

## Purdue gets \$100 million gift

### Mann Foundation funds biotech work

By Jon Van  
Tribune staff reporter

Purdue University has accepted a \$100 million endowment to help develop its biotechnology discoveries and speed them to market.

The gift from the California-based Alfred Mann Foundation is the largest the school has received and is intended to bolster the biotech industry in Indiana and the Midwest.

It marks a new intensity of technology transfer for the university.

An institute at Purdue will use people skilled in business development to look for commercialization candidates among the hundreds of the university's biotech projects. The staff and consultants will do market research, assess intellectual property values and do myriad other business assessments in deciding which projects to take to market.

In an announcement scheduled for Friday, Purdue President Martin Jischke termed the arrangement "a new model of university technology transfer for a new century."

Alfred Mann, an entrepreneur in the medical device business, said Purdue was endowed because of its history of

innovation, and cooperation among various disciplines in doing biotech research.

Some examples of Purdue biotech innovation include devices to monitor the vital signs of premature babies, synthetic and natural materials used in surgery to repair damaged tissues and longer-lasting artificial joints.

Mann's foundation has made similar endowments to the University of Southern California and to Technion University in Israel. It intends to make a dozen such endowments by 2012.

"The goal is to increase the likelihood that biomedical technologies are brought to full development with speed

and sufficient capital," Mann said.

Typically when university researchers make medically useful discoveries, the institution will patent the discovery and offer it for licensing. If the researcher has an entrepreneurial bent, he may help a start-up company develop the discovery.

Because biotech products can take a decade to obtain regulatory approval for general use, raising money to keep a start-up operating can become a major undertaking. The Mann endowment should alleviate that problem for the projects selected. The amount is significant; it is more than double the almost \$41 million

in federal grants that Purdue received in 2005 from the National Institutes of Health.

Purdue and the Mann Foundation have agreed on royalties and financial returns from successful biotech product launches, said George Wodicka, head of Purdue's biomedical engineering school.

While it didn't spell out the deal's details, the announcement includes the suggestion that Purdue might get as much as five times the amount a university normally receives from a successful biotech royalty, which generally runs to 1 percent of product revenues.

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## Purdue U. Is Poised to Announce Relationship With Billionaire's Foundation to Commercialize Research

By GOLDIE BLUMENSTYK

Purdue University is about to become the first public university in the United States to sign a deal with a billionaire's foundation that has been trying to provide \$100-million endowments to universities to finance programs designed to kick-start commercialization of their inventions.

Several public and private universities have rejected the money from the Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering because of concerns that the foundation was seeking too much control over the universities' intellectual-property rights (*The Chronicle*, March 17, 2006).

Purdue officials have scheduled a news conference for Friday morning to announce "a major new program to promote economic development that will be funded through the largest single gift for research the university has ever received." The university's president, Martin C. Jischke, and Indiana's governor, Mitchell E. Daniels Jr., will attend the event, which is being held at the university's biomedical-engineering building.

Purdue has been in talks with the foundation for more than a year. The foundation was created by Alfred E. Mann, a billionaire entrepreneur, who has announced that he plans to use it to establish endowments with a total value of as much as \$2-billion at 12 to 15 universities.

Purdue's arrangement is likely to attract interest and scrutiny from other universities. Many have been watching to see if the foundation would change the terms of its offer after two public institutions in North Carolina a year ago declined its proposal (*The Chronicle*, May 19, 2006).

The foundation had intended the North Carolina proposal to be a model for similar arrangements at other institutions. But officials at those institutions -- the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University -- said the foundation's demand for rights to cherry-pick the most promising university inventions for commercialization would conflict with other research agreements and did not make good business sense for the universities.

They and others also have noted that the foundation hasn't been proposing to give universities an outright gift, but rather, has been pledging to put money into a separate nonprofit entity -- known as the Alfred Mann Institute -- which would be jointly controlled by the universities and the foundation. The institutes would use their endowed funds to develop early-stage inventions to the point that they would be more marketable.

Since the North Carolina proposal was put on hold, the foundation has been continuing its talks with those universities and others -- and possibly raising the stakes. According to one official at an institution where talks are under way, the foundation is now talking about endowments of up to \$200-million at universities.

Purdue administrators declined to provide details about the announcement, and several professors contacted by *The Chronicle* said they had been asked by university leaders not to discuss the arrangements before Friday. But several noted that a number of faculty members were aware of the pending arrangement and the issues that had arisen elsewhere.

"We're concerned with all that as well," said Bernard Y. Tao, chairman of the Faculty Senate and a professor of agricultural and biological engineering. Though he declined to comment further, Mr. Tao said he understood that university lawyers had been examining the deal.

At least some faculty members said they were eager to see the arrangement go through. "We need new models" for commercialization, said J. Paul Robinson, a professor of immunopharmacology and biomedical engineering.

In fact, said Mr. Robinson, some projects he has worked on could be excellent candidates for an Alfred Mann Institute, particularly a technique for detecting bacteria in food.

"That's an example of a technology that could be rapidly commercialized by a Mann institute," he said.

The only existing Alfred Mann Institute at an American university is the one that began operations about five years ago at the University of Southern California, a private institution.

In October, the foundation signed a deal with the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, in Haifa, to provide an outright gift that would eventually be worth \$100-million or an alternative that would produce an equivalent amount of income (*The Chronicle*, October 13, 2006).

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## GIFT OF THE WEEK

### \$100 Million for Biomed

**WHO GAVE IT:** Alfred E. Mann, chairman and chief executive officer of Mannkind Corp. and co-CEO of Advanced Bionics Corp.

**HOW MUCH:** \$100 million

**WHO GOT IT:** Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

**BY REQUEST:** The funds will create and endow the school's Alfred Mann Institute.

**HOW IT HAPPENED:** Mr. Mann, 81 years old, never attended Purdue. He got his undergraduate and graduate degrees in physics at the University of California



Alfred E. Mann

(Los Angeles). He made his fortune—estimated at more than \$2 billion—in medical and aerospace technology. In recent years, the entrepreneur began creating at least 12 Alfred Mann Institutes through gifts to universities of at least \$100 million. His goal: to speed the commercialization of biomedical

technology to address medical needs. He made the first gift to the University of Southern California in 1998 and the second in 2006 to Israel's Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Mr. Mann began his career inventing technology for the aerospace industry, including solar cells that he says "powered most of the free world's spacecraft." But in 1973, after the successful implant of a pacemaker, his company developed—the first to work—an average of 25 years, instead of 18 to 21 months—he shifted focus. "I had to see people whose lives were materially changed," which "motivated me to spend the rest of my career addressing medical issues." —Sally Berdy

## Purdue to get \$100M for research Billionaire to fund foundation for biomedical technology

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Other universities, from North Carolina to California, have taken a look at the big money being offered by billionaire Alfred E. Mann to help commercialize biomedical research and have passed, deciding there were too many strings attached.

But Purdue University President Martin C. Jischke sees something different — an "exciting new model of technology transfer" that could speed up the process of turning faculty research into self-supporting companies in as little as two years, compared with about a decade now.

Jischke courted Mann's foundation for more than a year, selling the case that Purdue has been a leader both biomedical engineering and in spinning off startups.

Today, the two sides plan to announce that Purdue has won a \$100 million endowment, its largest ever, to fund a joint institute on campus.

The institute, controlled 50-50 by the university and the foundation, will aim to commercialize faculty research in biomedical technology — a growing sector that includes such products as synthetic human tissue, artificial joints and heart monitors.

The agreement makes Purdue the first public university in the United States to sign a deal with the Mann Foundation for biomedical engineering.

But the deal raises questions about whether the university will lose control of its most valuable asset: its intellectual property.

In recent years, other research centers — including Johns Hopkins University, the University of North Carolina and the University of California at Los Angeles — have rejected Mann's offers to establish biomedical institutes on campus, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education and Forbes magazine.

The universities, the publications said, were leery of the Mann's conditions. In return for the money, he wanted to the right to screen all medical inventions at the university and pick the best ones to be developed, rather than leaving the decision to university professors and patent officers.

"The Mann people want to see every invention, and they want to cherry-pick the best of them," said Lee Fencile, director of technology transfer at Creighton University in Omaha.

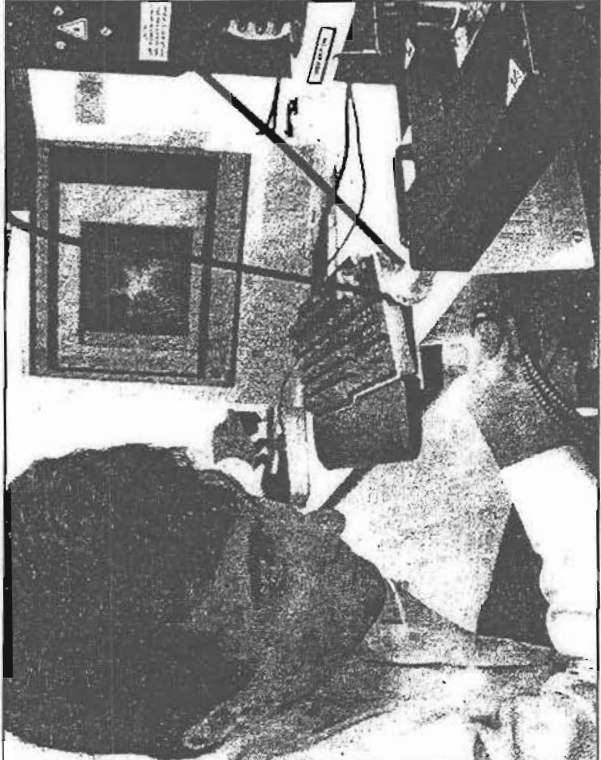
That could leave universities with less control in deciding which inventions have the most marketplace promise and in choosing which outside partners could best license and develop the technology.

The University of North Carolina broke off talks last year with the Mann Foundation over concerns of losing control of faculty research.

"What we were willing to offer was not acceptable to them, and what they were willing to offer was not acceptable to us. We parted with no ill intent," Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development at the University of North Carolina, said at the time, university spokeswoman Lisa Katz said Thursday.

Officials at the Mann Foundation could not be reached for comment on Thursday. A spokeswoman said they were flying to West Lafayette for today's announcement.

Mann, 81, is one of the wealthiest U.S. entrepreneurs, with an estimated net worth of \$2.4 billion.



DAVID UMBREGER / Purdue News Service  
**BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH:** Purdue Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering associate professor Ozan E. Akkus is studying crystals that can accumulate in synovial fluid and lead to inflammation and arthritis.

lion, according to Forbes. He played a major role in inventing pacemakers, insulin pumps, neurostimulators and inhaled insulin. He started more than a dozen companies and sold many to large manufacturers. He has said he wants to donate much of his wealth to universities.

So far, two other universities have signed deals with Mann Foundation: the University of Southern California and Tech University in Israel. And some have managed to work favorable deals. According to Forbes, USC crafted an agreement that said faculty members aren't required to show inventions to the joint institute.

Purdue officials say they have taken pains to negotiate terms that will protect the university. The university took the position that Indiana companies should get a preference to developing Purdue's research and that the university's existing commercialization agreements remain in force. The Mann Foundation agreed to those terms, Jischke said.

But he declined to say whether the joint institute would get the first rights to negotiate for all new biomedical research on campus. Nor would he discuss terms of licensing agreements.

"We don't discuss the details of

### WHAT THE ENDOWMENT WILL DO

- Purdue University is getting \$100 million from the Mann Foundation to endow a new institute designed to commercialize biomedical technologies.
- The university plans to invest the money and use the proceeds (estimated at about \$5 million a year) to:
  - Hire up to 50 people to analyze and develop promising faculty research, and start new companies.
  - Lease space on campus and outfit laboratories devoted to this effort.
  - Hire and pay an institute director to run the operation.
- The university and Mann Foundation will run the institute 50-50 through a 30-person board.

### ALFRED MANN

**Who:** Founder and chairman of The Alfred Mann Foundation, and the Alfred Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering.  
**Age:** 81.  
**Education:** Bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from UCLA.  
**Professional:** Founder of Spectrolab (1956) and Heliotek (1960); founder of Pacemaker Systems (1972-1985); founder of MiniMed (1993-2001); founder of Advanced Biomics Corp. (1993).  
**Honors:** Includes the National Academy of Engineering (2001); Reynolds Society Achievement Award, Harvard Medical School (1999); Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award, League for the Hard of Hearing (1998).  
**Personal:** Wife; six children.

### THE ALFRED MANN FOUNDATION

**What:** Nonprofit medical research foundation dedicated to the research and development of advanced medical technologies for people suffering from debilitating medical conditions.  
**Established:** 1985.  
**Headquarters:** Santa Clarita, Calif.  
**President:** Joseph H. Schulman.  
**Notable research:** The foundation worked with medical research groups to help in the development of the implantable glucose sensor (1985), and cochlear implants (1986). Today it is working on technology to help restore function to partially paralyzed stroke patients.  
**Source:** Alfred Mann Foundation.

### MAJOR GIFTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

- Here are some of the largest donations made to universities in the United States since 1967. Alfred Mann's donation to Purdue is around the 38th largest gift.
- Receiver:** Donor; Amount; Year
- **Gates Millennium Scholars program:** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; \$1 billion; 1999.
- **California Institute of Technology:** Gordon and Betty Moore and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; \$600 million; 2001.
- **Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering:** F.W. Olin Foundation; \$460 million; 1997.
- **Stanford University:** William and Flora Hewlett Foundation; \$400 million; 2001.
- **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** anonymous donor; \$360 million; 2001.
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology:** Patrick J. and Lore Harp McGovern; \$350 million; 2000.
- **University of Arkansas at Fayetteville:** Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation; \$300 million; 2002.

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

## INDIANA NEWS

### Purdue accepts \$100 million gift others turned down

By Rick Callahan  
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After more than a year of negotiations, Purdue University has accepted a \$100 million gift from a billionaire's foundation to commercialize basic biomedical research — a sum other schools have rejected amid questions about control of those innovations.

Purdue President Martin Jischke, who's scheduled to formally announce the gift Friday at a news conference with billionaire Alfred Mann and Gov. Mitch Daniels, said Thursday the deal with the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering will be a boon for Purdue and the state.

He said the endowment agreement creates a nonprofit institute on the West Lafayette campus staffed by product development and industrial experts who will usher promising new biomedical technologies created at Purdue's labs into the marketplace.

"It represents, for us a new model for technology development and technology transfer and a model frankly that we're eager to pursue," Jischke said.

He said Purdue's Office of Technology Transfer, which holds patents on hundreds of technologies that have been successfully exploited in the private sector, simply doesn't have the product development capability the new institute will specialize in.

But the money offered by the California-based foundation created by Mann — a prolific inventor of biomedical devices who Forbes magazine estimates has a net worth of \$2.4 billion — has raised questions at other universities it courted.

Last year, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University turned down a similar gift following disagreements over the control of intellectual property rights to university inventions.

Among those issues was the Mann Foundation's insistence on deciding which of the schools' inventions were most ripe for commercialization, something the universities feared would conflict with their other research agreements.

Jischke said he was not aware of the issues that prevented the foundation from reaching a deal with other universities. But he said that after 16 months of negotiations with the Mann Foundation, Purdue officials were satisfied with the deal to create an Alfred Mann Institute at the school.

"We certainly were able to deal with the issues that were of concern to us and we came to a quite amicable agreement," Jischke said. "I think it's a very good arrangement."

He said the agreement recognizes Purdue's "existing relationships but allows us to continue to conduct contract research with other organizations."

When the institute's endowment is fully funded, Jischke said its investment income will yield about \$5 million a year to support the institute's commercialization goals.

Jischke said a 10-member board of directors — half chosen by Purdue and half by the Mann Foundation — will decide what inventions or ideas will be moved along the development process.

However, Bruce E. Seely, an editor with the journal Comparative Technology Transfer and Society, said a host of complex questions are raised when private groups such as the Mann Foundation offer to finance the costs of moving universities' research into commercial products.

One of those issues is what intellectual property rights a third party will obtain if it helps develop a potentially lucrative product from research financed through a mix of public money and funds from private sponsors.

"There are ethical questions that surround all of this," said Seely, the chairman of Michigan Technological University's social sciences department.

He said biotechnology research seems "particularly fraught with questions" because emerging patents with unforeseen applications could prove more lucrative than ever anticipated.

Jischke said space will eventually be built for the institute at Purdue's Discovery Park research complex, which includes a nanotechnology research center, a biosciences complex and plans for centers devoted to cancer and energy research.

Eventually, the institute could be staffed by about 40 people, most of whom will have product development and industrial design backgrounds.

Purdue is the Mann Foundation's third endowment of at least \$100 million dedicated to biomedical research. It previously funded an institute at the University of Southern California and one at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel.

The \$100 million endowment is Purdue's largest to date. It's more than double the previous biggest endowment, a \$45 million gift from 1962 Purdue graduate William Bindley to fund faculty chairs, student scholarships and fellowships, and academic programs.

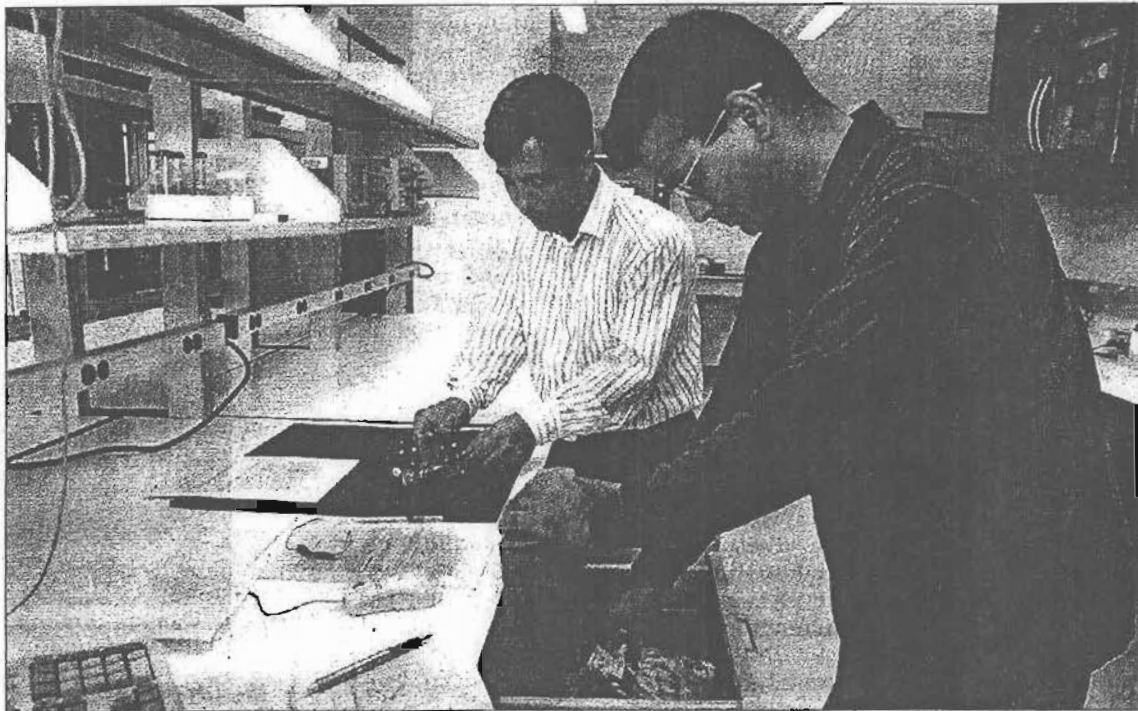


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## \$100 million gift boosts biomedical research



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Ozan Akkus, associate professor of biomedical engineering at Purdue University, works with graduate student Vikas Kaul in the Biomedical Engineering Building in Discovery Park. A \$100 million endowment from the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering is expected to help speed biomedical research to the commercial stage.

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**P**urdue University will accept a \$100 million endowment from the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering this morning.

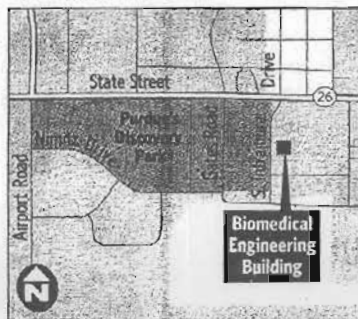
It's the largest research gift the university has ever received.

Several universities have turned down the foundation's endowments because of concerns about property rights and revenue sharing, but Purdue president Martin Jischke said the university has a solid deal.

The new Alfred Mann Institute at Purdue in Discovery Park will take biomedical researchers' ideas and speed them through the commercial process and into practical use.

### Where it will be

The Alfred Mann Institute at Purdue will be located in Discovery Park on the south part of campus.



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**Why it's helpful:** Researchers say the gift can shorten the time it takes to turn an idea into something people can use. **AB**

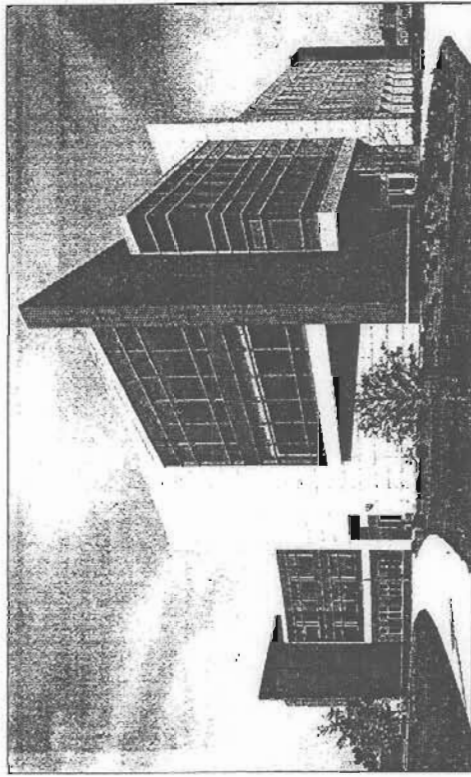
**Purdue said yes, others said no:**

Emory University had reservations about the Mann Foundation. The details of Purdue's deal will not be made public. **AB**

**Who is he?** Alfred Mann, who lives in Los Angeles, has made a fortune in the biomedical business. **AB**



Mann



By David Umberger/Purdue News Service  
An exterior view from the southwest corner of Purdue University's \$25 million Biomedical Engineering Building, which houses the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering. The Alfred Mann Institute will at first use existing space in Discovery Park, but a new facility might be built.

## Contract will be private; Jischke says researchers can seek own funding, too

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One would think universities would be champing at the bit to get a \$100 million research endowment.

But the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering has had trouble setting up institutes at many universities.

Several universities that have turned down money to establish an Alfred Mann Institute on their campuses, or at least stalled discussions, cited disagreements over revenue splits and intellectual property rights.

At Emory University in Atlanta, Todd Sherer is vice president for research administration and director of technology transfer. He said Emory was asked to front millions for facilities and believed revenue wouldn't be split properly.

"We felt like based upon the contributions we were being asked to make, we weren't getting enough of the revenue sharing," Sherer said.

John Gilligan is vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at North Carolina State University. He said his interpretation of the agree-

### About the Mann Foundation

Where it is: Valencia, Calif.

**What it does:** A philanthropic organization that establishes university-based institutes to help take biomedical research to the commercial stage so it can be used in society. The foundation is giving Purdue a \$100 million endowment and opening the Alfred Mann Institute here. The foundation wants to open 12 to 15 institutes worldwide.

**Other institutes:** The Mann Foundation has opened institutes already at the University of Southern California and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Israel.

ment the Mann Foundation pushed wouldn't have allowed university researchers to pitch their ideas for technology commercialization to anyone but the Alfred Mann Institute.

"You have to have freedom to operate," said Gilligan, who is still talking with the Mann Foundation. "We're working on the proper role of the university in relation to outside institutions."

Purdue president Martin Jischke said the university is happy with the deal it's worked out with the Mann Foundation. He would not discuss revenue details or the university's costs, thought, and said the contract would not be public because it was be-

lieving the interests of the university and its faculty," Jischke said.

Several calls to a Mann Foundation spokeswoman were not returned Thursday seeking comment on the contract and issues with other universities.

# Prospects of rapid product development excite experts

By BRIAN WALLHEIMER  
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Leslie Geddes already has a grant application ready to go, hoping he can take advantage of a new Purdue Institute promising to speed biomedical research into practical use.

Purdue will get a \$100 million endowment this morning that will help take biomedical research to the commercial stage. The endowment, created through a partnership between the Purdue Research Foundation and the Mann Foundation, is the largest for research in the university's history.

Alfred Mann, who became a billionaire from the biomedical field, established the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering and is hoping to set up 12 to 15 institutes throughout the world. Purdue's will be the third, with the other two at the University of Southern California and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

Geddes, the Showalter Distinguished Professor in Purdue's Biomedical School, said getting funding for research and clinical testing in his field can lengthen the amount of time it takes to put ideas to practical use. He's hoping the new Alfred Mann Institute will speed that process.

"It takes about 10 years to get it in commercial use," Geddes said. "Before you do anything, you've got to get the money."

After researchers come up with an idea, they typically have to assess what its uses are and if a large company wants to license and develop the invention. If not, a private company could develop around the invention.

Throughout the process, researchers must find money for research and clinical trials. The Alfred Mann Institute is hoping to greatly reduce the time that takes.

"There will be capital to devote expertise on campus to de-

## Who is Alfred Mann?

**What he does:** Founder of the Mann Foundation of Biomedical Engineering, which grants endowments to universities for biomedical research and commercialization.

**Accomplishments:** Mann is chairman of several companies, including: Advanced Biotics Corp.; Second Sight, LLC; CTL Immunotherapy Inc.; Pharmaceutical Discovery Corp.; AlleCure Corp.; Quallion, LLC and chairman emeritus of Pacemaker System Inc. Mann founded all the companies. Mann is a billionaire and has made his fortune from his biomedical companies.

Where he lives: Los Angeles.

## About Purdue's Discovery Park

**What it is:** A cluster of research centers from numerous disciplines designed to connect Purdue faculty, researchers and students.

**What is studied there:** Facilities in the park work on issues in health care, nanotechnology, alternative energy sources, homeland security, life sciences, advanced manufacturing, cancer treatment, systems engineering, the environment, cyberinfrastructure and innovative learning.

When it was launched: 2001

velop the technology," said George Wodicka, head of biomedical engineering at Purdue. "It brings the capacity for the campus to do rapid product development."

That, Wodicka said, can be attractive to prospective students and professors.

Michael Khoo, chairman of the Biomedical Engineering Department at USC, said researchers there have benefited from the Alfred Mann Institute funding.

"It has accelerated things. Many times if we did not have AMI here, we wouldn't have some projects get as far along," Khoo said.

Khoo said the problem is researchers don't often have the background to do the business aspect of commercialization. "We're not lawyers," Khoo said. "It takes a lot for us to learn these things."

The Alfred Mann Institute would look to fund two projects each year and possibly grow to as many as six per year.

Speeding inventions into use is not only important for

medical breakthroughs. It also decreases the possibility that another research institution could get similar research onto the market first.

Purdue president Martin Jischke said the endowment also doubles the funding, to about \$5 million a year, the university has to transfer technology into the commercial stage.

"It enhances Purdue's very excellent reputation in engineering and biomedical engineering in particular," Jischke said.

"We are very interested in seeing our research transferred into use for the benefit of society."

The Alfred Mann Institute will be located in Discovery Park in existing space, but it's possible a new facility could be built later. Jischke said that facility would be rented by the institute.

The contract signing and a news conference for the new institute will be at 10 a.m. today at the Biomedical Engineering Building at Discovery Park.

"We are very interested in seeing our research transferred into use for the benefit of society."

Martin Jischke, president, Purdue University

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#### Alfred Mann Institute announcement

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#### Alfred Mann Institute announcement

The Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering has announced a \$100 million gift to endow an Alfred Mann Institute at Purdue University.



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## **Purdue gift: a coup for campus and beyond**

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Purdue University's \$100 million endowment, created through a partnership between the Purdue Research Foundation and the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering, is the largest for research in the university's history.

Billionaire Alfred Mann developed breakthrough technology such as the insulin pump and improvements to the pacemaker. He created the Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering and endowed the Alred Mann Institute at the University of Southern California, as well as Technion University in Haifa, Israel, before striking the deal with Purdue.

The gift is, of course, a coup for Purdue. The new center could help draw brilliant minds to the West Lafayette campus, building on the university's national reputation. It is also a coup for the state. The new center will give preferential treatment to Indiana companies interested in licensing university technologies developed there. That's encouraging, as well as smart.

Congratulations to all involved in bringing such an innovative institution to Greater Lafayette.

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