

MaRS Discovery District — Toronto's Research Commercialisation Hub

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Quality score: 38/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Toronto's MaRS Discovery District has helped commercialise publicly funded research since 2000. MaRS cites \$3bn in cumulative economic impact, but independent reporting shows repeated provincial funding cuts and, by 2024, five straight years of losses.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[MaRS Discovery District](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[NCFA Canada: MaRS Discovery District restructures amid funding challenges](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[MaRS Discovery District backgrounder](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[The Globe and Mail: MaRS job cuts, business model reset](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[BetaKit: MaRS may see layoffs as province continues tech funding cutbacks \(2019\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

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