

MaRS Discovery District — Research-to-Market Knowledge Transfer Hub

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Toronto's MaRS Discovery District has turned University of Toronto and hospital research into 1,400+ ventures since 2000, backing CAD 2.4bn in capital raised — but a 2024 revenue crunch forced layoffs and a funding-model reset.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[MaRS Discovery District \(with University of Toronto and University Health Network\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[MaRS Impact Report](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[MaRS Discovery District — Wikipedia](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[MaRS CEO lays out reset business model — BetaKit](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

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