

# WID

## A Public-Private Partnership

**Wisconsin Institute for Discovery (WID)**

Public – University of Wisconsin

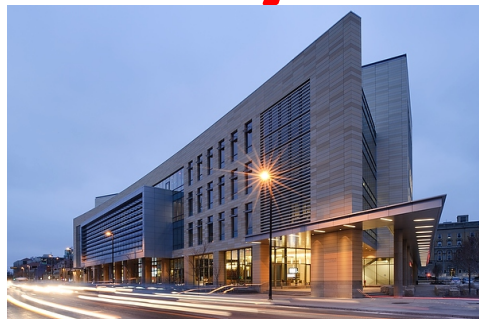
**Morgridge Institute for Research (MIR)**

Private – Non-profit

**Town Center**

**WARF**

# Discovery Building



- Opened in 2010
- Financed by:
  - The State of Wisconsin
  - Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF)
  - John and Tashia Morgridge
- Located in the center of the UW campus
- 40% WID, 40% MIR, 20% Town Center
- Ground floor: outreach, lectures, coffee/food
- Upstairs and down: excellent laboratories

# **Distinct Missions and Support of WID and MIR**

**Wisconsin Institute for Discovery (WID)**

**INFORMATION-RICH SYSTEMS**

**Public**

**Morgridge Institute for Research (MIR)**

**BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND HUMAN HEALTH**

**Private**

# Areas of focus

## WID

Epigenetics  
Stem Cell Biology  
Systems Biology  
Optimization  
Complexity  
Communication  
Education  
Arts

## MIR

Metabolism  
Regenerative Biology  
Virology & Cancer Biology  
Biomedical Devices  
Imaging  
Outreach  
Career Development  
Biomedical Ethics

High Throughput Computation

# Distinct Sources of Support

## **Wisconsin Institute for Discovery: public**

- Part of the UW-Madison
- Investigators are UW professors
- Support from the UW-Madison & Research Grants
- Responsible to the UW Vice-Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
- Subject to rules and regulations of the State & UW

# Distinct Sources of Support

## **Morgridge Institute for Research: private, non-profit**

- Independent of UW-Madison but closely affiliated through cooperation and collaboration
- Investigators may, or may not, be UW professors
- Supported by philanthropy, WARF, endowment and research grants
- Funding and administration are independent of UW
- Responsible to its private Board of Trustees
- Less bureaucracy, fewer externally imposed rules

# Private Funding of MIR Provides:

- Freedom to take calculated risks without endangering taxpayer funds
- Privacy in dealing with companies (e.g., IP)
- Flexibility and nimbleness in initiating campus-wide initiatives
- Ability to furnish matching funds for federal grants
- Independence of external budgetary mandates

# WID-MIR

## A Public-Private Partnership

- Shared interests:
  - ✓ Stem cell research
  - ✓ Metabolism and epigenetics
  - ✓ Resources of the fabrication laboratory
- Shared computational resources
- Outreach and public education
- Collaborative fellowships
- Enhanced communications and discussions