



Built for Startups
Researchers and Partners
Advancing Dual-Use Medical Technologies

HJF Innovation Ecosystem

The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine (HJF) is a global nonprofit organization authorized by the U.S. Congress to advance military medicine. Since 1983, HJF has served as a trusted partner to the U.S. military medical community, providing scientific, administrative, and management expertise that empowers researchers and clinicians to tackle the most complex health challenges facing warfighters, veterans, and their families.

Critical to this work is the HJF Innovation Ecosystem - a comprehensive, integrated network of partnerships designed to accelerate the progress of promising medical innovations from early concept to real world impact.

Connecting Discovery to Deployment

HJF uniquely serves as the integrator within the ecosystem, bringing together the right partners, capabilities, and resources at the right time. By aligning military medical research laboratories, government partners, academic institutions, clinical collaborators, startups, private industry, investors, and economic development organizations, HJF enables innovations to move efficiently along the continuum from discovery to commercialization.

This coordinated approach accelerates the transition of military medical breakthroughs into civilian healthcare—multiplying impact and maximizing societal return.

Enabling Dual Use Innovation

A core strength of the HJF Innovation Ecosystem is its commitment to dual use medical technologies—solutions designed to meet military needs while advancing civilian healthcare. Innovations emerging from areas such as combat casualty care, infectious disease, traumatic brain injury, and human performance can ultimately improve healthcare delivery and outcomes far beyond the battlefield.

Through this ecosystem, HJF ensures that investments in military medicine deliver meaningful, measurable impact for service members, veterans, and society as a whole.



- ▶ **Innovation Advisory Committee**
A network of subject matter experts and thought leaders guiding the strategy for the translation of life sciences innovations into commercial products.
- ▶ **Ecosystem Convenings & Events**
Forums that foster collaboration, education, and partnership across military, academic, and private sector stakeholders.
- ▶ **Innovation Space & Incubation**
Physical and virtual environments supporting startups and small businesses developing dual-use solutions.
- ▶ **Translational Funding Support**
Targeted resources to advance technologies through critical development and commercialization stages.

HJF Innovation Labs @ MontgomeryCountyMD (HIL)



- Flexible “mini” wet labs
- BSL 2 capabilities
- Engineering lab space
- Shared core equipment
- Dedicated workspaces for research & business operations
- Scalable residency options tailored to early stage companies

Flexible Space, Shared Resources Accelerated Growth

The HIL is designed to remove financial and operational barriers that often slow early stage innovation. By integrating wet lab and engineering space under one roof, the Innovation Labs provide a highly functional environment where companies can design, build, and test their technologies efficiently and affordably.

HJF Innovation Labs @ MontgomeryCountyMD (HIL) is a co branded biotech incubator developed in partnership with the Montgomery County Government and affiliated with the Montgomery County Business Center Innovation Network.

Located within HJF’s North Bethesda headquarters—at the heart of one of the nation’s most vibrant life sciences corridors—the HIL is purpose built to support startups and small companies developing dual use (military and civilian) medical technologies.

Comprehensive Business & Commercialization Support

Resident companies benefit from direct access to HJF’s deep expertise and infrastructure, including:

- Intellectual property and technology transfer support
- Licensing and commercialization strategy
- Proposal development and funding guidance
- Clinical trial protocol drafting and management
- Regulatory navigation across FDA and DoD pathways
- Investor introductions and funding connections
- IT, administrative, and operational support

Innovation Ecosystem events and programming are available both onsite and virtually, ensuring companies stay connected to the full breadth of HJF resources.

Together, the HJF Innovation Ecosystem and HJF Innovation Labs @ Montgomery CountyMD form a powerful platform, accelerating innovation, driving commercialization, and advancing solutions that strengthen both military and civilian medicine.



Embedded in a World Class Research Community

The HIL sits at the center of a world-class research and development ecosystem, surrounded by leading military, federal, and biomedical institutions, including:

- Fort Detrick
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC)
- Uniformed Services University (USU)
- Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC)

This proximity offers unparalleled access to research collaborators, regulators, clinicians, and potential customers – creating a uniquely advantageous environment for early-stage biotech companies.

Engage with the HJF Innovation Ecosystem

Whether you are a startup founder, researcher, investor, or industry partner, the HJF Innovation Ecosystem offers the resources, expertise, and connections to advance dual-use medical innovations from concept to impact.

Explore partnership opportunities, innovation programming, and residency at HJF Innovation Labs.



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