

Wisconsin Technology Council: Can state R&D assets align with federal opportunity? Find out during Oct. 19 luncheon in Wauwatosa

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WAUWATOSA, Wis. – Leaders from four engineering research campuses and Wisconsin's largest intellectual property organization will discuss how the state could compete for a possible new round of federal dollars during an Oct. 19 luncheon meeting of the Tech Council Innovation Network in Wauwatosa.

The event will take place at UW-Milwaukee's [Innovation Accelerator](#), 1225 Discovery Parkway. Registration, networking and hors d'oeuvres start at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for students and returning veterans, \$25 for individual members, \$35 for non-members and included for Tech Council corporate members. [Click here to register and read about our COVID-19 policy.](#)

The U.S. Senate has passed the Innovation and Competition Act of 2021, which could prompt greater commercialization of technologies found in Wisconsin's academic research and industry sectors. The bill was modeled in part after the Endless Frontier Act, which was introduced by bipartisan sponsors that included U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Wis. It has yet to be scheduled in the House of Representatives.

Panelists include **Andrew Graettinger**, associate dean for research at the [UW-Milwaukee](#); **Erik Iverson**, chief executive officer for [Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation](#); **Sheku Kamara**, dean of applied research at the [Milwaukee School of](#)

[Engineering](#); **Ian Robertson**, dean of the [UW-Madison College of Engineering](#); and **Carmel Ruffolo**, associate vice president for corporate engagement at [Marquette University](#). Tech Council President Tom Still will moderate.

“How can Wisconsin best compete to become one of 10 interdisciplinary research hubs, drawing on universities with engineering, computer science, data science and life sciences expertise? Can a regional effort to collaborate with industry in select disciplines put Wisconsin on the map as a strong candidate for federal dollars? Those are among questions for our panelists,” Still said.

The meeting is sponsored by the [UW-Milwaukee](#) and [UWM Research Foundation](#).

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