

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) FY 2017 Capital Budget



- In the last five years, UMBC has seen a 40 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors, outpacing UMBC's overall enrollment growth of 10 percent during the same period.
- 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 an additional 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 sustained support of this important project. With \$8.3 million in FY 2017 design and construction funding, the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building will begin construction next spring and remain on track to hold its first classes in fall 2019 .