

## MitoSciences turns research into business

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MitoSciences, a local biotech company founded by two scientists at the University of Oregon, is on track for some rapid growth. The company's products, which enable researchers to monitor the health and function of mitochondria —the energy centers of cells — have implications in developing new drugs and fighting diseases, such as cancer and diabetes. MitoSciences recently made two major announcements. The company has agreed to pay the UO more than \$4.6 million over the next decade for exclusive rights to commercialize a number of biotech innovations. MitoSciences also said that Invitrogen, a California-based company with a business unit in west Eugene, will be the exclusive distributor in North America of MitoSciences's research tools and kits. The deal greatly expands MitoSciences's marketing reach and opens up new sales channels, MitoSciences president Jean-Paul Audette said.

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