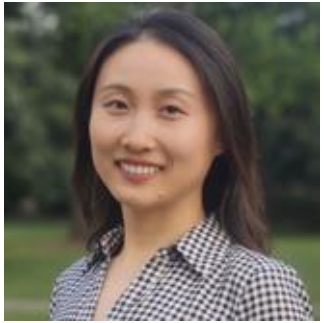

Yichao Zhang

Marshall Scholarships

- **Dhruvak Mirani** (computer science and international relations) will seek an M.S. in global security at the University of Glasgow, then an M.S. in cybersecurity at King's College London.
- **Sarah Cobau '24** (history and philosophy, politics and economics) will pursue an M.S. in environment and development at the University of Edinburgh and M.A. in history at University College London.
- First time two Terps have received the award, bringing UMD's Marshall total to eight.

Athletics Academic Achievements

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Campus Updates

In Memoriam: Elaine Johnson Coates ’59

- First African American woman to receive an undergraduate degree at UMD, passed away on February 14 and celebrated at campus memorial service.
- Daughter of railroad porter and domestic worker, entered UMD at age 17. One of first seven African American undergraduates to live on UMD’s campus and only one of that group to graduate four years later.
- Received honorary degree, portrait in Benjamin Building and namesake of Johnson-Whittle Hall along with the late Hiram Whittle, first African American UMD undergraduate.
- **“Turn scars into stars”**

Research Resilience Initiatives

Preserve, Pivot and Grow Program

- Preserve strategic institutional investments, support researchers pivoting their current portfolio, and grow research enterprise
- Track 1 (Strategic Initiatives): **7** awards of **$2.4M** across **6** colleges
- Track 2 (At-Risk Faculty/Labs): **18** awards of **$900K** across **8** colleges

MPower Early Scholars Investment Fund

- Short-term, high-impact initiative to sustain scholar pipeline and protect joint UMD-UMB research enterprise
- Track 1 (Junior TTK): **20** awards of **$1M** across **9** colleges
- Track 2 (GA): **31** awards of **$750K** across **7** colleges
- Track 3 (Postdoc): **6** awards of **$225K** across **5** colleges

Total: $5.25M for 82 Projects Spanning More than 30 Disciplines

State Budget Update

Budget Trends

- **$2.998B** operating budget for UMD in FY27, increasing slightly overall due to health care, pension, etc.
  - Base appropriation cut of **$12.2M**, following reduction of **$28M** in FY25 and **$59M** in FY26
  - TBD funding/impact of COLA, Merit, etc. in FY27

Budget Highlights

- **$44.3M** for new Health and Human Sciences complex
- **$16.3M** to complete Zupnik Hall

Capital of Quantum

$74M total in Governor's proposed FY27 budget for UMD, IonQ and University of Maryland Enterprise Corporation quantum initiatives

$40M Capital Funding

- **$20M** for new IonQ headquarters
- **$20M** to renovate and equip Deep Tech facilities in Discovery District, including Microsoft Quantum Research Center

$34M Operating Funding

- **$20M** to expand Quantum Startup Foundry and quantum testbeds including National Quantum Lab (QLab)
- **$7M** for faculty hiring cluster initiative
- **$5M** for test and evaluation experts
- **$2M** to support new testbeds, recruit and support quantum tech companies, and compete nationally

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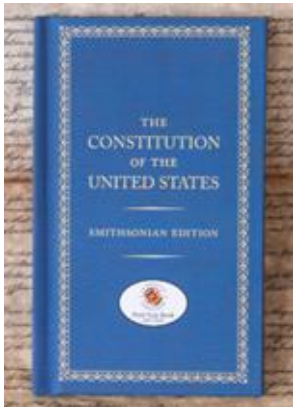
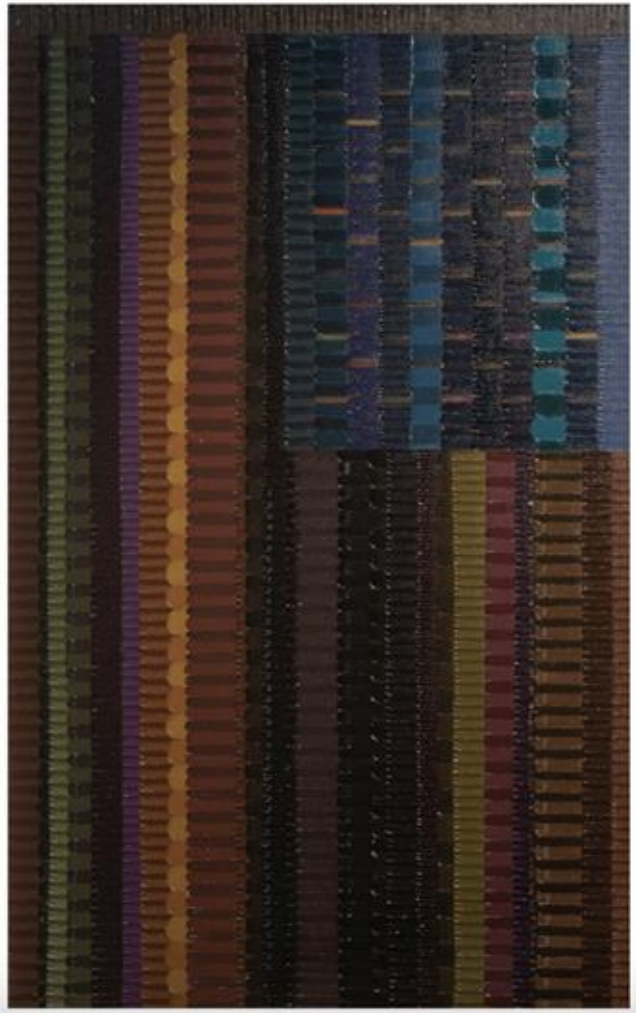


- Spring Do Good Summit on democratic institutions and civic leadership (SPP)
- Spring panel discussion on 250 years of American public health (SPH)
- Fall architecture seminar on historic preservation of founding era sites including Mount Vernon and Independence Hall (ARCH)
- Fall conference and exhibition with Universities Studying Slavery consortium (LIBR)
- Joni Floyd, curator of Maryland and Historical Collections at UMD, is serving as a MD 250 Commissioner



AMERICA WILL BE!

- Driskell Center exhibit open now through May 8
- Explores the complexities of the American experiment through the flag
- 25 artworks, objects and documents created across generations and regions

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Grand Challenges Grants

By the numbers

50
projects

450
partnerships

$30M
UMD investment

$55M
in additional external funding secured

100%
Maryland counties benefited

6,500
students involved

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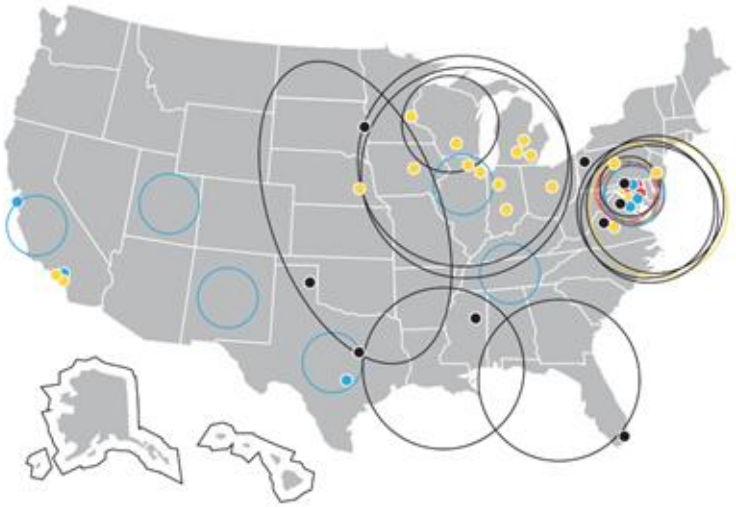
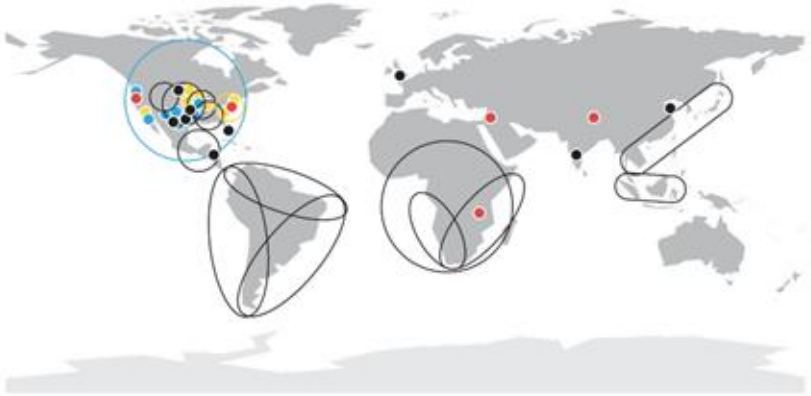
Public Impact Research

UNITED STATES IMPACT



INTERNATIONAL IMPACT



45 Projects | **33** States | **26** Cities | **117** Named Countries

Institutional Grant | Impact Award | Team Project Award | Individual Project Award | Regional Impact

PROTECTING OUR PLANET

- Climate Resilience Network
- Observing Wildfires Through UAVs and Fire Imaging Technologies
- Programmable Design of Sustainable, All-Natural Plastic Substitutes

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- Modeling the Evolution of Avian Influenza Viruses
- Water Emergency Team
- Global FEWture Alliance

STRENGTHENING CIVIC FOUNDATIONS

- Maryland Initiative for Literacy and Equity
- Maryland Democracy Initiative
- Seizing Opportunities: Social Capital, Businesses and Communities

ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

- Music Education for All Through Personalized AI and Digital Humanities
- Fostering Inclusivity through Technology
- Maryland Initiative for Digital Accessibility

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Grand Challenges Grants 2.0

- **Institutional Awards**: Up to three awards of **$1.5M** over three years
- **Team Awards**: Up to seven awards of **$600K** over three years
- All proposals require collaboration across multiple disciplines and must represent at least two (Team) or three (Institutional) colleges

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