



an all-inclusive technology incubator and innovation ecosystem

Mission: To foster an innovation ecosystem that nurtures technology startups with the resources and expertise they need to thrive; thereby creating jobs and economic prosperity.

Vision: A resilient innovation economy powered by technology companies that improve our world.

The Innovation Hub is a unique, all-inclusive incubator designed to provide an innovation ecosystem that can significantly impact the success of early-stage companies by “creating collision” among members, partners, visitors, and the general community. The Innovation Hub brings together the public and private sector to provide a wealth of resources for startups of varying stages, including resources, expertise, and programming. The Innovation Hub at the University of Florida is open to both entrepreneurs affiliated with the University and also in the broader community.

Phase I: The Innovation Hub (50,000SF) was built with a \$8.2M grant from the EDA, which was matched with \$5M from the University of Florida with the intention of helping to create disaster resistant jobs in the North Central Florida region. The one-time allocation of federal funding was distributed based on FEMA-related instances and has helped to build a more diverse regional economy through the Innovation Hub’s mission to create technology-related jobs. Phase I was completed in 2011 and the Innovation Hub has been operational as an all-inclusive startup incubator since then. Since its inception, the Innovation Hub has created almost 800 jobs, and Innovation Hub startups have raised \$67M in investment.

Phase II: In 2015, the EDA awarded UF a second construction grant to build the Phase II (48,000SF) of the Innovation Hub at UF. The Phase II award totaled \$17 million – \$8M from the EDA and a \$9M match from the University. Phase II will allow the region to capitalize on the growth from the original incubator. The fast-tracked addition, scheduled to open in December of 2017, will provide flexible spaces, including workpods with moveable walls, for companies to grow, thrive, and continue creating jobs. It will also feature the *Collaboratory for Women Innovators* aimed at capitalizing on the established ecosystem to inspire, educate, and empower more women to attain leadership roles in all phases of the innovation life cycle.

PROGRAMS & BENEFITS

Resident Startups: Structured for technology startups looking for programming and leasable office and/or laboratory space.
Price: Office space begins at \$250/month and laboratory space begins at \$1,380/month, both increase based on square footage

Affiliate Startups: Designed for technology startups who want the benefits of a resident startup without leasable space. Perfect for earlier stage companies that are not yet ready to take space in the Innovation Hub or startups that do not need leasable space.
Price: \$2,000 for 12 months for 2 individuals

BENEFITS	RESIDENT STARTUP	AFFILIATE STARTUP
Mentoring and eLearning Course	✓	✓
Educational and Networking Events	✓	✓
Pro Bono Services by Community and Resident Partners	✓	✓
Access to the UF Library System	✓	✓
Pitch Practices and Reviews with Feedback	✓	✓
Gator1 with GatorPerks Benefits	✓	✓
Conference Room Access	✓	✓
Discounted Services	✓	✓
Server Room Rental	✓	✓
Break Room (couches, refrigerator, television, etc.)	✓	✓
High-speed Internet with WiFi	✓	✓
Flexible Office and Laboratory Leases	✓	
Basic Office Furniture	✓	
Staffed Reception Desk	✓	
Mailbox and Package Acceptance	✓	
Shared Office Equipment (copier, printer, and fax machine)	✓	
Shared diWater, Fumehood and Autoclave	✓	
Showers on-site	✓	
UF Rates (UF supercomputer, ICBR facility, etc.)	✓	

CRITERIA

Criteria for entry into our programs includes:

- Technology-based (broadly-defined, including IT, physical and life science technologies, and more)
- Potential for scaling and growth
- Willingness and ability to actively engage and utilize programming and resources
- Early-stage company (rather than idea stage)

If you meet the criteria listed above and want to apply, please visit: <http://floridainnovationhub.ufl.edu>