



PARTNERS

- University of Maryland
- Bowie State University
- Morgan State University
- Coppin State University
- University of Baltimore

ACTIVITIES

- Entrepreneurship support
- Entrepreneurs-in-Residence
- Startup Fundamentals Workshops
- I-Corps-style Customer Discovery training

CLIENTS

- Entrepreneurs and innovators
- Small businesses and start-ups
- Students, faculty, and community members
- Communities and higher-learning institutions

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About the Maryland Innovation Extension, an EDA University Center Partnership

The Maryland Innovation Extension is a partnership among five universities: the University of Maryland, Bowie State University, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, and the University of Baltimore. The extension, along with additional regional partners such as the UM Ventures' Baltimore Fund, TEDCO, and the University System of Maryland, are collaborating to bring entrepreneurial resources to the entire state of Maryland, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups in entrepreneurship.

The primary resources offered to current and aspiring Maryland entrepreneurs include:

I-Corps Customer Discovery Program

I-Corps training has a proven track record in helping entrepreneurs rapidly create and test their business models using real customer feedback. Through the Maryland Innovation Extension, I-Corps training is free for all Maryland-based entrepreneurs and individuals with a business idea.

I-Corps short courses are offered multiple times per year. Please review the program details page to learn more about the structure of the program and review the upcoming cohorts page for a list of upcoming programs.

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Entrepreneurs-in-Residence

Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIRs) are available to speak with entrepreneurs at any stage in building their venture. These mentors have tremendous experience in developing their own startups, as well as helping others navigate entrepreneurship. EIRs are for faculty, staff, and students affiliated with our partner institutions, as well as TEDCO awardees.

[SIGN UP TO MEET WITH AN EIR](#)

Startup Fundamentals Workshops

Access to free entrepreneurship training can be hard to find. The Maryland Innovation Extension leverages existing entrepreneurial resources at our partner schools to offer workshops in many areas, ranging from how to set up accounting books to how to approach a venture capitalist.

Workshops are offered an average of 1-2 times per week. Many of these workshops are recorded, and are viewable on the [Startup UMD YouTube channel](#). Participants who wish to attend live will be able to come and ask their questions directly to expert presenters.

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