

From the rocky coast of Bar Harbor to the burgeoning Portland waterfront, Maine is home to a diverse and prosperous life science ecosystem. The Maine Bio Booklet is a sample of companies, academic and research institutions, nonprofits, and government agencies contributing to the fastest growing biotech sector in the country.

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FocusMaine and Bioscience Association

of Maine (BioME), this publication was

co-created with 24 key players in

Maine's bioeconomy. Learn more about

Doing Business in Maine.

State Incentives \$ Other Sources for Financial Support

Maine has direct access to government resources, support and funding, to create business efficiencies and drive growth.

Incentives Available to Bioscience Companies Seeking to Startup at Grow In Maine

Tax Incentives

Link: <u>Pine Tree Development Zone</u>

<u>Program (PTDZ)</u> - currently being

modernized, check back for an update.

Link: <u>Employment Tax Increment Finance</u> (ETIF)

Link: <u>Municipal Tax Increment Financing</u> (MTIF)

Tax Credits & Exemptions

Manufacturing and R&D Sales Tax Exemption

Custom Computer Programming Sales Tax Exemption:

Link: Maine Capital Investment Credit

Link: <u>Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit</u>
<u>Program</u>

<u>Link: Research Expense Tax Credit</u>

Link: <u>Renewable Chemical Production Tax</u>
Credit

Link: <u>Research and Development Sales</u>
<u>Tax Exemptions for Biotechnology</u>
<u>Applications</u>

Link: <u>Business Equipment Tax Exemption</u> (BETE)

Link: <u>Renewable Energy Tax Credit</u>

Link: Maine New Markets Tax Credit

Workforce Training

Link: Education Opportunity Tax Credit

Link: <u>Maine Workforce Development</u>

<u>Compact</u>

Loans & Financing

Link: <u>The Finance Authority of Maine</u> (FAME)

Link: Maine Ventures Fund

Link: Maine Angels

Link: Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI)

Link: MaineStream Finance

Grants

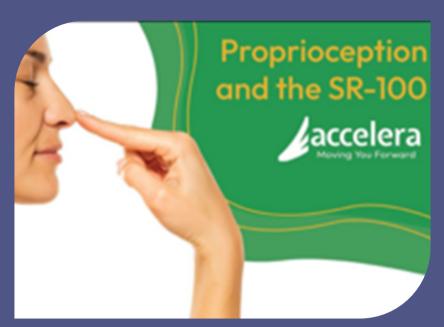
Link: The Maine Technology Institute

Maine's Life Sciences Companies

There are more than 480 companies and organizations working within Maine's life sciences industry. The following pages profile just a few companies.



Accelera



About

Watching a child who has Cerebral Palsy open their closed hand for the first time or seeing a 3-year-old walk for the first time is truly emotional.

Accelera is bringing to market the world's first wearable stochastic resonance (SR) therapy device for people who experience neurological deficits. Our product, the SR-100, sends a signal in the form of gentle mechanical stimuli (i.e., vibrations or resonance), which aids the body's proprioceptive and sensorimotor system. If the body is not producing signals strong enough to trigger the brain to cause correct movement, SR primes the neurons, so they do trigger the brain. The SR-100 simply assists with the body's natural neurological function.

Accelera's technology can also be used to sharpen the neuro system enabling better body performance. The basic device is the size of a matchbook enabling it to be an everyday wearable or positioned on the body where needed. It is also easy to use. Our mission at Accelera is to help improve the lives of the millions of children and adults who live with neurological deficits.

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Baker The Baker Company



About

The Baker Company has been at the forefront of engineering, testing and production of reliable laboratory contamination control equipment. As the industry pioneer, The Baker Company maintains an unparalleled passion for helping customers advance science, discovery, and clinical care. The people of Baker take no chances with customers' safety and make no compromises on protecting the success of your research. Baker laboratory products are built to order with precision craftsmanship and designed expressly for your unique situation. At Baker, WE BUILD IT BETTER and invite you to learn more about our products.

What We Build

<u>Class II Biological Safety Cabinets -</u>
Personnel, product and environmental protection from low to moderate risk biological agents

<u>Low-Oxygen and Anaerobic Workstations -</u>
Precise environmental control for cell
culture and microbiology

Clean Benches -

Maintain clean conditions in the work area for product protection.

<u>Special Application Products -</u>
Specialty containment and clean air equipment for very specific or unique applications

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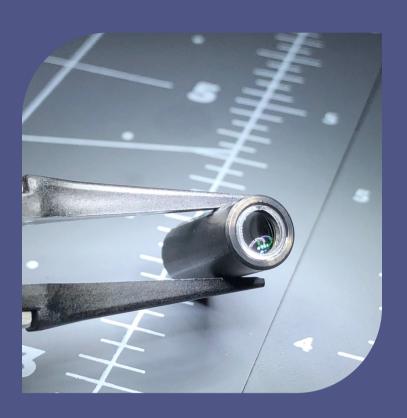
Gray Optics

About

Our mission at Gray Optics is to change, improve, and save lives by developing new optical products for the medical, life sciences, and industrial markets. As a new member of the FISBA family, we can now engage with our customers in a collaborative partnership by offering product engineering, precision assembly, manufacturing, and test services, as a vertically integrated solutions provider for advanced optical products.

Our Portland, Maine based Product Engineering Team consists of highly skilled engineers, technicians, and program managers with years of experience for design and assembly of high-performance, high-quality optics and optical assemblies that include industrial laser machine tools, machine vision, imaging in 3D robotic surgery, endoscopy, optometry, and PCR diagnostics.

Together, we provide world-class designs and product solutions.



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MedRhythms

"Music has the power to transcend borders, cultures and languages to connect people and elevate the quality of life around the world. Now, with MedRhythms, we're seeing the power of music harnessed to heal." – Michael Nash, VP of Digital Strategy at Universal Music Group



About

In the USA, over 100 million people live with at least some gait impairment which significantly decreases independence and quality of life, and increases fall risk and healthcare costs. MedRhythms is pioneering the development of nextgeneration neurotherapeutics designed to improve walking, mobility and functional outcomes via a proprietary, patented technology platform that combines sensors that capture real-time gait data with a personalized rhythmic stimulus delivered as music through proprietary algorithms. This emulates Rhythmic Auditory Stimulation, an evidence-based intervention that leverages auditory-motor entrainment, the subconscious synchronization of the auditory and motor systems, to produce therapeutic benefit. The design of the platform is informed by over 30 years of academic research, current clinical best practices, and over 30,000 hours of realworld direct patient care.

MedRhythms has a robust pipeline in active development across neurological and age-related diseases, including in stroke, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. To advance the development and commercialization of these products, the company has established an expert team and world-class partnerships, including with the nation's leading hospitals and research institutions, as well as with industry leaders, including Biogen and Eversana. Additionally, MedRhythms has partnered with Universal Music Group to provide all patients using the platform access to the most diverse and culturally-rich collection of music ever assembled.

Learn more about MedRhythms' platform and pipeline at: <u>medrhythms.com</u>.

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TMBS

Part of BBI Solutions

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About

MBS (Part of BBI Solutions) has broad expertise and experience in collaborative project planning to create successful strategies for developing antibodies for any application.

BBI is ready to meet your final immunoassay goals.

- Through antigen analysis, monoclonal and polyclonal antibody development
- Advanced characterisation assays
- Customised bulk manufacturing of catalog antibody products

A goal-driven custom antibody development program improves assay performance and reduces cost and timelines. Let our technical team evaluate your specific project, identify and find solutions for development of antibodies for use in IVDs, anti-idiotype projects, biomarker discovery work, or ADAs and more.

Learn more

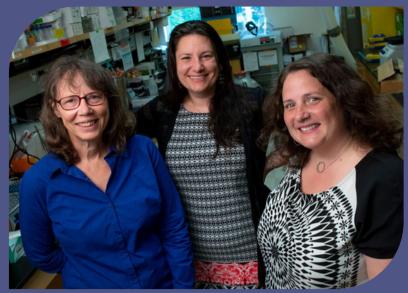
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Neuright

Neuright, Inc.



About

Neuright, Inc. is an academic spin-out company from University of Maine (incorporated in 2018), and a biotech start-up based in Orono, ME (and now also Columbus, OH). Neuright is focused on R&D and commercialization for a patent-pending medical theragnostic device capable of diagnosing and treating small fiber peripheral neuropathy. The device was co-invented by Dr. Kristy Townsend and Dr. Magdalena Blaszkiewicz (co-founders of Neuright) and Dr. Rosemary Smith. To date, Neuright has received over half a million in non-dilutive funding, including a Phase 1 STTR from the National Science Foundation. Neuright also won the statewide David Shaw top prize from Top Gun's pitch competition. Learn more at neurightlabs.com.

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NOVA Analytic Labs



About

NOVA Analytic Labs is the trusted nextgen testing and consulting partner of the adult-use cannabis sectors in Maine. Our accredited laboratories and team of scientists, engineers and innovators developed user-friendly platforms and proven advanced technologies that deliver accurate, real-time, reliable results to cannabis and hemp businesses.

Our team places a premium on building the strongest team of scientists, changemakers and visionaries in the cannabis testing world, and our comprehensive suite of cannabis testing solutions are helping operators meet the most pressing challenges they face while protecting their businesses, brands and reputations. When it comes to cannabis and hemp testing, we leave no stone unturned.

At NOVA Analytic Labs, we are passionate about the plant, the work we do and the role we play in our customers' lives. With the goal of better serving our customers, partners and communities, we combine integrity and diligence to both inform the decisions we make and push ourselves to constantly innovate.

NOVA Analytic Labs Services include:
Cannabinoid and Terpene Profiling; Plant
Virus Testing; Cannabis Sex Testing;
Heavy Metal Testing; Microbiology
Testing; Residual Solvent Analysis;
Foreign Material; Water Activity &
Moisture; R&D/In-Process Testing;
Consulting Services; and Facility Testing.

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Puritan Medical Products

About

Puritan Medical Products Co., LLC, is a 104-year-old, family-owned American company known worldwide as the trusted manufacturer of single-use products for controlled environments, diagnostics, and specimen collection, environmental, forensics, genetics, medical and microbiology media industries. Puritan is FDA-registered and ISO-certified. Its products help customers collect, analyze, and transport specimens with the utmost confidence in the products' clinical integrity. Intended for collecting bacterial, viral, fungal, and molecular samples, you will find fiber, foam, fabric, and Puritan's patented PurFlock Ultra® and HydraFlock® flocked swabs in the Puritan line. Traditional and custom transport media products complete the broad offering for patient care, diagnostics, and research. Puritan's headquarters are in Guilford, ME, with three manufacturing facilities in Maine and one in Orlinda, TN. Made in the USA.

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Salmonics Salmonics

About

Salmonics manufactures high-value salmon-derived biomedical products for veterinary and human health applications in immunology, cell & tissue culture, wound care, pain treatment, regenerative medicine & stem cell research by upcycling an under-utilized aquaculture by-product, fish blood.

We work with carefully selected salmonid aquaculture farms focused on environmentally responsible, humane practices, to create valuable research and development tools from a resource that would otherwise join the waste stream. In turn, Salmonics supports sustainable, healthy seafood production by providing a value-added return to its aquaculture partners.

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Yokogawa Fluid Imaging Technologies



About

Yokogawa Fluid Imaging Technologies is the industry leader in flow imaging microscopy solutions for particle analysis of biologic drug products, oceanographic research, municipal water quality monitoring, and materials characterization.

Our flagship instrument, FlowCam, was originally developed in the mid-1990s at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences for studying plankton in ocean water. Commercialized by Fluid Imaging Technologies, FlowCam is designed to combine the benefits of digital imaging, flow cytometry, and microscopy into a single solution. Today we are part of the Life Innovation Business of Yokogawa and headquartered near Portland, Maine.

We concentrate on bringing clarity and focus to the study of subvisible particles in the life sciences across many areas of research. We are committed to developing innovative hardware and software to monitor Earth's water bodies and drinking water supply for hazardous algae, to help make vaccines and injectable medicines safer, and to improve product quality.

Our team works together to ensure that we are producing quality, cutting-edge technology for our customers. FlowCam instruments have been deployed in over 50 countries, supporting research, development, and environmental monitoring in the life sciences.

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Academic & Research Insitutions

With over 20 colleges and universities in the state offering degrees in life sciences, Maine has access to a quality, highly skilled workforce, driving both workforce attraction and retention. The following pages profile just a few institutions of higher education.

Bigelow

Bigelow



About

Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences is an independent, nonprofit research institute located in East Boothbay, Maine. From the Arctic to the Antarctic, Bigelow Laboratory scientists use innovative approaches to study the foundation of global ocean health and unlock its potential to improve the future for all life on our planet.

The ocean relies on key species that drive its health and the processes that sustain our planet. Researchers at Bigelow Laboratory focus on these critical organisms. Most are microscopic in size, but their global influence is unmatched, and they offer incredible opportunities for developing solutions to many of the challenges facing our society.

Bigelow Laboratory has earned an international reputation for excellence during the last 50 years for empowering diverse researchers to collaboratively make discoveries, create solutions, and inspire students and leaders with their science. Together, its researchers, staff, and supporters are turning the tide on global challenges, and unlocking the opportunities hidden in each drop of the ocean.

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The Jackson Laboratory



The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) is an independent, nonprofit biomedical research organization that leverages a unique combination of research, education and resources to achieve our mission: We discover precise genomic solutions for disease and empower the global biomedical community in its shared quest to improve human health.

Founded in 1929 to uncover the genetic basis of cancer, JAX pioneered the use of laboratory mice as models for human disease and provided the basis for many modern medical treatments. Today, our team combines mouse genetics, human genomics, cell-based studies, and computational modeling to define the underlying biology of a broad spectrum of diseases. Our diverse and multidisciplinary research programs include the National Cancer Institutedesignated JAX Cancer Center, as well as coordinated <u>research centers</u> focused on addiction, aging, Alzheimer's and dementias, genomics and computational biology, precision genetics and rare disease.



Empowering the biomedical research community is central to our mission. Our mentorship and education programs inspire and advance students at all stages of their careers. Scientists from more than 2,000 organizations in 64 countries rely on JAX research tools and data resources, mouse models and services. And with least 26 Nobel Prizes associated with our work, JAX is accelerating scientific research, drug development and patient care around the world.

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MaineHealth

Institute for Research

MaineHealth Institute for Research



About

MaineHealth Institute for Research is the research arm of MaineHealth which supports and encourages a broad spectrum of research ranging from basic laboratory-based research to translational and clinical research, to health services, population, and community-engaged research. The institute has four scientific centers: the Center for Applied Science & Technology, the Center for Clinical & Translational Science, the Center for Interdisciplinary Population & Health Research, and the Center for Molecular Medicine.

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MDI Biological Laboratory



MDI Bio Lab was founded in 1898 during an era of remarkable advances in comparative biology. Situated on a seaside campus near Acadia National Park, the non-profit institute today includes:

- Twelve internationally recognized research groups pursuing breakthrough discoveries in aging and regeneration
- Courses, conferences and fellowships for innovative biomedical scientists from around the world
- Training for the next generation of bioscience leaders, from high school to post-docs
- An array of non-mammalian models for aging and regeneration studies, such as axolotl salamanders, zebrafish, and C. elegans roundworms
- State-of-the-art facilities for gene editing, bioinformatics, microscopy and organoids
- MDI Bioscience, a subsidiary developing high-throughput systems for drug development, screening, personalized medicine and toxicology

Discoveries made here will propel new therapies to help humans recover from injury and disease, and to slow aging's degenerative effects.

Resources

 Advanced laboratory suites, meeting facilities, and housing for students and visiting scientists.

Cutting edge technology infrastructure:

- The Bioinformatics Core provides high-powered data management and analysis. Its staff specializes in custom database and software design.
- The Light Microscopy Facility provides wide-field and 3-D imaging systems, including a state-of-the-art mesoSPIM light sheet microscope, with expert training and assistance.
- The Animal Resources Core's extensive facilities support model animals raised on campus and brought in by visiting researchers.

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The Roux Institute Northeastern University



About

The Roux Institute at Northeastern
University is a hub of innovation, talent
development, and graduate education
for the state of Maine and northern
New England. It was founded in 2020
on the premise that people and
economies thrive when industry,
academia, and government
policymakers work together.

Located in Portland, the Roux Institute partners with Maine Life Science and Health entities to develop a regional identity and to build a talent pipeline for the Biosciences across the state. Through a unique combination of research partnerships, venture creation and acceleration, and innovative community-based programming, the Roux Institute is working to expand opportunity for aspiring bioscience professionals and to address critical questions faced by Maine's life science and healthcare sectors. Learn more.

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Southern Maine Community College



About

Southern Maine Community College was founded in 1946 and has a diverse student population of nearly 6000 students. SMCC has a campus in South Portland and in Brunswick and also offered community satellite locations as well as online courses and degrees. The college offers three different two-year degrees in sciences. The Liberal Studies with Focus in Science program surveys the liberal arts with an emphasis on chemistry, physics and biology courses. The Marine Science program prepares students with the concepts and applied skills for careers in aquatic and environmental science, taking advantage of the coastline location. The Biotechnology program prepares students for careers working in life science research or industry by emphasizing hands-on lab skills along with an understanding of key concepts in molecular and cellular biology, genetics, and microbiology.

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UMaine Institute of Medicine

Intro

The Institute of Medicine collaborates across the University of Maine faculty and students from multiple disciplines, to advance medical knowledge and clinical practices, impacting the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities in Maine and beyond.

These efforts are supported by major research thrust areas and cutting-edge research centers and facilities such as:

- JAX
- MDI Biological Laboratory
- MaineHealth
- Maine Medical Center Research Institute
- MaineGeneral
- Northern Light Health
- Acadia Hospital
- Catherine Cutler Institute
- Penobscot Community Health Center
- St Joseph Healthcare
- University of New England
- University of Southern Maine
- The Roux Institute
- Maine INBRE
- Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership
- UMaine Engaged Black Bear Service to Community

Vision

To make Maine a model for a healthy state.

Mission

To develop through innovative and coordinated research, education, and strategic partnerships transformative solutions that enhance the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Maine and beyond.

About

A transformative and coordinated community of collaborating researchers and educators that in partnership with health care providers and other stakeholders are dedicated to the advancement of human health and wellbeing in the state of Maine and beyond, through discovery and learning in health and life sciences, from basic and translational research, to clinical practices and healthcare workforce development.

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Monprofits & Trade Orgs

There are numerous nonprofit organizations working to advance economic growth and opportunities in the life sciences community of Maine through advocacy, education, economic development, workforce development, and business attraction.



Bioscience Association of Maine



About

Bioscience Association of Maine (BioME) is a trade organization which promotes the industry's steady growth, interprets its benefits to the public, and influences pertinent public policy.

BioME aims to advance economic growth and opportunities within the life sciences community in Maine by allocating equal involvement in life sciences advocacy, education, economic development, workforce development, and attracting out-of-state business.

Our Mission

Advance economic growth and opportunities in the life sciences community of Maine.

Our Vision

Maine is a premiere location for life sciences industry, education and research.

Choose Maine

Global biotech companies such as Abbott, BBI Solutions, Corning, Elanco, IDEXX, Molnlycke, GVS, Bio-Rad, and Lonza have Maine facilities. There are more than 400 life science companies, with most of them focusing on pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing, scientific research and development services, medical and diagnostic laboratories, and medical equipment and supplies manufacturing. In recent years, Maine's life science industry has played an increasingly important role in Maine's economy.

Maine fulfills individual lives, incentivizes business, motivates company growth, advances the local economy, influences the industry at large, and propels life science forward in New England and beyond.

Learn more.

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EDUCATE MAINE











Educate Maine champions career readiness by increasing the educational attainment of Maine people, enabling all students to succeed in postsecondary education and in the workplace.

Landmark programs include the Maine Teacher of the Year program, Education Leaders Experience, Project>Login, and Maine Career Catalyst.

In the coming year, Educate Maine, will deliver of the art, hands-on life sciences education to Maine students where they live and learn with the launch of a new mobile learning lab. The lab will travel weekly to schools across the state and is designed to support life science career exposure and education in under resourced and rural communities. We're connecting and convening business partners and educators to co-create and execute curriculum to support student learning at the middle school and high school level providing previously unavailable lesson, resources, and materials.

Educate Maine is a founding member of MaineSpark, a coalition of education and business leaders working together to achieve a common goal: by 2025, 60% of Mainers will hold education and workforce credentials that position Maine and its families for success.

Explorer

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FOCUS MAINE

Focus Maine

About

FocusMaine is a statewide economic development organization that works to create quality jobs and build a thriving workforce. With an emphasis on innovation and future readiness, FocusMaine works in partnerships to accelerate Maine's food economy and bioeconomy. Together, we are generating opportunity and prosperity for Maine's people, businesses, and communities.

We believe Maine has all the natural, cultural, and intellectual resources to encourage new life science businesses to start here and existing companies to relocate here.

To that end, we have connected with over 60 Boston-based life sciences companies to share the benefits of expanding their operations into Maine. Contact Leo Waterston if you'd like to learn more about Why Maine is the right location for your bioscience business.



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Mission

To attract and retain Maine's workforce.

How we do what we do

We partner with employers, communities, nonprofits and individuals to develop and execute programming, events, marketing campaigns, and/or other initiatives to support the Maine employment brand, raise awareness of Maine as a career destination, and ultimately attract and retain the talented individuals Maine employers need to continue thriving into the future.

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Maine & Co.



About

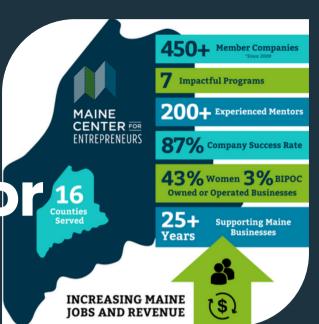
Maine & Co. provides free and confidential consulting services to businesses looking to relocate to Maine or expand within Maine. Our services include real estate site searches, data collection and analysis, incentives identification and valuation, site visit coordination, workforce analysis, and financing coordination. We are your onestop shop for business relocation or expansion. Whether your business needs are driven by specific real estate requirements, labor force availability, incentive maximization, or any other criteria, Maine & Co. can help you select the business location that best meets your needs. We are a private, non-profit corporation with members and a board comprised of senior executives from Maine's top businesses, the president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the commissioner of Maine's **Department of Economic & Community** Development.

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Maine Center for Entrepreneurs



About

We are dedicated to providing Maine entrepreneurs with the tools and resources they need to accelerate their businesses. Through our programming, we provide hands-on training, tools and mentoring based on specific member needs. We are also a connector, making direct connections between entrepreneurs and other organizations in Maine who are aligned to support additional growth.

Top Gun

The Top Gun program is designed specifically for the entrepreneur with a desire to grow his/her business and achieve long-term success through the use of the right tools, resources, and related mentorship. MCE has taken the time to develop strong business partnerships and to acquire loyal sponsorships which allow us to provide Maine entrepreneurs with the programing, mentorship, training, and knowledge they need to grow and succeed.

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BioStartup

As part of the Maine Bioscience Cluster Initiative, the BioStartup program is focused on providing Maine biotech, digital health, life sciences and medical device entrepreneurs with the tools and resources they need to accelerate their business. The program provides participants with industry expertise, highly collaborative and dynamic learning opportunities, tailored professional resources and business connections – all at an affordable cost.

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