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### Medical Innovation Center welcomes five fellows to foster medical innovation



From left: Steve White, Ph.D. candidate, Merrell Sami, M.D., Elyse Kemmerer, Ph.D., Alex Kim, MBA, and Adrienne Harris, MSE.

The new [Medical Innovation Center](#) is committed to providing services to faculty and staff who need help moving a medical innovation idea forward.

Additionally, the MIC welcomes its inaugural class of fellows this fall. The class is a diverse group of professionals from the medical, engineering and business disciplines. After their one-year fellowship, fellows will leave U-M with the tools to create and commercialize medical innovations.

“The combination of people from different disciplines enables truly great innovative ideas,” says **Brenda Jones**, managing director.

The fellows are:

**Alex Kim**, MBA

**Elyse Kemmerer**, Ph.D., Neuroscience

**Merrell Sami**, M.D.

**Adrienne Harris**, MSE, biomedical engineering

**Steve White**, Ph.D. candidate, mechanical engineering

The fellows’ curriculum spans a variety of topics including the “art and science” of innovation, legal implications, ethical issues, insurance challenges, as well as the commercialization and regulatory paths for medical device inventions.

The MIC provides services to faculty and staff who want to move a medical innovation forward:

- project management
- prototype design and creation
- securing funding
- identifying scientific and industry collaborators

MIC staff include:

**James Geiger**, M.D., executive director

**Albert Shih**, Ph.D., associate director

**Brenda Jones**, MBA, managing director

**Toby Donajkowski**, prototype specialist

**Jennifer Stovall**, project coordinator

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## **Bixby begins year-long program to pursue clinical hematology research**

Twenty hematology and hematology/oncology fellows and junior faculty began a