University of New Hampshire

Want to learn how to transform an idea into a commercializable opportunity?

Join our I-Corps™ training program!

UNHInnovation wants to build teams around promising ideas

For students, faculty, staff, and industry mentors

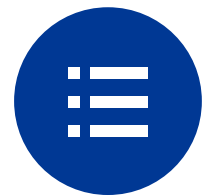*Don't have a full team? We can help!*

Why I-Corps?

Receive up to $3000 in NSF funding to explore your innovation's potential

Define your value proposition

Investigate potential markets

Understand the process and steps to commercialization

I-Corps participation at UNH qualifies teams to apply for $50,000 in additional NSF funding and training

I-Corps™ is a National Science Foundation (NSF) initiative to increase the economic impact of research. The program is available to both the academic and non-academic communities and provides entrepreneurial training to create and validate business propositions.

UNHInnovation maximizes use of UNH-generated ideas in the marketplace creating new opportunities, companies, positive change, and economic impact.

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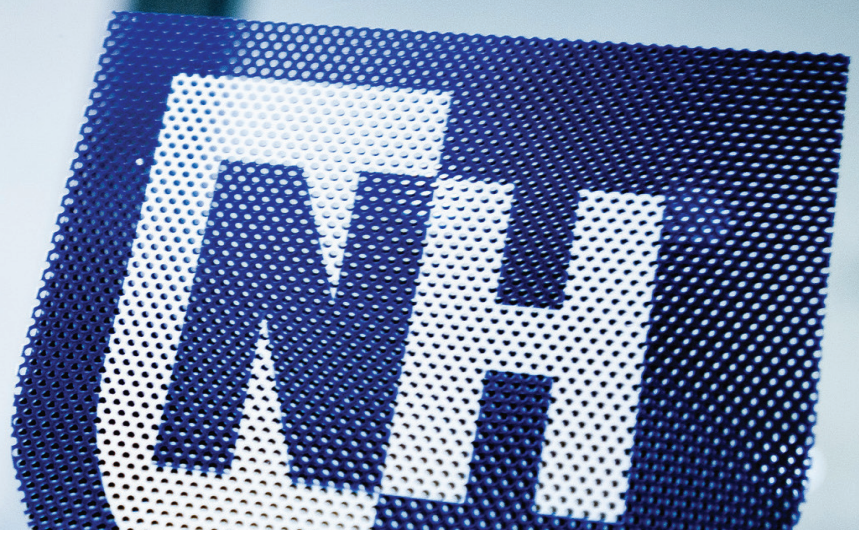
I-Corps helps you define the market-readiness of your innovation

I-Corps teams must be comprised of at least 3 members, with the following roles represented:

Entrepreneurial Lead (EL)

The entrepreneurial lead (EL), typically a postdoctoral researcher, graduate student, or other student, possesses relevant technical knowledge and a deep commitment to investigate the commercial landscape surrounding the innovation. The entrepreneurial lead should also be prepared to support the transition of the innovation, should the I-Corps project demonstrate a level of readiness appropriate for commercialization.

Principal Investigator (PI)

The principal investigator (PI) serves as the technical lead and project manager, who deeply understands the innovation. This role is often assumed by a university faculty or staff member.

Industry / I-Corps Mentor

This team member is typically a seasoned entrepreneur or business executive with 10+ years of industry experience. The mentor guides the team forward, serves as a sounding board, and assists the team to validate the business proposition.

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