

MaRS Discovery District — Toronto's Innovation Hub and Investment Accelerator

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A 1.5-million-sq-ft Toronto innovation hub linking universities, hospitals, corporates and 1,400+ ventures since 2005; self-reported billions in capital raised, though independent press flags contested attribution and 2024 funding-driven layoffs.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
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 2026-07-23

MaRS Discovery District — accessed 2026-07-23

MaRS Impact Report — accessed 2026-07-23

MaRS job cuts and mandate reset — The Globe and Mail — accessed 2026-07-23

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