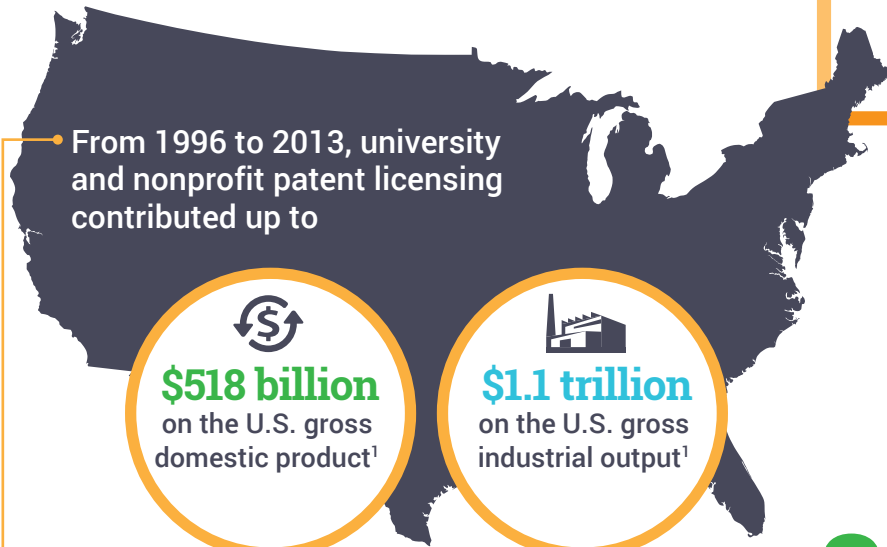


University research yields discoveries with commercial potential and economic impact.

Universities contribute to the creation of new technologies, companies, industries and jobs.

University employees known as **technology transfer professionals** manage the complex process of protecting discoveries by **securing patents** so that the discoveries can be licensed and further developed by companies or startups to produce new products.



From 1996 to 2013, university and nonprofit patent licensing contributed up to

\$518 billion
on the U.S. gross domestic product¹

\$1.1 trillion
on the U.S. gross industrial output¹

In that period, up to

3.8 million jobs

were supported through university and nonprofit patent licensing¹



👤 = 20,000 jobs

Since 1995, universities in the U.S. have formed nearly

11,000 startup companies²

1,012 were launched in 2015³



879 new products based on university innovations were introduced to the market by companies in 2015³



Over the past 20 years, more than **80,000 U.S. patents** were issued to research institutions²



25
YEARS

AUTM Licensing Activity Survey



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