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From [MSU Today](#) on [Impact Radio](#): MSU [has been awarded](#) a \$25 million grant from the [National Science Foundation](#) to [establish a center](#), bringing together scientists from across the nation to study evolution in action in both natural and virtual settings.

“[BEACON](#) will conduct research on fundamental evolutionary dynamics in both natural and artificial systems,” says [Erik Goodman](#), MSU professor of [electrical and computer engineering](#) and director of the center. “In addition, we will educate a generation of multidisciplinary scientists, and improve public understanding of evolution at all levels.”

MSU has been awarded one of five highly coveted NSF Science and Technology Centers, officially titled “BEACON, an NSF Science and Technology Center for the Study of Evolution in Action.” It will serve as a resource for academics and industry, performing basic research while helping create new technologies to solve real-world problems, ranging from the development of safer, more efficient cars to systems that detect computer intrusions.

Hosted by [Russ White](#).

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