

\$10M gift to launch center for translational engineering and medicine at UMB

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The University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park Friday announced a \$10 million joint gift from Edward and Jennifer St. John and the Edward St. John Foundation to launch a center for translational engineering and medicine.

Together, researchers from these disciplines will tackle a broad spectrum of generational

health challenges and drive medical innovations that benefit patients in Maryland and beyond, the two schools said in a news release.

The facility will be named the Edward & Jennifer St. John Center for Translational Engineering and Medicine, and it will be based on a collaboration between the University of Maryland School of Medicine at UMB and the A. James Clark School of Engineering at UMCP. The \$10 million joint gift is from Edward St. John, his wife, Jennifer and from the Edward St. John Foundation. (Submitted Photo)



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Occupying 35,000 square feet on the fourth floor of 4MLK — a new state-of-the-art facility in the University of Maryland BioPark in Baltimore — the center will foster face-to-face collaboration among clinicians and engineers as they develop next-generation medical solutions. Their proximity will ensure that the real-world medical needs of healthcare professionals and patients directly inform the development of devices, diagnostics and treatments, and accelerate the pathway from research to patient care.

"This significant gift allows us to unite the expertise of UMB's clinicians with the engineering ingenuity of UMCP's faculty, who together will discover innovative treatments and breakthrough technologies that simply cannot emerge when each works in isolation," said UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell. "This synergy opens exciting new possibilities for translating research into tangible solutions that will address today's most pressing health challenges."