Innovation at Work
Wisconsin

Total Direct and Indirect Economic Output of the Biopharmaceutical Sector
$11.6 billion

Total Employment Supported by the Biopharmaceutical Sector
48,273

Wisconsinites with Cancer in 2016
285,687

Total NIH Award Funding (FY16)
$422 million

A majority of Americans agree that even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

Local Perspective: Milwaukee, WI

"As a 10-year Stage IV colon cancer survivor, I support medical research because my husband and I have a young son. We don’t know what the future holds for him. We hope it is filled with less cancer. Colorectal cancer is treatable and preventable -- let's eradicate it."

Kelly Kuster, 46, Fight Colorectal Cancer advocate

Research in the Badger State

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UWM), Madison, WI

NIH-funded researchers at UWM investigated treatments associated with the cellular processes behind macular degeneration that damages or kills an essential pigment layer. The researchers repurposed an existing drug that successfully prevented this damage in mice, and may prevent progressive blindness associated with the disease.

Marshfield Medical Research Foundation (MMRF), Marshfield, WI

Investigators at MMRF, supported by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant, are evaluating the efficacy of the ubiquitous flu vaccine as part of a plan to address pandemic influenza infections.

Rush River Research Corporation, Ellsworth, WI

With a Small Business Innovation and Research grant from the NIH, Rush River Research Corporation is developing, streamlining and producing an exoskeleton for children with neuromuscular disability that is both comfortable and attractive to use, helping disabled children regain independence.