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# ACCELERATORS + INCUBATORS




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CHICAGO IS RANKED  
AS THE SEVENTH  
HOTTEST STARTUP  
HUB IN THE WORLD

*BUSINESS INSIDER 2015*

With more than 3,000 digital companies in Chicago, the city ranks third fastest for tech growth. Illinois' tech ecosystem thrives due to a strong sense of community and collaboration that is evident in the robust accelerators and incubators throughout Chicago and the surrounding area.

# FOUNDER INSTITUTE



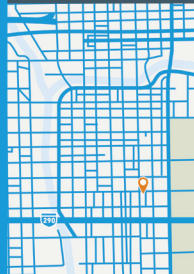
- ONE OF MANY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS
- THE INSTITUTE HAS HELPED OVER 3.3K COMPANIES RAISE OVER \$700M

Founder Institute is the world's premier pre-seed startup accelerator and has built some of the world's fastest growing companies. Founder Institute seeks to empower talented and motivated people to build impactful companies.

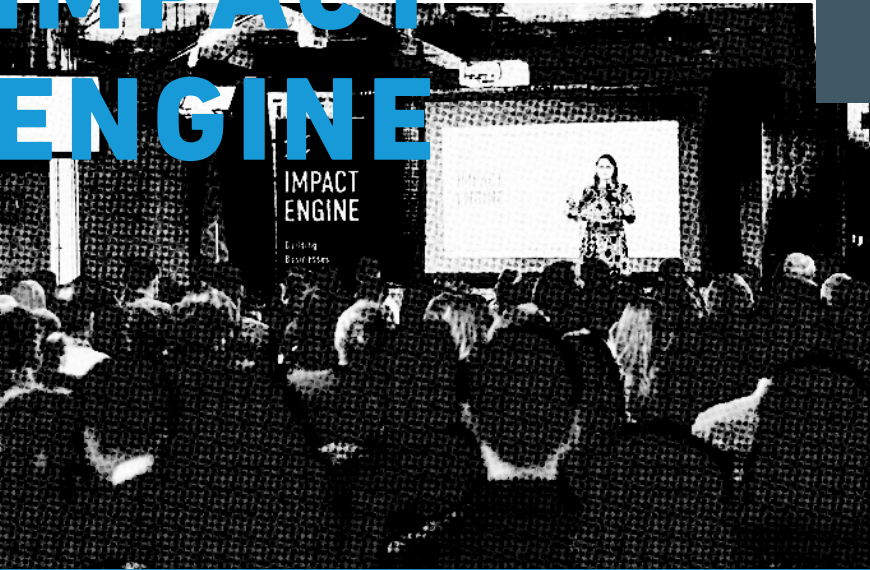
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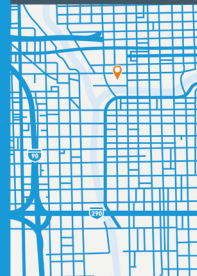


- SEEKS TO DRIVE BOTH FINANCIAL RETURNS AND MAKE A POSITIVE SOCIAL IMPACT IN EARLY-STAGE TECH COMPANIES

Impact Engine is a venture fund that invests financial and human capital in early-stage, for-profit technology businesses improving education, health, economic empowerment, and resource efficiency.

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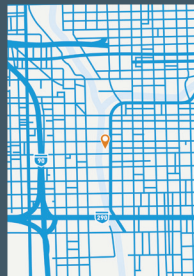
# CLEAN ENERGY TRUST

- EARLY-STAGE VENTURE INVESTOR FOR HIGH-IMPACT CLEAN TECH STARTUPS
- 27 MIDWESTERN STARTUPS ARE MEMBERS OF CLEAN ENERGY TRUST

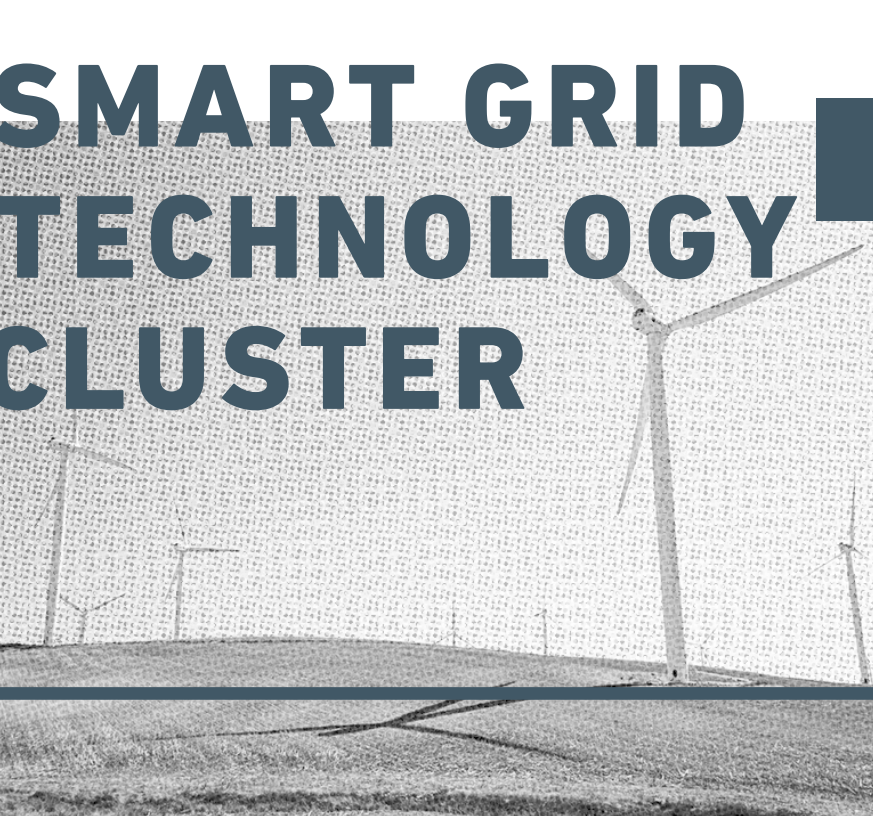
Clean Energy Trust provides valuable resources and hands-on support to help entrepreneurs scale and succeed. Clean Energy Trust strives for positive environmental impact through their investments in and support of scalable, sustainable technologies and market-driven solutions.

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# SMART GRID TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER

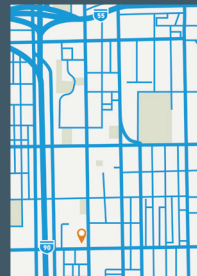


- SPECIALIZES IN SMART GRID STARTUPS
- MANAGED BY A PARTNERSHIP OF ILLINOIS' LEADING ENERGY ORGANIZATIONS

The Smart Grid Cluster is a platform for promoting business growth and entrepreneurial activity by offering technical and business support to smart grid start-ups and small businesses. The cluster also engages leading corporations, investors, and policy makers to ensure continued growth.

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# CHICAGOLAND FOOD + BEVERAGE NETWORK



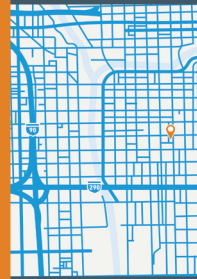
- CONNECTS OVER 4,500 CHICAGOLAND FOOD & BEVERAGE COMPANIES
- DRIVES INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

The network brings industry players from across Chicagoland together to provide a forum for collaboration and to drive innovation and growth in the region with a focus on employment, economic development, entrepreneurship, and neighborhood revitalization.

CONNECT WITH THE NETWORK...

[CHICAGOLANDFOOD.COM](http://CHICAGOLANDFOOD.COM)

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# THE HATCHERY

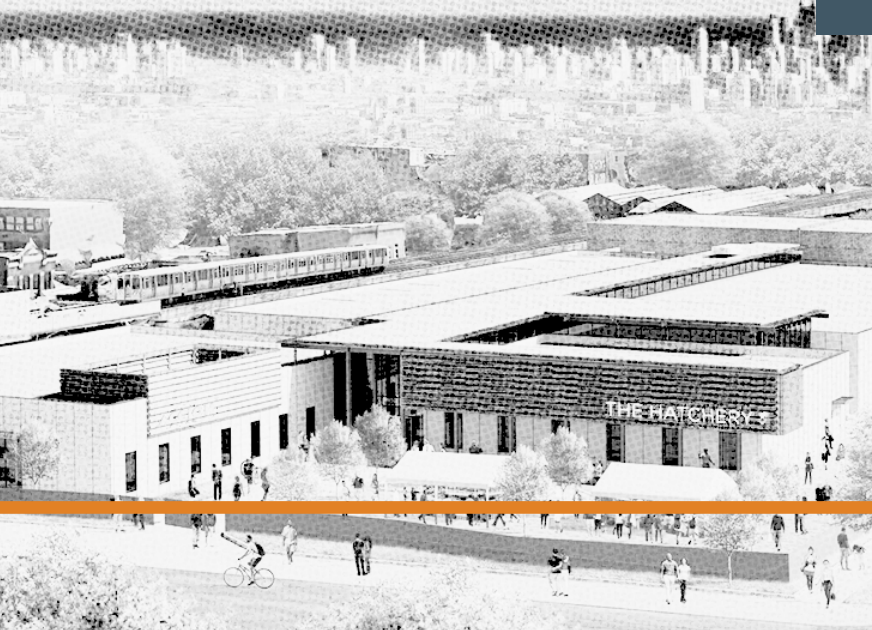
- 56 PRIVATE PRODUCTION-READY KITCHENS, DRY/COLD/FREEZER STORAGE, AND CO-WORKING SPACES

The Hatchery is a food and beverage incubator dedicated to helping entrepreneurs at all stages build and grow successful businesses. The Hatchery provides access to production space, resources, financing, and facilitates networking opportunities.

CONNECT WITH THE HATCHERY...

[THEHATCHERYCHICAGO.COM](http://THEHATCHERYCHICAGO.COM)

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# CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE INNOVATION

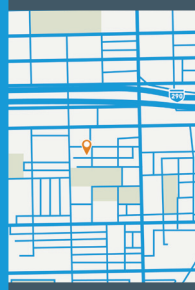
- GUIDES & MENTORS ORGANIZATIONS TO SOLVE STRATEGIC CHALLENGES
- INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF HEALTHCARE EQUITY

The center is a non-profit research and education institute that produces primary, impactful research focused specifically on the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities of health equity. The center tackles issues in healthcare with open-minded inquiry and objective analyses.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

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# IBIO PROPEL



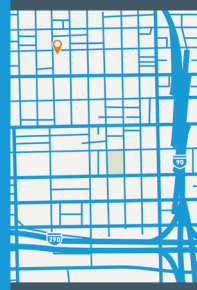
- FORMATION-STAGE & EARLY-STAGE LIFE SCIENCES COMPANIES
- TIERED PROGRAMMING

iBio Propel provides life sciences companies with access to specialized resources and expertise to prepare them for early-stage funding. iBio Propel has awarded \$1.2 million in grants and awards since 2007.

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# ILLINOIS SCIENCE + TECHNOLOGY PARK

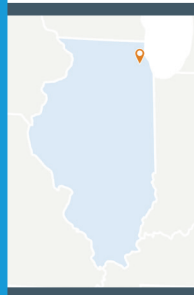
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THE PARK HAS CREATED  
OVER 1,500 JOBS WITH  
PLANS TO CREATE OVER  
4,000 TOTAL JOBS

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- THE INCUBATOR
- 11 TENANT COMPANIES

The Illinois Science and Technology Park is dedicated to the cultivation of a multi-cultural environment that will create and sustain businesses from basic research through commercialization. This park includes world class laboratories, office space and key support amenities.

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# THE INCUBATOR

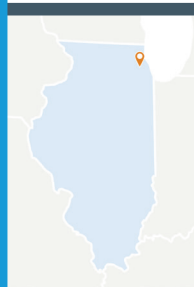


- INCUBATOR FOR LAB-BASED STARTUPS
- 6,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE
- IN-HOUSE CONSULTANTS

The Incubator, part of The Technology Innovation Center at the Illinois Technology and Science Park, offers high-quality lab space under the most flexible terms regarding space, business, and expansion available in the Chicago area.

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[THEINCUBATOR.COM](http://THEINCUBATOR.COM)

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# HEALTHBOX

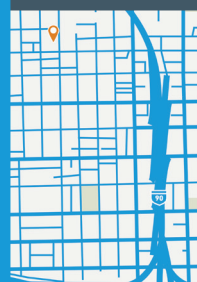


- ACCELERATOR FOCUSED ON HEALTHCARE
- DUAL INDUSTRY/MARKET KNOWLEDGE

Healthbox helps entrepreneurs navigate the health industry with a team who has the context and expertise to understand which external solutions will work inside an organization and what internal projects have the potential to scale outside of it.

CONNECT WITH HEALTHBOX...  
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# MATTER



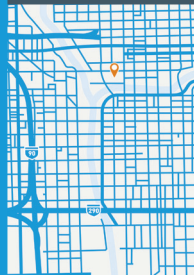
- MENTORS-IN-RESIDENCE
- 25,000 SQUARE FEET OF STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Matter is a community of innovators from across the healthcare ecosystem including pharmaceutical, medical device, diagnostic, and health IT-companies; venture capitalists, and many more. Matter facilitates innovative programs, designed with partners, to enhance collaboration between stakeholders.

CONNECT WITH MATTER...

[MATTER.HEALTH](https://matter.health)

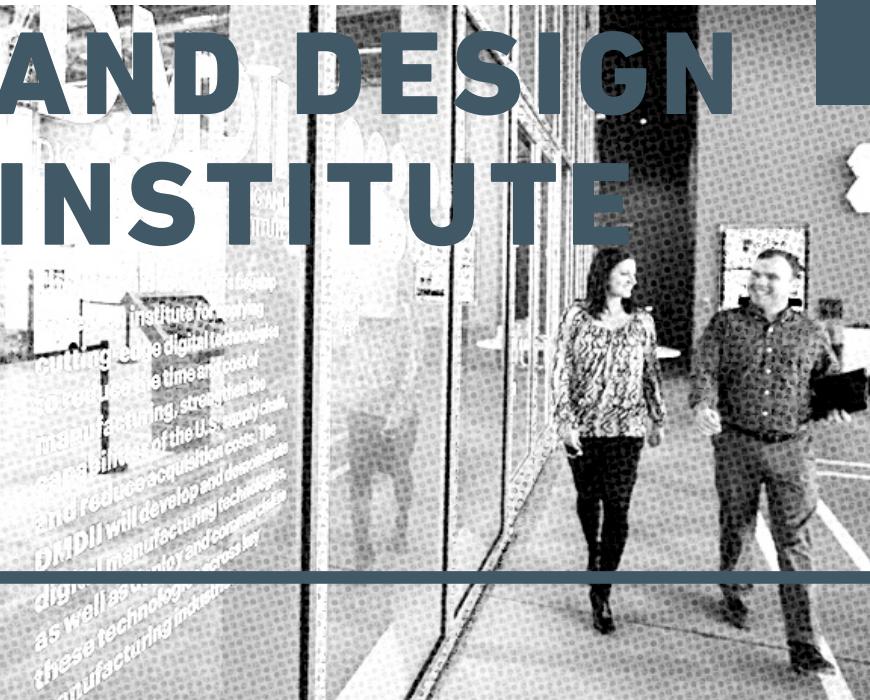
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# DIGITAL MANUFACTURING

# AND DESIGN INSTITUTE



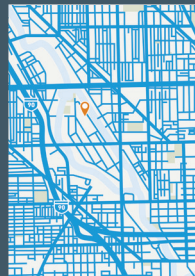
- 100K SQUARE FOOT INNOVATION CENTER WITH FACTORY SPACE
- \$90M INVESTED IN 60+ R&D PROJECTS

DMDII is where innovative manufacturers go to forge their futures. The institute equips U.S. factories with the digital tools. They lend their research and development expertise in the areas of design; product development; systems engineering; future factories; agile, resilient supply chains; and cybersecurity.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...

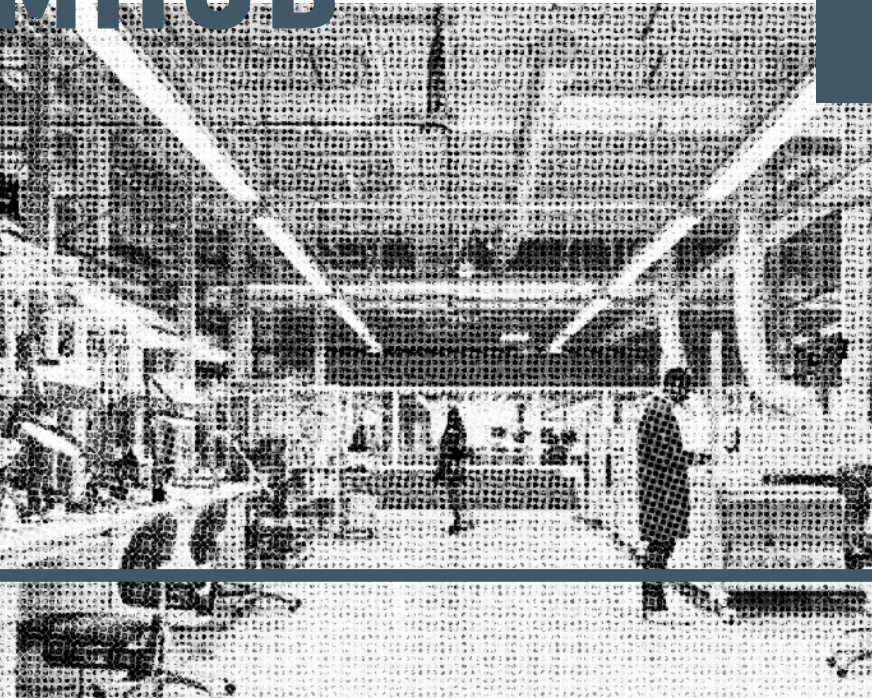
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# MHUB



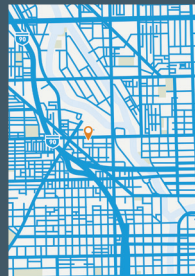
- SITE FEATURES A MICROFACTORY FOR LOW-VOLUME PRODUCTION RUNS, PRODUCT DESIGN, AND RAPID PROTOTYPING

mHub is focused on physical product development and manufacturing. The 63,000 square-foot facility features ten unique fabrication centers. mHub's community is filled with a diversity of perspectives to spark the innovation that leads to opportunities for collaboration.

CONNECT WITH MHUB...

[MHUBCHICAGO.COM](http://MHUBCHICAGO.COM)

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# 1871



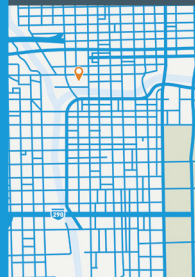
- 500 EARLY-STAGE, HIGH-GROWTH DIGITAL STARTUPS
- 140,000 SQUARE FOOT SPACE

1871 was created to support Chicago's digital startup community and has become the hub for the city's thriving technology and entrepreneurial ecosystem. 1871 is the headquarters of nationally recognized accelerators, industry-specific incubators, and tech talent schools.

CONNECT WITH 1871...

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# CATAPULT

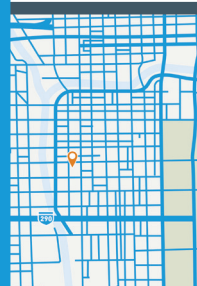


- THE ONLY NON-PROFIT FOR STARTUPS WITH BUSINESS TRACTION
- 12,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE

Catapult cultivates a tightknit community of promising startups through founder mentorship and experience sharing that empowers the best founders and companies to help each other scale. Catapult has a goal of providing both the financial and human resources needed for tech startups.

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# CITY TECH

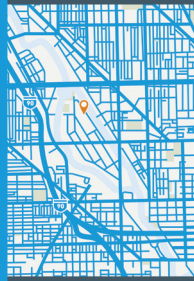


- URBAN PROBLEM SOLVING
- BRINGING ESSENTIAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MODERN ERA
- INCREASING ACCESS TO DIGITAL TOOLS


City Tech transforms cities into testbeds for new ideas by remaking essential services and infrastructure, from skills to skyscrapers. We are currently easing subway congestion during large events; creating a digital map of Chicago's underground; and launching a digital directory of public health services.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...  
[UILABS.ORG/INNOVATION-PLATFORMS/  
CITIES-INFRASTRUCTURE](http://UILABS.ORG/INNOVATION-PLATFORMS/CITIES-INFRASTRUCTURE)

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# ILLINOIS TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION



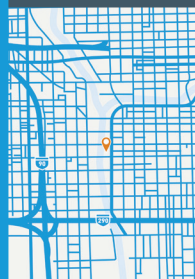
- ASSISTS EARLY-STAGE TECH COMPANIES WITH SERVICES TO INCREASE ACCESS AND VISIBILITY AND PROVIDE TALENT

ITA is a non-profit that focuses on scaling Illinois tech companies. ITA provides the ecosystem and infrastructure necessary to network with other similar-sized, fast-growing companies. ITA also promotes Chicago as a premier destination for tech talent at conferences and universities.

CONNECT WITH THE ASSOCIATION...

[ILLINOISTECH.ORG](http://ILLINOISTECH.ORG)

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# TECHNEXUS



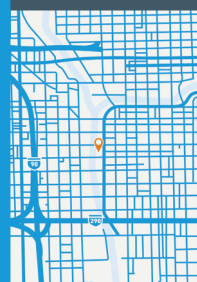
- FORBES TOP 10 INCUBATOR
- 384 UNIVERSITIES & RESEARCH LABS
- 530 VC AND ANGEL INVESTORS

TechNexus is an incubator and venture capital firm specializing in early-stage and start-up investments. TechNexus provides a curated, diverse community with unsurpassed access to Chicago tech executives and hundreds of ecosystem partners.

CONNECT WITH TECHNEXUS...

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# TECHSTARS

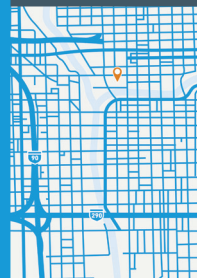
- OFFICE SPACE AT 1871
- LIFETIME ACCESS TO TECHSTARS RESOURCES

TechStars hosts ten companies in a three-month, mentor-driven accelerator program. Participating companies get access to funding, resources, office space, and mentorship from 150+ entrepreneurs, executives, and investors, including the founders of BaseCamp, Uptake and GrubHub.

CONNECT WITH TECHSTARS...

[TECHSTARS.COM](https://techstars.com)

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# CORPORATE RESEARCH + DEVELOPMENT



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**ILLINOIS RANKS SEVENTH  
NATIONALLY IN PATENT  
PRODUCTION WITH 5K+  
AWARDED ANNUALLY**

*ILLINOIS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COALITION*

Research and development are essential to innovation and growth. Corporate R&D in Illinois is strong in industries including pharmaceuticals, machine manufacturing, insurance, and food production. Several of the nation's largest patent holders are headquartered in Illinois, including Boeing, Caterpillar, Deere & Company, Illinois Tool Works, and Motorola Solutions.



# ALLSTATE

## AREAS OF FOCUS

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

DATA ANALYSIS

DIGITAL CLAIMS

CONNECTED CARS

CONNECT...

ALLSTATE.COM



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

### DRONES

Allstate will join a consortium dedicated to the research and development of drones. Ultimately, drones used in the claims process could provide faster payments to customers, especially in an area where widespread damage occurs quickly.

### AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES RESEARCH

Allstate, in collaboration with Intelligent Systems Laboratory at Stanford University, began performing research on machine learning, artificial intelligence and highly autonomous vehicle systems in 2016.

2775 SANDERS ROAD  
NORTHBROOK, IL 60062



# ARITY

An aerial, black and white photograph of a road with a car driving on it. The road has white lane markings. The surrounding area appears to be a mix of pavement and some vegetation or construction material.

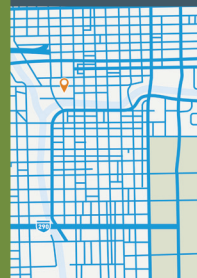
- SEEKS TO POWER TRANSPORTATION ANALYTICS & INNOVATION FOR ALLSTATE AND THEIR PARTNERS

Arity is Allstate's tech startup, born out of their Quantitative Research & Analytics and Connected Car teams, tasked with analyzing billions of miles of driving data and information to generate insights that help partners evaluate risk and revolutionize driver safety and connectivity.

CONNECT WITH ARITY...

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# STATE FARM

## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CENTER



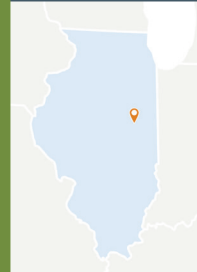
- RESEARCH CENTER DEDICATED TO AGRICULTURE, LIFE SCIENCES, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY USE

The center, located at the University of Illinois Research Park, utilizes a cross-discipline team and state-of-the-art tools to encourage interaction and innovation to develop new applications, rate analysis tools, and other developments.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[RDC.STATEFARM](http://RDC.STATEFARM)

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CHAMPAIGN, IL 61802



# ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND

## AREAS OF FOCUS

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS

FOOD INGREDIENTS

AUTOMATION & CONNECTED  
AGRICULTURE

BIO-BASED CHEMICAL  
PRODUCTS

CONNECT...

ADM.COM



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

DIGITIZATION OF GLOBAL  
COMMODITY TRADE OPERATIONS

Standardize international grain trades,  
increase end-to-end contract visibility, and  
reduce processing times via digitization.

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS

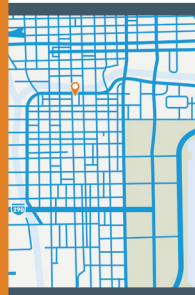
Cost-advantaged production of commodity  
and specialty chemicals from renewable  
feedstocks (in collaboration with Rennovia).

## PREVIOUS R&D SUCCESSES

2017 INNOVATION IN BIOPLASTICS AWARD

Awarded for developing a method to  
produce furan dicarboxylic methyl ester  
by deriving fructose from corn syrup.

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# SPRINGBOARD BRANDS



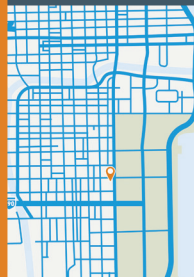
- FOCUSED ON FOOD AND BEVERAGE BRANDS THAT INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF ORGANIC, SPECIALTY, HEALTH, AND EXPERIENTIAL BRANDS

Springboard, an incubator founded by Kraft-Heinz, is dedicated to nurturing, scaling, and accelerating growth of emergent, disruptive U.S. brands within the food and beverage space.

CONNECT WITH SPRINGBOARD...

[SPRINGBOARDBRANDS.COM](https://springboardbrands.com)

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# ABBOTT LABS

## AREAS OF FOCUS

PHARMACEUTICALS

CLINICAL STUDIES

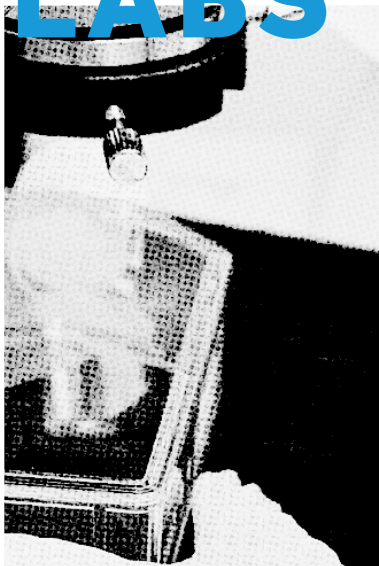
PATIENT CARE

NUTRITION

MEDICAL PRODUCTS & DEVICES

CONNECT...

[ABBOTT.COM](http://ABBOTT.COM)



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

### MEDICAL OPTICS

New technologies to improve patient outcomes and physician efficiency during cataract surgery and intraocular lenses for astigmatism and presbyopia.

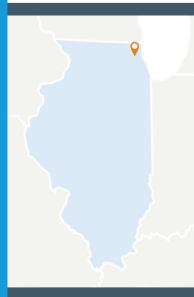
### MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

New in vitro diagnostic products for oncology and infectious diseases as well as a diagnostic test for ALK gene rearrangement test for the treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer.

### LABORATORY AUTOMATION

Accelerator a3600 is a new tracking system meant to increase laboratory efficiency and accuracy through sample management.

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD  
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60044



# ABBVIE

## AREAS OF FOCUS

ONCOLOGY

IMMUNOLOGY

NEUROSCIENCE

VIROLOGY

CONNECT...

[ABBVIE.COM](http://ABBVIE.COM)



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

### ONCOLOGICAL MEDICINE

Researching medicines to treat over 20 types of solid tumors and blood cancers. There are over 200 clinical trials being held for these treatments globally.

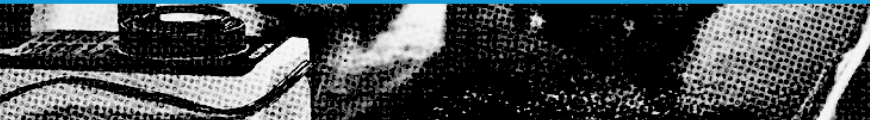
### NEUROSCIENCE

Investigating strategies to directly target the disease pathology for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, MS, and PSP with Phase 2 clinical studies underway.

### VIROLOGY

Pursuing pangenotypic regimens to address patients living with chronic Hepatitis C.

1400 SHERIDAN ROAD  
NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064



# BAXTER

## AREAS OF FOCUS

MEDICAL DEVICES

BIOSURGERY

ANESTHETICS

PHARMACY AUTOMATION

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[BAXTER.COM](http://BAXTER.COM)



## PAST R&D SUCCESSES

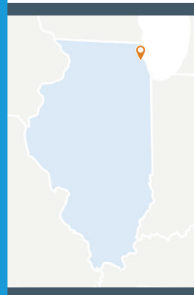
### AUTOMATED PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

Baxter's platform is the first and only APD system to include user-friendly features that help guide end-stage renal disease patients through home peritoneal dialysis therapy, while keeping them remotely connected with their healthcare providers.

### SPECTRUM IQ

Spectrum IQ is designed to simplify EMR integration with key features including on-screen barcode technology with scan prompts. The broadest range of auto-programming workflows and feature sets to help drive consistent compliance; intuitive workflows to confirm IV infusion tasks.

1 BAXTER PARKWAY  
DEERFIELD, IL 60014





# OSF HEALTHCARE

## AREAS OF FOCUS

ADVANCED SIMULATION

VIRTUAL CARE

CARE DELIVERY

HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS

CONNECT...

[OSFHEALTHCARE.ORG](https://osfhealthcare.org)



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

### TELEDEMENTIA

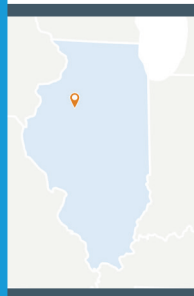
Timelier, localized access to dementia care has provided two communities with over 170 dementia care visits in less than a year. Through the use of OSF's technology the neurologist can expand service access without requiring patients or providers to travel long distances.

## PREVIOUS R&D SUCCESSES

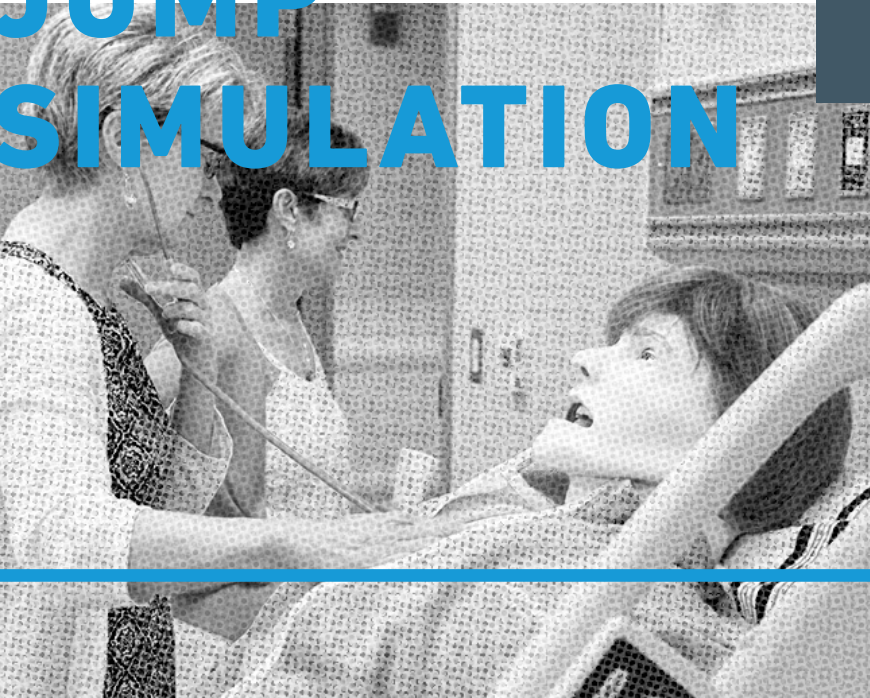
### JUMP IHA

Jump Simulation, in partnership with IHA, developed adaptable, low-cost simulation modules that trained over 300 learners in their 2017-18 programs to take the resources and curriculum back to their own hospitals.

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PEORIA, IL 61603



# JUMP SIMULATION

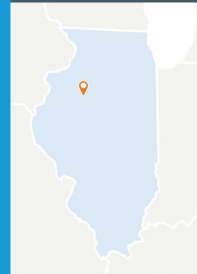


- INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE SIMULATION
- FOCUSED ON IMPROVING SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND EFFICIENCY OF CARE IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

Jump Simulation was created to improve outcomes and lower health care costs through the training of medical professionals. Jump was created as a means to embrace change and take on the largest health care challenges.

CONNECT WITH JUMP SIMULATION...  
[JUMPSIMULATION.ORG](http://JUMPSIMULATION.ORG)

1306 N BERKELEY AVENUE  
PEORIA, IL 61603



# BOEING

## AREAS OF FOCUS

COMMERICAL

DEFENSE

SPACE

ENVIRONMENT

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## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

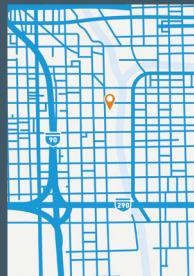
### DISRUPTIVE COMPUTING & NETWORKS

Boeing's new Disruptive Computing and Networks organization is tasked with developing solutions for advanced commercial and government aerospace applications such as secure communications, artificial intelligence, and complex system optimization.

### ECODEMONSTRATOR PROGRAM

Boeing and Embraer are working together on the Boeing ecoDemonstrator program to test emerging technologies, methods and material that will improve the environmental performance and safety of airplanes of the future.

100 NORTH RIVERSIDE  
CHICAGO, IL 60606



# CATERPILLAR

## AREAS OF FOCUS

AUTONOMOUS MACHINES

SAFETY PRODUCTS

DATA ANALYTICS

MATERIALS PROCESSING

CONNECT...

CATERPILLAR.COM



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

### VIRTUAL REALITY CENTER

An immersive virtual reality center that will allow engineers to simulate and test potential products before they are produced.

### LUMPY DEMAND FORECASTING

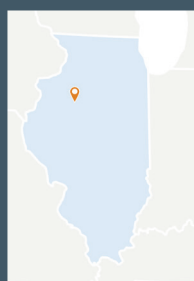
Technology to forecast the demand for infrequently demanded parts.

## PREVIOUS R&D SUCCESSES

### AUTONOMOUS TRUCKS

Over 100 autonomous vehicles are at work worldwide. This fleet raises productivity by 20% in comparison to human operators. These trucks have moved 700 million tons of material since implementation.

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PEORIA, IL 61605





# CATERPILLAR

# CHAMPAIGN INNOVATION CENTER

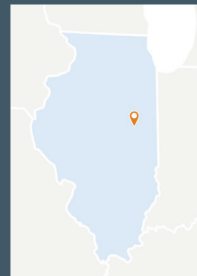
- ADVANCES CATERPILLAR'S KEY FIELDS OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH & STATISTICS THROUGH INNOVATION & DATA ANALYSIS

As part of Caterpillar's commitment to innovation and technology, the lab takes on data driven projects to research and prove out concepts that are on the edge of CAT's current business. These projects involve cutting edge data analytics, application development, and more.

**CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...**

[CATERPILLAR.COM/CATLABS](http://CATERPILLAR.COM/CATLABS)

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CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820*



# JOHN DEERE

## AREAS OF FOCUS

TECHNOLOGY

EQUIPMENT

AGRONOMICS

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## PREVIOUS R&D SUCCESSES

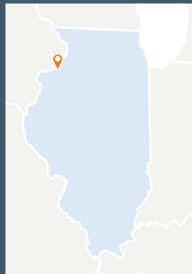
### MY JOHN DEERE

In 2012, Deere installed sensors on their products to connect a network of machines, owners, operators, dealers, and consultants to a combination of individual and historical data on weather, soil, and crops to help farmers manage their fleet and increase efficiency.

### ELECTRIC DRIVE TECHNOLOGY

Deere first introduced electric drive technology to their range in their hybrid 644K loaders in 2013. Later, Deere successfully designed and implemented fully integrated electric drivetrain systems — first introduced in 2016.

1 JOHN DEERE PLACE  
MOLINE, IL 61265



JOHN DEERE

# TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTER

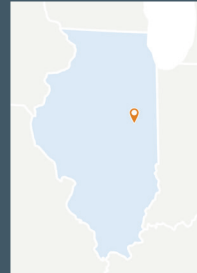
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, ARGONOMY,  
AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

The center hosts an array of teams that work to support the university's internal library system, investigate cloud-based voice recognition systems, and identify issues in crop sciences that help John Deere design more productive machine solutions.

**CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...**

[RESEARCHPARK.ILLINOIS.EDU/DIRECTORY/  
JOHN-DEERE-TECHNOLOGY-INNOVATION-CENTER](http://RESEARCHPARK.ILLINOIS.EDU/DIRECTORY/JOHN-DEERE-TECHNOLOGY-INNOVATION-CENTER)

*2021 S FIRST STREET #101  
CHAMPAIGN, IL 61802*



# UNITED STATES GYPSUM CORPORATION

## AREAS OF FOCUS

CEMENT & COMPOSITE PANELS

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES  
IN COMMERCIAL  
CONSTRUCTION

PERFORMANCE MATERIALS

AUTONOMOUS MACHINES

CONNECT...  
USG.COM



## CURRENT R&D EFFORTS

### AUTONOMOUS MACHINERY & DRONES

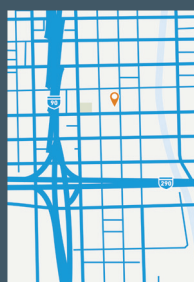
Autonomous mining machinery that can operate 24 hours a day and equipment with the ability to handle, cut, and stack wallboard. Drones are being utilized to map quarries and audit stockpiles.

## PREVIOUS R&D SUCCESSSES

### ECOSMART PANELS

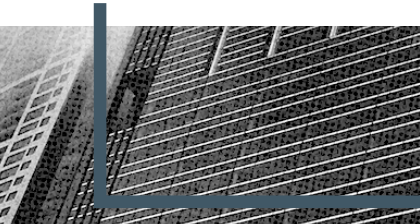
USG Sheetrock, launched in 2017, is the industry's first lightweight, sustainable Type X gypsum panel, it's 22% lighter.

550 W ADAMS STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60661





# FEDERAL + NATIONAL LABORATORIES



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**\$1.4B OF FEDERAL R&D  
FUNDS ARE SPENT IN  
ILLINOIS ANNUALLY**

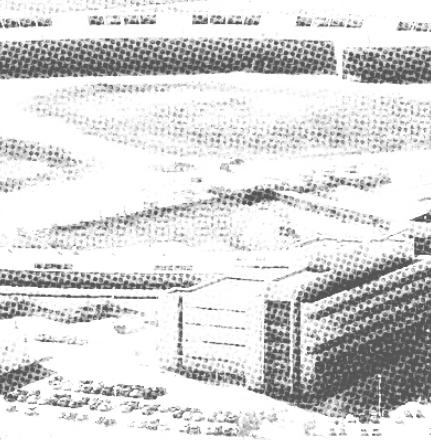
*RAND CORPORATION*

Illinois is home to two national labs, Argonne and Fermilab, which contribute more than \$1 billion annually to the state's R&D activity according to Illinois Science and Technology Coalition. These vital organizations also collaborate with, and contribute critical resources to, business and academic R&D communities.



# ARGONNE

## NATIONAL LABORATORY



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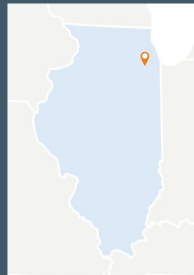
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CMS TIER-1 COMPUTING  
CENTER IN THE WORLD

[CONNECT...](https://anl.gov)  
[ANL.GOV](https://anl.gov)

- NATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH
- PROCESS R&D AND SCALE UP GROUP

Argonne is a multidisciplinary research center where talented scientists and engineers work together to answer the biggest questions, from how to obtain affordable clean energy to protecting ourselves and our environment. Their goal is to make an impact — from the atomic to the global scale.

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LEMONT, IL 60439



# JOINT CENTER FOR ENERGY STORAGE RESEARCH

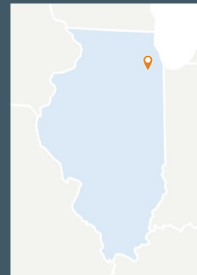
- 150 RESEARCHERS STRETCHING ACROSS 18 INSTITUTIONS WITH COLLABORATE WITH JCESR ON THEIR RESEARCH

JCESR creates transformative materials enabling the next-generation of high performance batteries, beyond the lithium-ion. JCESR's materials are built from the bottom-up so that each atom or molecule plays a prescribed role in producing targeted overall materials behavior.

**CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...**

**JCESR.ORG**

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LEMONT, IL 60439**



# NATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH

- ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS
- 7 RESEARCH UNITS

NCAUR employs approximately 250 scientists and support staff in research to improve agricultural production, food safety and public health, economic development, and environmental quality.

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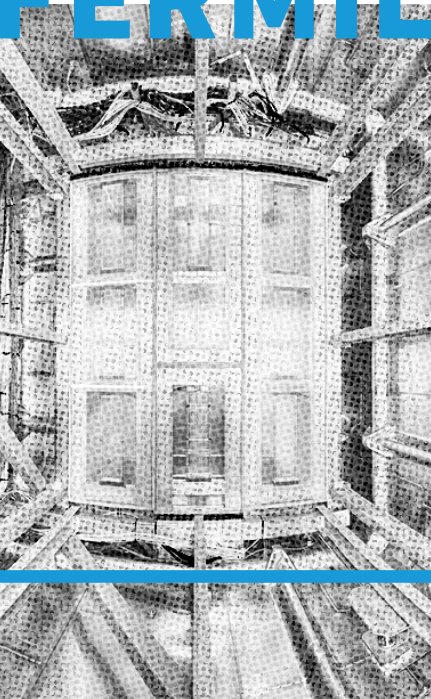
[ARS.USDA.GOV/MIDWEST-AREA/PEORIA-IL](https://ars.usda.gov/midwest-area/peoria-il)

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PEORIA, IL 61604





# FERMILAB



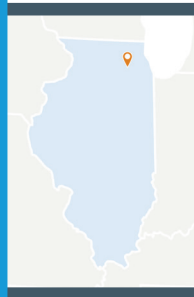
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CENTER IN THE WORLD

CONNECT...  
[FNAL.GOV](http://FNAL.GOV)

- ILLINOIS ACCELERATOR  
RESEARCH CENTER

Fermilab is a particle physics and accelerator technology frontrunner with a workforce that includes over 1,750 scientists and engineers who collaborate with over 50 countries. The lab seeks to develop new technologies that support U.S. industrial competitiveness.

*PINE STREET & KIRK ROAD  
BATAVIA, IL 60510*



# ILLINOIS ACCELERATOR RESEARCH CENTER



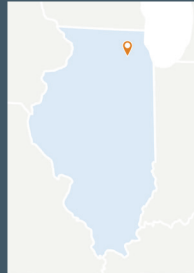
- ACCELERATOR RESEARCH FACILITY
- COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

At IARC, scientists and engineers from across the state work side-by-side with industrial partners to research and develop breakthroughs in accelerator science and translate them into applications for the nation's health, wealth and security. facility

CONNECT WITH...

[IARC.FNAL.GOV](http://IARC.FNAL.GOV)

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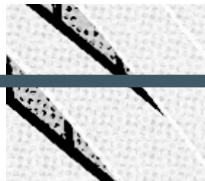


# MENTORSHIPS + NETWORKING

Collaboration and partnerships across sectors are key to stimulating economic growth across the ecosystem. Illinois' strong culture of collaboration is in part due to the state's unique mentorship and networking opportunities.



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**100+ ORGANIZATIONS  
OFFERING MENTORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES ILLINOIS**  
*ILLINOIS INNOVATION NETWORK*



# BUILT IN CHICAGO



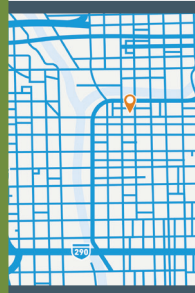
- ONLINE COMMUNITY
- JUMPSTART JOB RECRUITMENT FOR LOCAL STARTUPS AND CONNECT WITH THE CHICAGO TECH COMMUNITY

Built In Chicago is a rapidly growing online community that offers the number one job board for tech talent, creates and curates exclusive content on local startups, hosts monthly events and publishes data on the Chicago tech sector.

EXPLORE THE ONLINE COMMUNITY...

[BUILTINCHICAGO.ORG](http://BUILTINCHICAGO.ORG)

203 N LASALLE STREET, #2300  
CHICAGO, IL 60606





# CHICAGO INNOVATION AWARDS



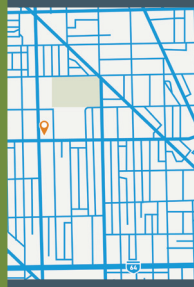
- A YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR OF INCLUSIVE AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT INNOVATORS
- OVER 20,000 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Chicago Innovation Awards celebrates innovators in the Chicago region. The Chicago Innovation Foundation organizes educational events and programs for people interested in learning about innovation and entrepreneurship.

CONNECT WITH THE AWARDS...

[CHICAGOINNOVATION.COM](http://CHICAGOINNOVATION.COM)

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# CHICAGO INNOVATION MENTORS

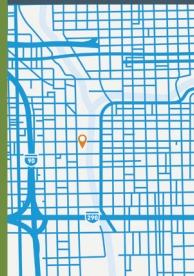


- SIX-MONTH, TEAM-BASED MENTORSHIP
- FOUNDED BY A CONSORTIUM OF CHICAGO-AREA UNIVERSITIES & PARTNERS

Chicago Innovation Mentors is a scholarship program focused on science-based ventures and has helped more than 220 early stage, ventures which cumulatively have raised over \$200 million.

CONNECT WITH CHICAGO INNOVATION AWARDS...  
[CHICAGOINNOVATION.COM](http://CHICAGOINNOVATION.COM)

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# CHICAGOLAND

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

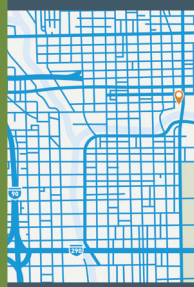
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM A DIVERSE CROSS-SECTION OF CHICAGO'S ECONOMY
- CONNECTING BUSINESS & CIVIC LEADERS

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce combines the power of people, with legacy of leadership and business advocacy, to drive a dynamic economy. It is a community of leaders working on behalf of Chicagoland businesses, from mid-market companies to large corporations and multi-nationals.

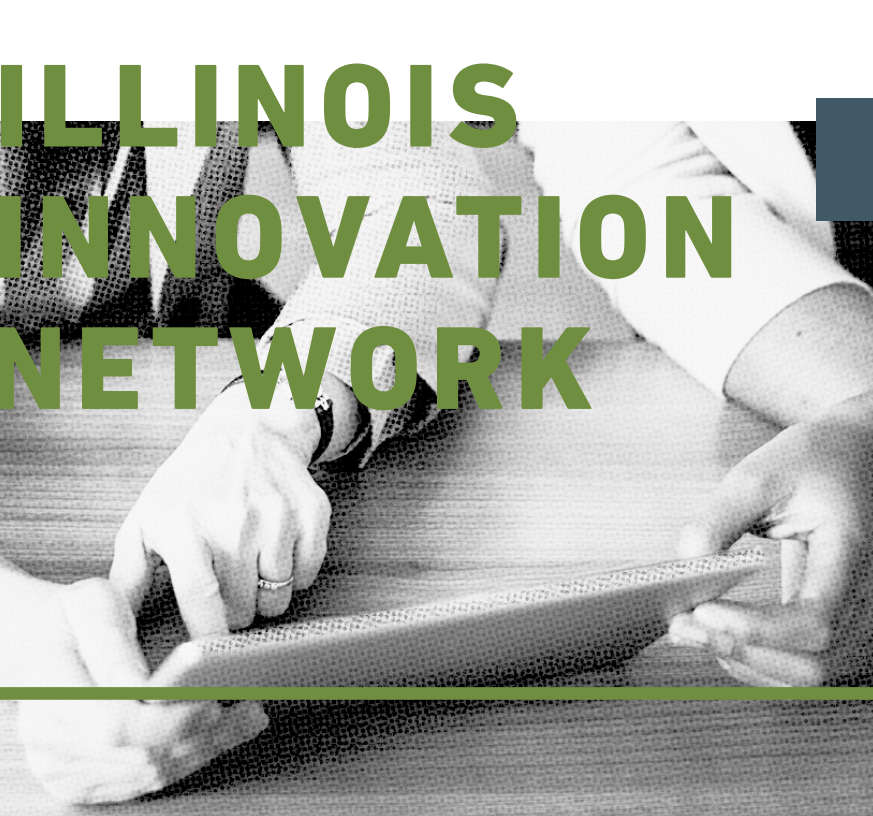
CONNECT WITH THE CHAMBER...

[CHICAGOLANDCHAMBER.ORG](http://CHICAGOLANDCHAMBER.ORG)

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CHICAGO, IL 60611



# ILLINOIS INNOVATION NETWORK



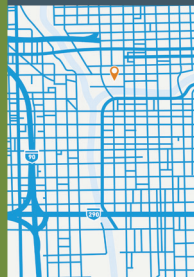
- CONNECT WITH ILLINOIS INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM AS WELL AS FINANCIAL, LEGAL, AND CONSULTINGS SERVICES

IIN is a common platform through which startups, innovation-driven enterprises, service providers, research and academic institutions, and community leaders connect, share ideas, and offer tools and resources to accelerate the growth of businesses and industries in the state and beyond.

CONNECT WITH THE NETWORK...

[ILLINOISINNOVATION.COM](http://ILLINOISINNOVATION.COM)

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# ILLINOIS VENTURE CAPITAL ASSOCIATION



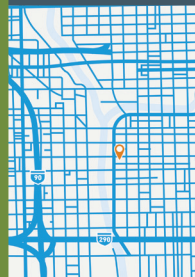
- COMPRISED OF FIRMS & PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF ILLINOIS' PRIVATE EQUITY COMMUNITY

IVCA is a non-profit trade organization for Illinois venture capital and private equity professionals. It enhances the growth of the Midwest's \$100 billion venture capital/private equity community by advocating on behalf of the industry.

CONNECT WITH THE ASSOCIATION...

[ILLINOISVC.ORG](http://ILLINOISVC.ORG)

27 N WACKER DRIVE, #405  
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# UNIVERSITY RESEARCH + DEVELOPMENT

Illinois is home to more than 200 higher education institutions, and its R&D is particularly strong in industries including agriculture, chemistry, computer science and medical sciences.

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6<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST PRODUCER  
OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND  
ENGINEERING ACADEMIC  
ARTICLE NATIONALLY

ILLINOIS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COALITION

# BRADLEY UNIVERSITY



TYPE  
4 YEAR, PRIVATE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

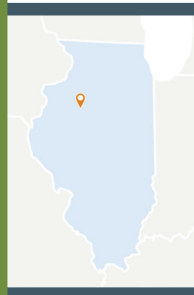
POPULATION  
5,844

CONNECT...  
[BRADLEY.EDU](http://BRADLEY.EDU)

- PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER
- TURNER SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Bradley University fosters a community that prioritizes academic excellence by nurturing critical inquiry, research, creativity and technical skills development. Bradley seeks to engage learners in high-impact practices, scholarship, and in leadership development opportunities to create a better world.

1501 W BRADLEY AVENUE  
PEORIA, IL 61625



# PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER



- FOCUS ON LIFE SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- 27 TENANTS, 48K FOOT SPACE

The center is a technology incubator that fosters discovery, innovation, and commercialization for the life sciences, engineering, and information technology. The center works directly with Bradley University and leverages regional businesses to help its tenants scale into commercial successes.

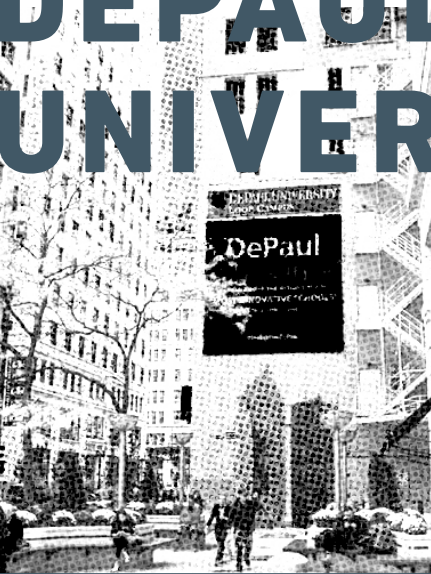
CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[BRADLEY.EDU/SITES/PNIC](http://BRADLEY.EDU/SITES/PNIC)

801 W MAIN STREET  
PEORIA, IL 61606



# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



## TYPE

4 YEAR, PRIVATE,  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

## POPULATION

22,769

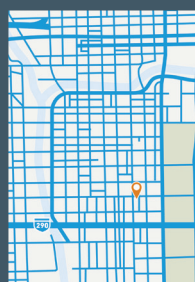
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THE LARGEST PRIVATE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT COLLEGE  
IN THE MIDWEST

- COLEMAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

DePaul has more than 300 undergraduate majors and graduate programs across their two Chicago campuses. Many of their professors work in Chicago as consultants, researchers, and entrepreneurs, and incorporate their experiences in the classroom.

1 E JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604



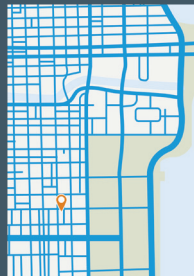
# COLEMAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

- 5K SQUARE FOOT FACILITY
- EDUCATION FOCUSES ON THE USE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION, AND CREATIVITY IN BUSINESS

Coleman provides real-world guidance about starting and growing businesses. Coleman's focus is on creating sustainable business models. The center connects its users with the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Chicago to build, connect and launch your next business.

**CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...**  
**BUSINESS.DEPAUL.EDU/ABOUT/  
CENTERS-INSTITUTES/COLEMAN-  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP-CENTER**

**1 E JACKSON BOULEVARD #7900  
CHICAGO, IL 60604**





# GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY

## TYPE

4 YEAR, PRIVATE,  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

## POPULATION

1,235

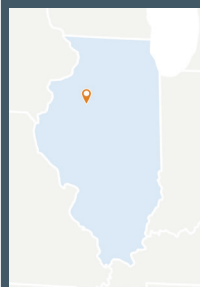
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83% OF GRADS ARE  
SATISFIED WITH THEIR  
POST-GRAD STATUS IN 2017

- GREENVILLE SMART

Greenville University provides a quality liberal arts education and offers over 50 undergraduate majors as well as adult and graduate programs available online or at partnership locations.

315 E COLLEGE AVENUE  
GREENVILLE, IL 62246



# GREENVILLE SMART

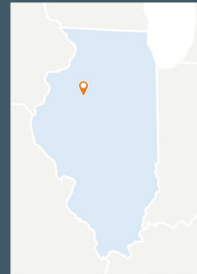


- A DEVELOPING PROJECT TASKED WITH UNIFYING THE RESOURCES OF THE UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY, AND REGION TO CULTIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Greenville SMART initiative will bring exciting opportunities and transformation to the entire community. The initiative seeks to make an impact by creating a hub where all kinds of learning and career advancement can happen in ways beneficial to the community, university and students.

**CONNECT WITH GREENVILLE SMART...**  
[GREENVILLE.EDU/ABOUT/G-SMART/](http://GREENVILLE.EDU/ABOUT/G-SMART/)

102 N 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
GREENVILLE, IL 62246



ILLINOIS

# INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

TYPE

4 YEAR, PRIVATE,  
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POPULATION

7,164

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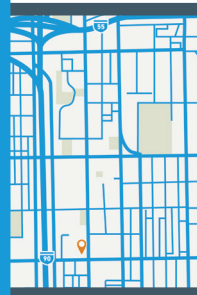
IIT'S RESEARCH VOLUME

IS \$57.2M 2018

- KNAPP ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER
- KAPLAN INSTITUTE
- GALVIN CENTER FOR ELECTRICITY INNOVATION
- IFSH
- UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY PARK
- WISER

Research is the hallmark of Illinois Tech's culture of excellence. IIT's community is leading bold research in fields as varied as energy, theoretical physics, and social justice, where technology and innovation are creating meaningful change.

10 W 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60616



# GALVIN CENTER

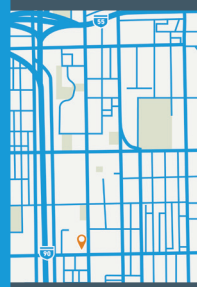
FOR ELECTRICITY  
INNOVATION

- SANDBOX FOR NEW GRID TECHNOLOGIES
- 16,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE FOR HANDS-ON SMART GRID ACTIVITIES

Galvin Center is an initiative for intruding practical technologies that can improve the nation's electrical grid and overcome obstacles to the adoption and implementation of the Smart Grid. The center brings together researchers, industry, government, and innovators to IIT's facilities.

CONNECT WITH THE GALVIN CENTER...  
[IITMICROGRID.NET/GALVINCENTER.ASPX](http://IITMICROGRID.NET/GALVINCENTER.ASPX)

10 W 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60616



# INSTITUTE FOR FOOD &

# HEALTH SAFETY

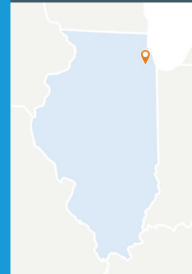
- FOOD SCIENCE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM
- WORKSHOPS, TASK FORCES, AND CONSORTIA WITH OVER 60 INDUSTRY MEMBERS

IFSH provides stakeholders with the opportunity to develop and exchange knowledge, experience, and expertise in the areas of food safety, food defense, food processing, and nutrition.

CONNECT WITH IFSH...

[IFSH.IIT.EDU](http://IFSH.IIT.EDU)

6502 S ARCHER ROAD  
BEDFORD PARK, IL 60501





# JULES F. KNAPP ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

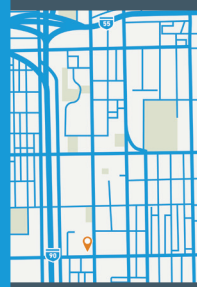
- ONE-ON-ONE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STARTUPS
- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The center offers a variety of supportive services for startup and existing small businesses located in and around IIT. The center is committed to helping neighborhood businesses grow and thrive, as well as helping the IIT students, alumni, faculty, and staff bring new ideas and services to

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[WEB.IIT.EDU/KNAPP-CENTER](http://WEB.IIT.EDU/KNAPP-CENTER)

10 WEST 35TH STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60616



# KAPLAN INSTITUTE

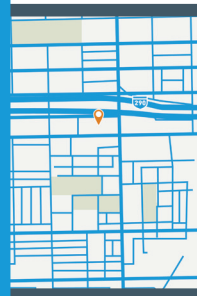


- TECH ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOCUS WITH MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIONS THAT OCCUR ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY


The institute creates a culture that enables innovation and tech entrepreneurship to flourish on IIT's campus and throughout the community by encouraging, supporting, and assisting its students and faculty in creating new businesses and other entrepreneurial endeavors.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...  
[WEB.IIT.EDU/KAPLAN-INSTITUTE](http://WEB.IIT.EDU/KAPLAN-INSTITUTE)

3137 S FEDERAL STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60616



# UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY PARK

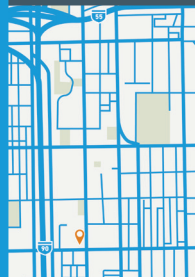


- 300,000 SQUARE FEET OF WET & DRY LAB AND OFFICE SPACE FOR EARLY-STAGE COMPANIES

The park is one of the nation's fastest-growing hubs for high-tech innovation. The park is focused on materials and life sciences, biomedical engineering, medical devices and diagnostics, green and clean technology, food safety, information technology and many other fields.

CONNECT WITH THE PARK...  
[UNIVERSITYTECHNOLOGYPARK.COM](http://UNIVERSITYTECHNOLOGYPARK.COM)

3440 S DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60616



# WANGER INSTITUTE

FOR SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY RESEARCH

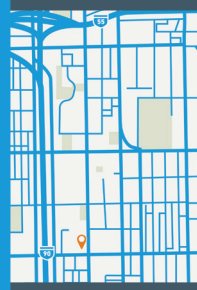
- INTEREST IN ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY TECHNOLOGIES IN MICROGRID, CARBON MANAGEMENT, SUSTAINABLE BUILDING/ CAMPUS, AND HYBRID VEHICLES

The Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER) serves to enhance and promote research, education, and outreach activities at IIT that are related to energy and sustainability. WISER also coordinates the initiation of research collaboration with other universities and labs.

CONNECT WITH WISER...

[WEB.IIT.EDU/WISER](http://WEB.IIT.EDU/WISER)

10 W 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60616



# ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## TYPE

4 YEAR, PUBLIC

## POPULATION

20,784

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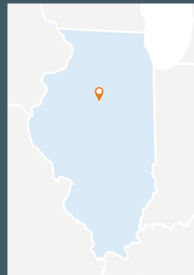
\$46.3M ALLOCATED  
FOR RESEARCH FUNDING

2017

- THE GEORGE R. & MARTHA  
MEANS CENTER FOR  
ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES

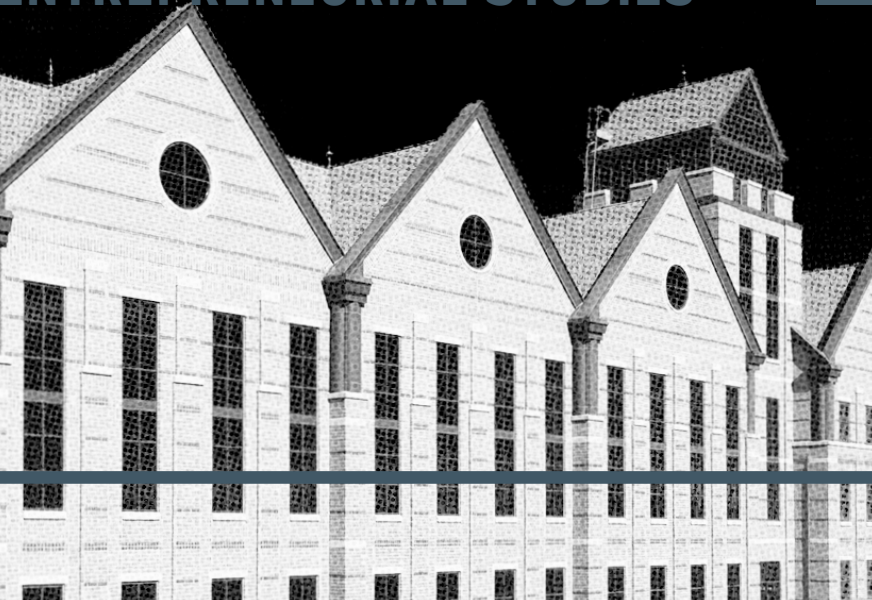
Illinois State's efforts to develop innovative learning environments that support modern pedagogy are intense and unending. The university stands firm in the commitment to provide a curriculum, learning spaces, and technology that prepares and empowers students to navigate their future workforce.

100 N UNIVERSITY STREET  
NORMAL, IL 61790





# GEORGE R. & MARTHA MEANS CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES

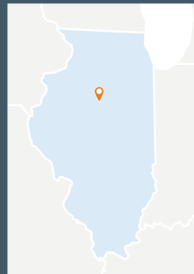


- THE CENTER IS HOME TO AN ANNUAL STARTUP SHOWCASE AND YEAR-ROUND ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

The Means Center supports Illinois State University students interested in starting and growing a business. The center fosters their entrepreneurial skills with outside-the-classroom experiences.

**CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...**  
[BUSINESS.ILLINOISSTATE.EDU/MEANS](https://business.illinoisstate.edu/means)

**410 S UNIVERSITY STREET  
NORMAL IL 61761**



# LEWIS UNIVERSITY



**TYPE**  
4 YEAR, PRIVATE,  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

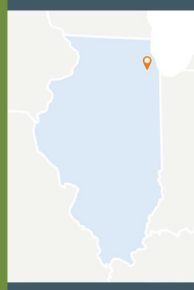
**POPULATION**  
6,506

**\*\*\***  
**RANKED 13<sup>TH</sup> IN THE 2019**  
**BEST COLLEGES FOR**  
**VETERANS LIST** *U.S. NEWS*

- **REGIONAL ALLIANCE  
BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

Lewis University provides a diverse student population program for liberal and professional education, grounded in the interaction of knowledge and fidelity in the search for truth. Fundamental to its Mission is a spirit of association which fosters community in all teaching, learning, and service.

*ONE UNIVERSITY PARKWAY,  
ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446*



# LEWIS INNOVATION HUB

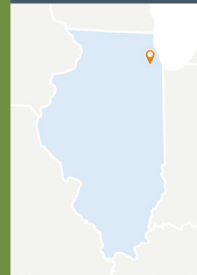
- THREE PHASE, TWO-YEAR PROGRAM
- PEER-TO-PEER ADVISING

The incubator provides services for entrepreneurs to help them substantially scale their business. The incubator offers three phases (Pursue, Launch and Scale), each with tailored resources and dedicated faculty advisors to help you advance your business from one phase to the next.

CONNECT WITH THE HUB...

[LEWISU.EDU/INNOVATE](https://lewisu.edu/innovate)

ONE UNIVERSITY PARKWAY,  
ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446



# LOYOLA UNIVERSITY



## TYPE

**4 YEAR, PRIVATE,  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

## POPULATION

**16,673**

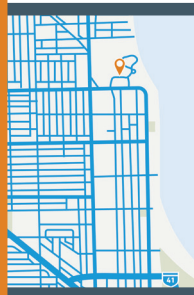
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**GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY  
SUBMITTED \$76M WORTH OF  
FUNDING REQUESTS 2012-2013**

- THE BAUMHART CENTER FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND RESPONSIBILITY
- IGNITE LAB
- URBAN SOCIAL BENEFIT INCUBATOR

Loyola University empowers aspiring innovators and provides the resources and opportunities needed to reinvigorate existing business via innovation across a broad range of industries and technologies. Loyola leverages resources to provide thoughtful, practical, implementable solutions.

*1032 W SHERIDAN ROAD  
CHICAGO, IL 60660*



# THE BAUMHART CENTER FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND RESPONSIBILITY

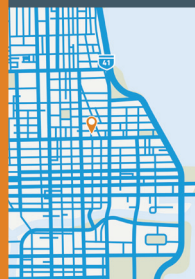
- THE CENTER IS HOME TO THE BAUMHART SCHOLARS PROGRAM WHICH CONNECTS PARTICIPATING SCHOLARS TO OVER 150 LEADERS THROUGH EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

The center equips students and leaders with the business tools to accelerate social impact. Our distinctive programs and events provide students and leaders with the skills, knowledge, and networks to integrate business strategy and social purpose to advance the greater good.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[LUC.EDU/BAUMHARTCENTER](http://LUC.EDU/BAUMHARTCENTER)

16 E PEARSON STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60611





# IGNITE LAB



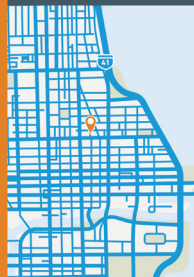
- SUPPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREAS OF SPECIALIZED BUSINESS SUPPORT, NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STRATEGY

Loyola's virtual incubator, Ignite Lab, helps Loyola students, staff, and faculty develop entrepreneurial ideas. Test and develop your ideas and grow ventures with free mentorship and resources.

CONNECT WITH THE LAB...

[IGNITELAB.ORG](http://IGNITELAB.ORG)

16 E PEARSON STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60611



# THE URBAN SOCIAL BENEFIT INCUBATOR

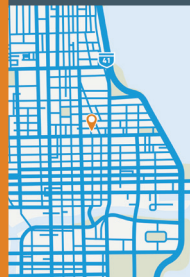
- SUPPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREAS OF SPECIALIZED BUSINESS SUPPORT, NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STRATEGY

The Incubator builds the capacity of Chicago-based nonprofit organizations and social enterprises through student-led consulting projects. The incubator annually supports organizations and enterprises.

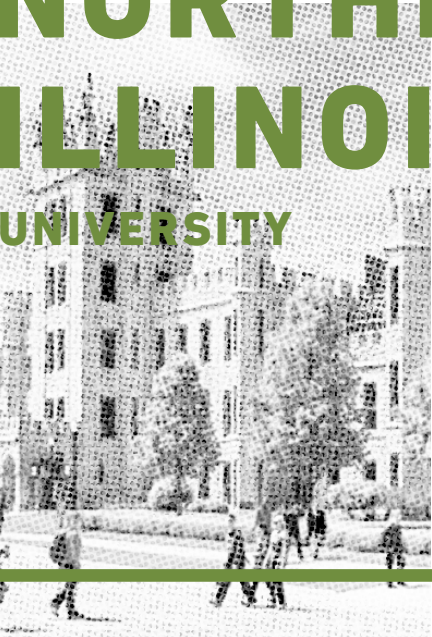
CONNECT WITH THE INCUBATOR...

[LUC.EDU/BAUMHARTCENTER/PROGRAMS/  
URBANSOCIALBENEFITINCUBATOR/](http://LUC.EDU/BAUMHARTCENTER/PROGRAMS/URBANSOCIALBENEFITINCUBATOR/)

16 E PEARSON STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60611



# NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



TYPE  
4 YEAR, PUBLIC

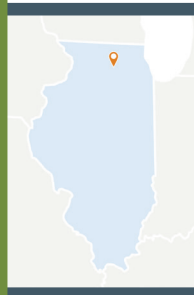
POPULATION  
18,045

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RESEARCH & INNOVATION  
RECEIVED \$5.5M IN FUNDING  
2013-2016

- EIGERLAB
- MICROELECTRONICS R&D LAB

Northern Illinois University encourages research, scholarship, artistry and entrepreneurship throughout the campus. NIU is committed to fostering innovation by continually creating new products, partnerships and processes that bring value to the region

1425 LINCOLN HIGHWAY  
DEKALB, IL 60115



# EIGERLAB

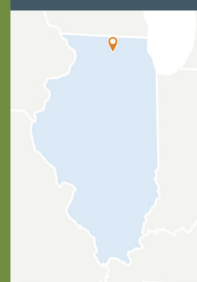
- STARTUP, EARLY-STAGE, & EXPANDING
- INCUBATOR, BUSINESS ACCELERATOR & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

EIGERlab serves as a one-stop resource to commercialize new ideas, participate in peer groups, utilize design engineering and rapid prototyping services, meet with dedicated mentors, link to investors, and receive assistance in selling to the government or executing global market expansions.

CONNECT WITH EIGER LAB...

[EIGERLAB.ORG](http://EIGERLAB.ORG)

8500 E STATE STREET  
ROCKFORD, IL 61108





# MICROELECTRONICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LAB

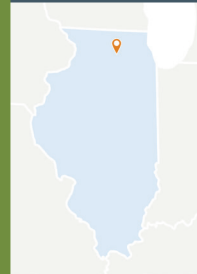
- 4,200 SQUARE FOOT LAB WITH CLEAN ROOM SPACE AND SIX WORK AREAS
- INDUSTRIAL R&D

The Microelectronics Research and Development Laboratory is a teaching and research facility specializing in semiconductor and hybrid micro-electronic device fabrication.

CONNECT WITH MRDL...

[NIU.EDU/CEET/ABOUT/LABORATORIES/  
MRDL.SHTML](http://NIU.EDU/CEET/ABOUT/LABORATORIES/MRDL.SHTML)

590 GARDEN ROAD #227  
DEKALB, IL 60115





# NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



TYPE  
4 YEAR, PRIVATE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

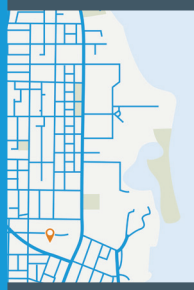
POPULATION  
22,008

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#14 AMONG WORLDWIDE  
UNIVERSITIES GRANTED  
U.S. UTILITY PATENTS

- FARLEY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION
- CENTER FOR HIERARCHICAL MATERIALS DESIGN
- THE GARAGE
- INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NANOTECHNOLOGY
- INNOVATION & NEW VENTURES OFFICE

Through experiential learning opportunities and exemplary instructors, Northwestern University trains students to be courageous thinkers and leaders. Northwestern's culture is defined by interdisciplinary collaborations, leading to some of the most exciting discoveries and student opportunities.

633 CLARK STREET  
EVANSTON, IL 60208



# FARLEY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

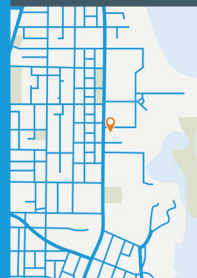


- INTERDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM
- IDEATION, PROTOTYPING, TO BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

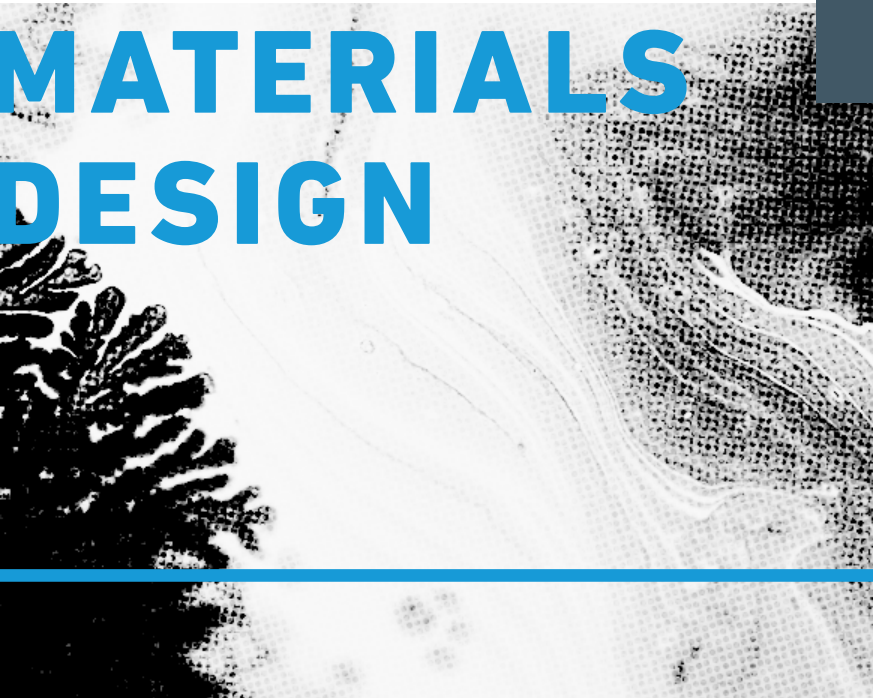
The Farley Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation fosters student interest in entrepreneurship and seeks to create a community of student innovators equipped for future entrepreneurial success.

CONNECT WITH FARLEY CENTER...  
[FARLEY.NORTHWESTERN.EDU](http://FARLEY.NORTHWESTERN.EDU)

2133 SHERIDAN ROAD #1.221  
EVANSTON, IL 60208



# CENTER FOR HIERARCHICAL MATERIALS DESIGN

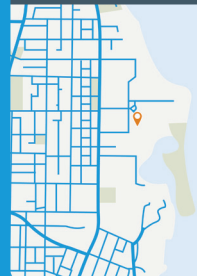
A large, grayscale, high-magnification microscopic image of a material structure, showing a complex, porous, and fibrous network. The image is partially obscured by the title text on the left and a dark blue banner on the right.

- THE CENTER WORKS TO ADVANCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S MATERIALS GENOME INITIATIVE

The center drives research that focuses on developing the next generation of computational tools, databases and experimental techniques in order to enable the accelerated design of novel materials and their integration to industry.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...  
[CHIMAD.NORTHWESTERN.EDU](http://CHIMAD.NORTHWESTERN.EDU)

2205 TECH DRIVE  
EVANSTON, IL 60208



# THE GARAGE

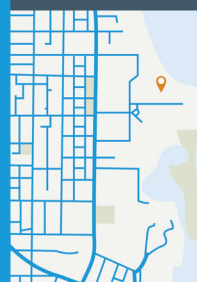


- HUB FOR STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION
- STUDENT-FOUNDED STARTUPS

The Garage is an educational space for Northwestern's students to experiment, collaborate and build new ideas. The space houses, on average, 60 student-founded startups per academic quarter. The Garage hosts classes, office hours, events, and workshops for over 1,000 visitors monthly.

CONNECT WITH THE GARAGE...  
[THEGARAGE.NORTHWESTERN.EDU](http://thegarage.northwestern.edu)

2311 CAMPUS DRIVE #2300  
EVANSTON, IL 60208



# INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NANOTECHNOLOGY

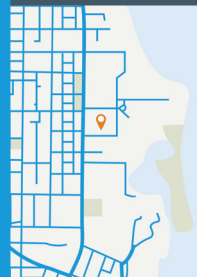
- COLLABORATION WITH OVER 240 FIELD EXPERTS
- OVER 2,000 PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS COMMERCIALIZED GLOBALLY

The IIN catalyzes and supports world-class interdisciplinary nanoscience research to address the world's most pressing problems in medicine, the environment, information technology, energy, homeland security, food and water safety, and transportation.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...

[IINANO.ORG](http://IINANO.ORG)

2145 SHERIDAN ROAD, K111  
EVANSTON, IL 60208





# ROSALIND FRANKLIN

UNIVERSITY OF  
MEDICINE & SCIENCE



#### TYPE

4 YEAR, PRIVATE,  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

#### POPULATION

2,145

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FEDERAL RESEARCH  
FUNDING HAS INCREASED  
BY 80% SINCE 2008

- INNOVATION AND RESEARCH PARK

Formed in 1912, the university is home to five colleges and more than 30 graduate health profession and science programs, one of the nation's few institutes devoted to interprofessionalism, and several pioneering research labs.

3333 GREEN BAY ROAD  
NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064



# INNOVATION AND RESEARCH PARK



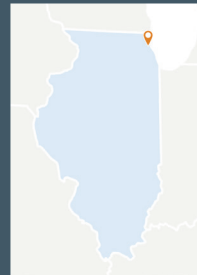
- 100K SQUARE FOOT FACILITY WILL BE COMPLETED SUMMER 2019
- ONE-THIRD OF THE SPACE WILL BE LEASED BY INDUSTRY AND STARTUPS

The park's state-of-art lab spaces are uniquely aligned according to research focus which promotes research synergy. The ability to co-locate academia, biotech firms and startups will streamline the translation of discoveries into diagnostics and therapeutics, while diversifying revenue.

#### CONNECT WITH THE PARK...

[ROSALINDFRANKLIN.EDU/RESEARCH/  
INNOVATION-AND-RESEARCH-PARK/](http://ROSALINDFRANKLIN.EDU/RESEARCH/INNOVATION-AND-RESEARCH-PARK/)

3333 GREEN BAY ROAD  
NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064



# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

UNIVERSITY  
CARBONDALE &  
EDWARDSVILLE

TYPE  
4 YEAR, PUBLIC

POPULATION  
28,350

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MORE THAN 25 CENTERS &  
INSTITUTIONS DEDICATED  
TO RESEARCH

1263 LINCOLN DRIVE  
CARBONDALE, IL 62901

- FERMENTATION SCIENCE INSTITUTE
- QUAD CITY MANUFACTURING LAB
- RESEARCH PARK *CARBONDALE*

Southern Illinois University seeks to establish and support an environment that fosters innovation, commercializes university discoveries, and advances entrepreneurship and economic development within SIU and throughout the region.

1 HAIRPIN DRIVE  
EDWARDSVILLE, IL 62025



# FERMENTATION SCIENCE INSTITUTE



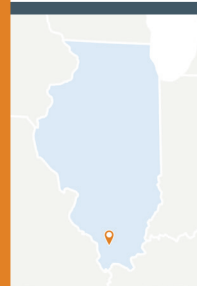
- PROGRAMMING THAT FEATURES THE LATEST IN BREWING TECHNOLOGY
- CROSS DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMMING

The institute serves regional fermentation-related businesses while training the brewers, vintners and distillers of tomorrow. Research efforts in energy, pharmaceuticals, food safety, cheese making and agricultural production of feedstock also play a role in the institute.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...

[FERMENTATION.SIU.EDU](http://FERMENTATION.SIU.EDU)

1785 UNIVERSITY PRESS DRIVE  
CARBONDALE, IL 62901



# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# RESEARCH PARK

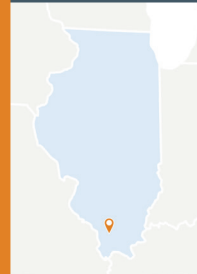
- RANKED AMONG THE TOP 4% OF HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

The park is dedicated to promoting technology and knowledge-based enterprise development. It is the primary innovation and technology space in the southern third of Illinois. With specializations in tech transfer and research spin-outs, the park is the local manifestation of global innovation.

CONNECT WITH THE PARK...

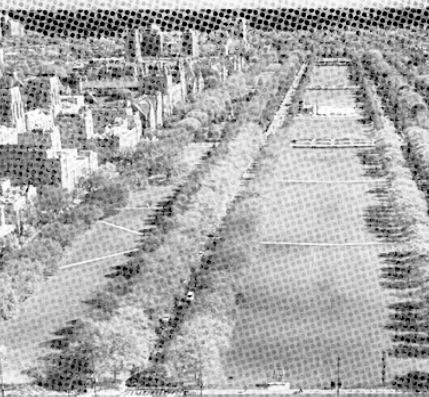
[RESEARCHPARK.SIU.EDU](https://RESEARCHPARK.SIU.EDU)

1740 INNOVATION DRIVE  
CARBONDALE, IL 62903





# UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



## TYPE

4 YEAR, PRIVATE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

## POPULATION

16,227

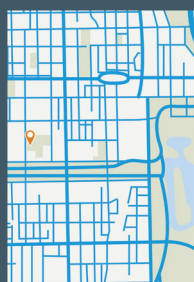
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OVER \$490M IN  
SPONSORED RESEARCH  
FUNDING ANNUALLY

- INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR ENGINEERING
- MATERIAL RESEARCH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CENTER
- POLSKY CENTER
- POLSKY CENTER SOUTH FAB LAB

UChicago research has led to such breakthroughs as discovering the link between cancer and genetics, establishing revolutionary theories of economics, and developing tools to produce excellent urban schooling. It generates new insights for the benefit of present and future generations with its network of affiliate national laboratories.

5801 S ELLIS AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60637



# INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR ENGINEERING

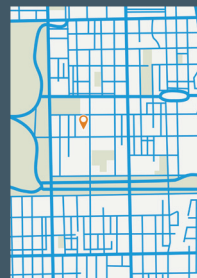


- INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO MOLECULAR ENGINEERING
- JOINT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

The institute's mission is to translate advances in basic physics, chemistry, biology and computation into new tools to address important societal problems and to create a research and teaching environment to enhance and transmit these capabilities from scientific generation to generation.

**CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...**  
[IME.UCHICAGO.EDU](http://IME.UCHICAGO.EDU)

5640 S ELLIS AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60637



# MATERIAL RESEARCH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CENTER

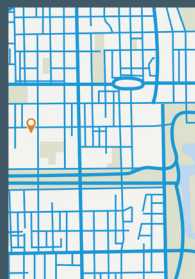


- MATERIALS FABRICATION INCUBATOR
- COLLABORATE WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRY PARTNERS & UTILIZE A SUITE OF SHARED FACILITIES

UChicago's MRSEC incubates research to produce design principles for the next generation of materials. Their focus is on investigating materials formed far from equilibrium, exploring new paradigms for materials fabrication and exploiting feedback between structure and dynamics.

**CONNECT WITH UCHICAGO'S MRSEC...**  
[UCHICAGO.EDU/RESEARCH/CENTER/MATERIALS\\_RESEARCH\\_SCIENCE\\_AND\\_ENGINEERING\\_CENTER](http://UCHICAGO.EDU/RESEARCH/CENTER/MATERIALS_RESEARCH_SCIENCE_AND_ENGINEERING_CENTER)

929 E 57<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60637



# POLSKY CENTER



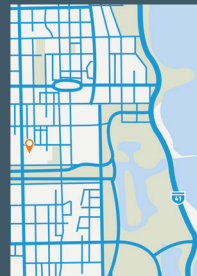
- TOP-RANKED BUSINESS ACCELERATOR
- ACCESS TO THE POLSKY EXCHANGE CO-WORKING SPACE AND FABRICATION LAB

The Polsky Center brings the power of ideas in the laboratory, classroom and community to the world. Through education, resources, and programs, the Polsky Center commercializes discoveries, partners with companies, and attracts venture capital.

**CONNECT WITH POLSKY CENTER...**

**[POLSKY.UCHICAGO.EDU](http://POLSKY.UCHICAGO.EDU)**

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# FAB LAB



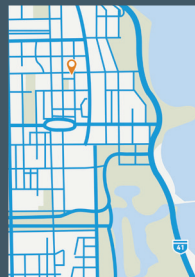
- FABRICATE EARLY STAGE PRODUCTS
- 3-D PRINTERS, WOODWORKING, LASER CUTTERS, CNC ROUTERS

The Fab Lab is the digital fabrication lab a Polsky Center South, which provides access to the tools needed to translate between digital and physical design. Members are able to create models or prototypes, and more out of virtually any material.

#### CONNECT WITH...

[POLSKY.UCHICAGO.EDU/FAB-LAB](http://POLSKY.UCHICAGO.EDU/FAB-LAB)

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# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM



## TYPE

4 YEAR, PUBLIC

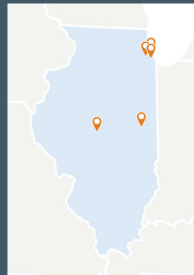
## POPULATION

NEARLY 86,000  
ACROSS THREE  
CAMPUSES

- URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
- CHICAGO
- SPRINGFIELD
- DISCOVERY PARTNERS INSTITUTE

The University of Illinois System is among the preeminent public university systems in the nation and strives constantly to sustain and enhance its quality in teaching, research, public service, healthcare, and economic development.

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URBANA, IL 61801*



# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO



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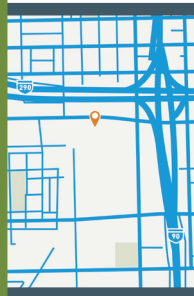
POPULATION  
30,539

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OVER \$13M RAISED BY  
UIC STARTUPS IN 2017

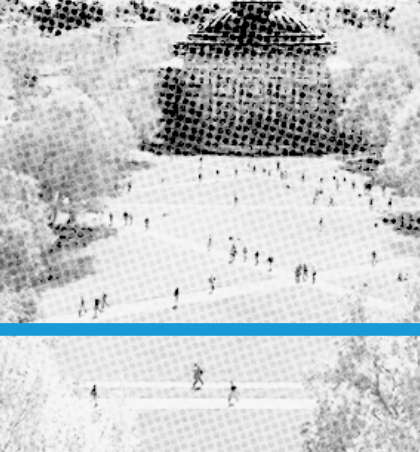
- UIC INNOVATION CENTER
- MADLAB

The University of Illinois at Chicago is an acclaimed research institution with 15 colleges dedicated to the discovery and distribution of knowledge. The university's goal is to create knowledge that transforms our views of the world and, through sharing and application, transforms the world.

601 S MORGAN STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60607



# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



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4 YEAR, PUBLIC

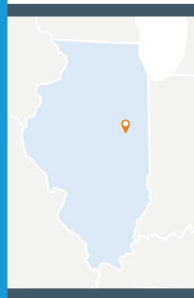
POPULATION  
48,216

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THE FIRST GRAPHICAL WEB  
BROWSER WAS INVENTED  
ON CAMPUS IN 1993

- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS RESEARCH PARK
- NCSA
- INSTITUTE FOR GENOMIC BIOLOGY
- ENTERPRISE WORKS
- TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

The University of Illinois community is changing the world. We pioneer innovative research that tackles global problems and expands the human experience. Our transformative learning experiences are designed to produce alumni who desire to make a significant, societal impact.

601 E JOHN STREET  
CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820



# DISCOVERY PARTNERS INSTITUTE

An architectural rendering of the Discovery Partners Institute building, a large, modern structure with a glass facade and a central courtyard. The building is surrounded by trees and a pedestrian walkway. In the background, other city buildings are visible.

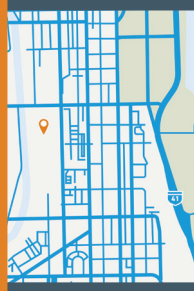
- INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
- KEY FOCUS AREAS OF COMPUTING & DATA, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH & WELLNESS, AND ENVIRONMENT & WATER

DPI is a joint education and research and innovation institute with the mission to establish collaborative partnerships that address 21<sup>st</sup> century societal grand challenges, promote entrepreneurship, and educate the next-generation workforce to grow the state's economy.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...

[DPI.UILLINOIS.EDU](http://DPI.UILLINOIS.EDU)

*DPI'S FUTURE SITE IS LOCATED  
IN CHICAGO'S SOUTH LOOP*



CARL R. WOESE

# INSTITUTE FOR GENOMIC BIOLOGY



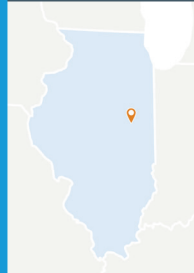
- RESEARCH CENTER DEDICATED TO AGRICULTURE, LIFE SCIENCES, ENVIRONMENT, AND ENERGY USE

The institute's mission is to advance life sciences research and stimulate bioeconomic development through bioenergy research, critical climate change studies, work in regenerative medicine, drug development, and the understanding cancer at the cellular level.

CONNECT WITH THE INSTITUTE...

[IGB.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://IGB.ILLINOIS.EDU)

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URBANA, IL 61801





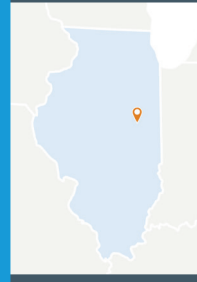
# ENTERPRISE WORKS

- AT THE HEART OF UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' RESEARCH PARK
- 43K SQUARE FOOT FACILITY

EnterpriseWorks is charged with creating a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem that leverages university assets and connects innovation, infrastructure, networks, talent, and capital within and beyond the university. Clients span from biotechnology to chemical sciences to software development.

CONNECT WITH ENTERPRISE WORKS...  
[RESEARCHPARK.ILLINOIS.EDU/  
ENTERPRISEWORKS](https://RESEARCHPARK.ILLINOIS.EDU/ENTERPRISEWORKS)

60 HAZELWOOD DRIVE  
CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820



# ILLINOIS CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION

- 67K SQUARE FEET OF LAB SPACE  
HEADQUARTERD AT THE ADVANCED  
TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND  
ENGINEERING LABORATORY

ITC promotes innovation and progress in transportation through interdisciplinary research in an objective setting. The state and the nation can benefit from a more rapid response to future scientific challenges in transportation and can adapt more readily to changing needs.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[ICT.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://ICT.ILLINOIS.EDU)

1611 TITAN DRIVE  
RANTOUL, IL 61866



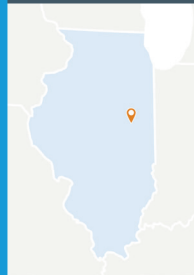
# NATIONAL CENTER FOR SUPERCOMPUTING APPLICATIONS

- TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP
- INTEGRATED CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE

NCSA is where collaborators unite to address challenges for the benefit of science and society. Research focus areas include: Bioinformatics & Health Sciences, Computing & Data Sciences, Culture & Society, Earth & Environment, Materials & Manufacturing, and Physics & Astronomy.

CONNECT WITH...  
[NCSA.ILLINOIS.EDU](https://nca.illinois.edu)

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# TECHNOLOGY

## ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

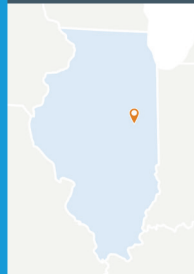
- ANNUALLY AWARDS THE ILLINOIS INNOVATION PRIZE AND HOSTS THE COZAD NEW VENTURE COMPETITION

The center provides students and faculty with the skills, resources, and experiences necessary to become successful innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders who tackle grand challenges through courses, venture capital, and product competitions, workshops, and other events.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[TEC.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://TEC.ILLINOIS.EDU)

1308 W MAIN STREET  
URBANA, IL 61801



# UIC INNOVATION CENTER



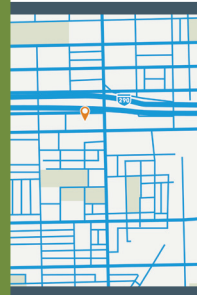
- CORPORATE-FUNDED INTERDISCIPLINARY CLASSES, LABS, AND PROJECTS
- CONNECTED WITH F500 COMPANIES

The center aims to develop innovative solutions to complex problems guided by interdisciplinary faculty and design thinking methodologies. We produce innovators through this collaborative practice, and believe innovation is both the outcome of a structured & creative process.

CONNECT WITH THE CENTER...

[INNOVATIONCENTER.UIC.EDU](http://INNOVATIONCENTER.UIC.EDU)

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# MAD LAB



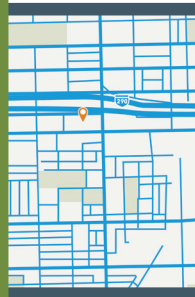
- CONCEPT VALIDATION AND PROJECT ASSESSMENT TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE FUNDING, DEVELOPMENT OR LICENSING

For each student project, the Mad Lab team provides concept validation, market analysis, prototype design, and value proposition, resulting in a comprehensive report with market assessment upon completion.

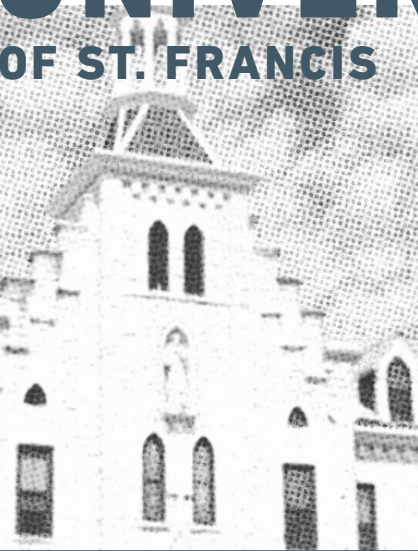
CONNECT WITH THE LAB...

[MADLAB.UIC.EDU](http://MADLAB.UIC.EDU)

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# UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS



#### TYPE

4 YEAR, PRIVATE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT

#### POPULATION

4,166

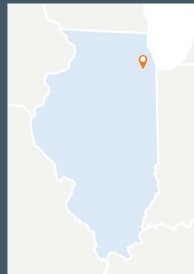
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TOP PRIVATE MASTERS  
PROGRAM ON THE LIST  
OF BEST COLLEGES FOR  
YOUR MONEY IN ILLINOIS

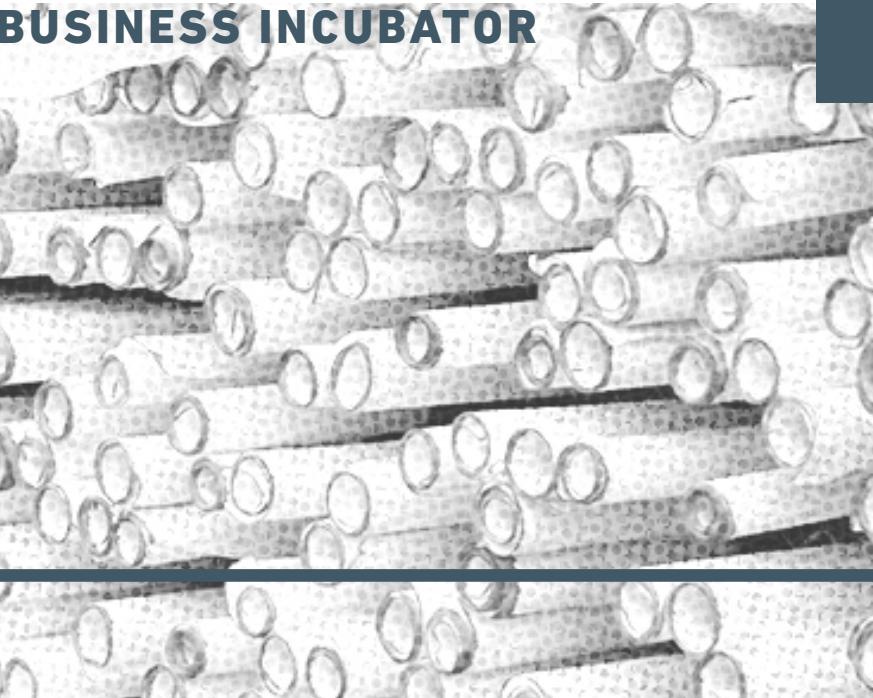
- UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
BUSINESS INCUBATOR

The University of St. Francis is engaged in a continuous pursuit of knowledge, faith, wisdom, and justice that emphasizes reverence for creation, compassion and peacemaking. We strive for academic excellence in all programs, preparing students to contribute to the world through service and leadership.

500 WILCOX STREET  
JOLIET, IL 60435



# UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS BUSINESS INCUBATOR

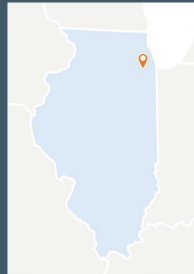


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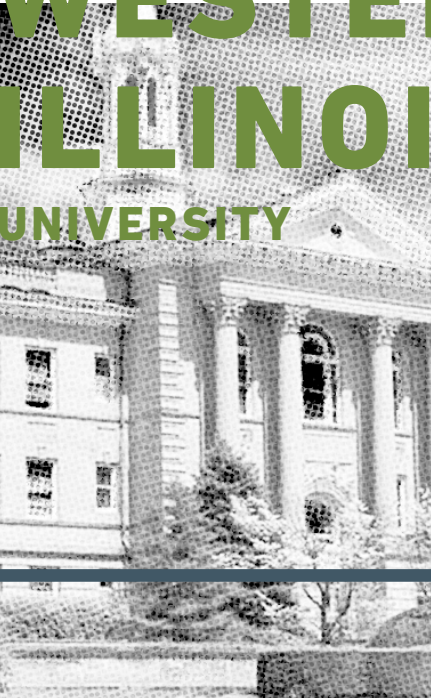
University of St. Francis Business Incubator provides a co-working environment between startups, community members, and entrepreneurial students in downtown Joliet. The incubator also hosts events and lecture series promoting educational offerings for startups.

**CONNECT WITH THE INCUBATOR...**  
[STFRANCIS.EDU/INCUBATOR/](http://STFRANCIS.EDU/INCUBATOR/)

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JOLIET, IL 60432*



# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



**TYPE**  
4 YEAR, PUBLIC

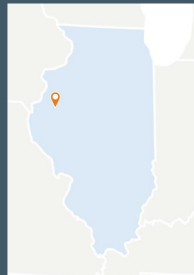
**POPULATION**  
9,441

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\$6.2M IN RESEARCH  
FUNDING 2017

- QUAD CITY MANUFACTURING LAB

Western Illinois University provides programs characterized by innovative teaching, research, and service, grounded in interdisciplinary, regional and global perspectives. We engage our students in educational opportunities guided by faculty in collaboration with alumni and community partners.

1 UNIVERSITY CIRCLE  
MACOMB, IL 61455



# QUAD CITY MANUFACTURING LAB



- ADVANCED MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY APPLICATIONS

The lab performs research, development, and tech transfer in advanced materials and manufacturing processes like 3-D Printing, Spark Plasma Sintering, Friction Stir Welding, and Hot Isostatic Pressing. The lab is partnered with the Rock Island Arsenal and Joint Manufacturing Technology Center.

CONNECT WITH THE LAB...

[QCML.ORG](http://QCML.ORG)

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