

MaRS Discovery District — research commercialisation hub

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Toronto's 1.5-million-sq-ft innovation hub has worked to commercialise publicly funded research since 2000; MaRS reports ventures it supported raised \$19B in capital and added 33,000+ jobs (2010-2021), though MaRS's own finances have come under independent scrutiny.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[MaRS Discovery District \(Province of Ontario, Government of Canada, University of Toronto and founding civic/academic leaders\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[MaRS Discovery District — About & impact figures](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[The Globe and Mail — MaRS slashes ranks, resets business model](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[Wikipedia — MaRS Discovery District](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

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