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**Abstract:**
MassTERi is a faculty-led initiative to foster entrepreneurship among UMass Medical School students, postdocs and faculty, and facilitate translation of UMMS discoveries into drugs, products, technologies and companies. The mission of MassTERi is to
- foster a culture of entrepreneurship at UMass Medical School and facilitate dynamic partnerships with industry,
- bridge the gap between UMMS discoveries and their development into drugs, products, technologies and companies,
- educate and nurture the next generation of translational scientists and entrepreneurs,
- benefit the public good through development and commercialization of new therapies and creation of high-value life science jobs.

We will present information about MassTERi and our programs.

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