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Dr. McMahon leads the SEED Office in helping to transform cutting-edge technologies into products that improve health and save lives. The SEED team educates and assists NIH-funded innovators as they transition from discovery science to product development. SEED helps academic innovators validate the potential health impacts of their discoveries through a national network of proof-of-concept centers and provides a host of professional advisory services to small business innovators funded by NIH's \$1.3 billion/year Small Business Programs. Dr. McMahon has a diverse background in academia, small business, congressional policy, and NIH



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