

Department of Defense SUPPORTING U-M RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP





\$77 MILLION

Research Supported by DoD in FY20



430

Active Projects Supported by DoD



505

Faculty, Postdocs and **Grad Students Supported** Annually by DoD

The Department of Defense partners with researchers across U-M to provide branches of the military with the necessary resources to ensure they are well-equipped to address complex challenges and threats facing our nation.

Exploring Human Behavior

A \$6.5 million grant from DOD supports U-M research that will help us better understand and shape the networks that are driving human behavior, with a focus on areas such as international diplomacy, street crime, cyberterrorism, military strategy, financial markets, industrial supply chains, and even how to maximize COVID-safe behavior. The grant uses Game Theory to explore human behavior.



Security Vulnerability in Vehicles

DOD funding supports research led by U-M that addresses the growing problem of security vulnerabilities in vehicles and spacecraft. Vehicles face a varied assortment of electronics – hundreds of processors and millions of lines of code that were designed separately, but now must work together, posing challenges to security. U-M research aims to develop a self-contained patching system to solve this growing problem of security vulnerabilities.



Strengthening body armor

A \$7.5 million grant from the DoD Office of Naval Research supports U-M research into the design of a lightweight helmet and body armor that can better absorb impact. U-M research aims to develop a new material that. under regular conditions, would be flexible and suddenly transform into a state that could disperse greater impact when hit by a bullet.



