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The UMass Lowell Innovative Fellows Training Program (LIFT) is an experiential biotech and medtech learning opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers working in the fields of aging and aging-related diseases, including Alzheimer's disease. LIFT aims to provide more diverse career opportunities for early-career scientists working in the aging space who are interested in entrepreneurship. The program is a paid, semester-long commitment (in addition to academic research responsibilities). LIFT fellows will gain business skills including competitive analysis, analytical marketing, regulatory strategy, reimbursement strategy, intellectual property and other legal matters, and financing a venture.

Program details:

- 12 sessions during the UML Spring academic semester, May 5th, 2026 – June 11, 2026
- Time commitment is approximately 4 hours per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays); approximately 6-8 hours for the final pitch event, not including travel. Dates and times for weekly seminars will be determined based on accepted students' availability.
- Mentorship and networking with biotech companies
- Travel to Lowell, Massachusetts, for the final event will be required and a \$1,000 per person reimbursement will be provided
- Fellowship stipend per trainee is \$2,016

Requirements/Instructions:

We welcome graduate students within one year of graduation. This includes PhDs, MDs, and dual degrees (e.g., MD/PhD, MD/MBA). Masters students with research experience are also encouraged to apply.

Tentative List of Workshop Topics

- Building a pitch deck and telling your story
- Pitch coaching
- Technical risk and scientific plan
- Market analysis and applying your innovation
- Regulatory strategy
- Fundraising
- Importance of Career Planning Session in building new teams
- Inclusive Leadership and Unconscious Bias

How to Apply

Interested applicants should submit the application here. In addition, a letter of support from their principal investigator or department chair should be emailed to LIFT@uml.edu. **Applications are due Wednesday, March 18, 2026.** See this file for a preview of all questions: LIFT application 2026

If you have any questions please email LIFT@uml.edu

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First Name

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Last Name

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Email

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Phone Number

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Name of your current Academic Institution.

Q7



Current Mailing Address

Street

City

State

Country

Zip Code

Q8



Current Position

- Masters Student or Graduate
- PhD Candidate
- Post Doctoral Researcher
- Other

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Year of highest degree completed or anticipated completion.



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Q10



Please upload a copy of your CV

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Please share your LinkedIn profile url.

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Please share a short bio summarizing your academic background and research focus. (100 words or less.)

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Please describe your current research and how it relates to aging. (This may include genetic, biological, behavioral, social, or economic research, and should address the challenges or needs of older adults.)

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Please list up to three product or service ideas that could emerge from your research. (Use bullet points and provide a brief description—up to 50 words per idea—to explain the potential impact on aging populations.)

Q15

What are your plans for the next 2 years? (Check all that apply)

- Start a company
- Join a startup
- Continue my postdoctoral role and research
- Complete my Master's or PhD degree
- I am still exploring my options

Q16



Tell us about your very first paid job. What did you enjoy about it, and what did you learn? (100 words or less)

Q17



Looking ahead, what do you see yourself possibly doing in the next couple of years?
(Please check all that apply)

- Launching a startup based on my research
- Licensing my innovation to an existing company
- Continuing my current academic or research role
- Completing my graduate degree (Master's or PhD)
- Joining an early-stage company or startup team
- Exploring opportunities in industry or consulting
- Still figuring it out
- Other

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What do you hope to gain from participating in this program? (100 words or less)

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How did you hear about this opportunity?

- Conference
- Newsletter
- Friend or Colleague
- Social Media
- Other



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The following are demographics questions used for program evaluation purposes and will not influence your application in anyway.

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How do you describe your gender identity?

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary/ third gender
- Transgender Woman
- Transgender Man
- Gender Variant/Non-Conforming
- Not Listed
- Prefer not to answer

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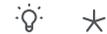


How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- East Asian
- Southeast Asian
- South Asian
- Black
- African American
- Hispanic or Latina/o
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander
- White
- Another race or ethnicity
- Prefer not to answer

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UMass Lowell identifies a student as being a first generation college student if neither of their parents/guardians completed a four-year college degree. First generation identity, however, is often much more complicated than that, and when more inclusively defined, it refers to anyone who feels like, for whatever reasons, that they are not able to draw on the college-related expertise of someone within their family network who has direct and relevant experience in the U.S. higher education system.

Based on this definition, please select the statement that most aligns with your identity:

- I am/was a first generation student
- I am/was not a first generation student
- Unsure

Q24



Are you now on full-time active duty with the Armed Forces and/or Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Q25



Do you identify as a person with a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure/Prefer not to answer



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We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.

Your response has been recorded.