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## Exclusive: USciences gets into the biotech biz

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The **University of the Sciences** is getting into the biotechnology business.

The West Philadelphia [college](#) has signed a deal to lease 620 square feet of research, product development and manufacturing space to Enzium, a start-up life sciences company.

Dr. [Peter B. Berget](#), a USciences biology chairman, co-founded Enzium when he was at **Carnegie Mellon University**.

[Crystal Falco](#), the company's co-founder and CEO, said the decision to relocate from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia was driven by two key factors.

First was Berget joining the faculty at USciences. "We thought it would be a great idea to all be in the city and down the hall from each other," said Falco, of the company that has three employees and expects to grow as it launches products.

Falco said the second factor was its lead investor, BioAdvance, the operator of the Biotechnology Greenhouse of Southeastern Pennsylvania, which has invested \$450,000 in the company.

"They really pushed for us to be in the Philadelphia area," Falco said.

Enzium also received \$25,000 in start-up funding from Carnegie Mellon, a federal grant and an undisclosed investment from an angel investor in China.

Enzium is developing tools for drug developers to use when screening and manufacturing new drug candidates.

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