

Innovation Support Programs

A wide range of programs at Duke and in the Triangle provide education, mentorship, and advice to help innovators realize ideas to their fullest potential.

Duke Programs

Researcher
Social Innovator
Student

	Innovation Navigators	Schedule a one-on-one consultation with an Innovation Navigator to receive personalized guidance on advancing your entrepreneurial goals and navigating the innovation ecosystem at Duke.	●	●	●
	I&E Academy/ Founders' Workshop	The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Academy sessions cover a broad set of topics, ranging from design thinking and developing innovative solutions to new venture funding, protecting intellectual property, and writing business plans.		●	●
	Duke New Ventures	The Duke New Ventures is your starting point for turning your intellectual property into a start-up company. Let us help you think through the opportunity, craft a business plan, and connect with the management, mentors, and investors to make your venture a success!	●		
	Duke NeuroInnovations	Duke NeuroInnovations utilizes a systematic approach to needs finding and the invention and implementation of new biomedical technologies. Program includes classes in medtech innovation; mentoring of residents, students and faculty in the biodesign process; career services for students	●		●
	Program for Entrepreneurs	In the Program for Entrepreneurs (P4E) , undergraduate, graduate and professional students form multidisciplinary teams to explore potential markets for an innovation, evaluate a business model, and launching a new commercial or social venture – all in a structured participatory learning environment.	●		●
	CTSI Accelerator	The Duke Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) accelerates the translation and implementation of scientific discoveries into health benefits for patients and communities. The CTSI provides grant support for all stages of translation (T1-T4) from discovery science to clinical trials and community interventions.	●		
	Mobile App Gateway	The Duke Mobile App Gateway offers a variety of services to support Health IT projects from concept through deployment, available to Duke faculty and staff.	●		
	DIHI Digital Health Accelerator	The DIHI digital health accelerator not only provides business support to new companies but can validate the technology within the clinical workflow of the provider and patient. Grants available through annual RFA.	●		
	ORAQ	The Office of Regulatory Affairs and Quality serves as a no-cost resource to the clinical research community at Duke Health. ORAQ offers regulatory and quality assurance support in all aspects of clinical research from preclinical requirements to first-in-human studies and beyond.	●		
	Start-up Ventures Clinic	The Duke Law School Start-Up Ventures Clinic provides legal advice and assistance to entrepreneurs. The clinic assists these clients in a wide variety of legal matters including company formation, intellectual property protection, commercialization strategies and operational issues.		●	●

	OLV Licensing	<p>OLV is composed of specialists in research review, licensing, business development, and legal matters. Their team is experienced in transferring innovation technologies from the physical sciences, biological sciences, and information and computer sciences to the marketplace for the benefit of society. OLV manages invention disclosures from all schools and colleges at Duke.</p>	●		
	DCRI	<p>As an independent academic research organization, Duke Clinical Research Institute is able to challenge conventional approaches and explore innovative ways to accelerate the translation of scientific discovery into better care for patients everywhere.</p>	●		
	Duke FORGE	<p>The Forge is Duke University's center for health data science. Forge faculty, staff, and students create innovative approaches to the fusion of biostatistics and machine learning, implementing the insights gained into patient care and leveraging digital information to enable healthy living and disease prevention.</p>	●		
	Duke Law Tech Lab	<p>The Duke Law Tech Lab accelerates startups that will change the way legal and civic services are delivered. Working with early stage companies with a legal tech product, DLTL builds community, connects companies with partners and mentors, and supports company growth through a 10 week remote program.</p>		●	
	Duke Engineering Entrepreneurship (EngEn)	<p>Duke Engineering Entrepreneurship (EngEn) is a bold initiative that integrates needs-driven design experiences, entrepreneurial education, startup resources, and a leadership team of successful entrepreneurs to deliver technological solutions to societal needs in health, defense, climate change and beyond.</p>	●		●
	Design to Impact	<p>Design to Impact is an incubator providing mentorship, coaching, and access to additional advisors and financial resources to compelling social entrepreneurship programs created by students.</p>		●	
	Duke Unicef Innovation Accelerator	<p>With the Duke-Unicef Innovation Accelerator, Duke, UNICEF, and UNICEF USA are partnering to identify, assess, develop, build and scale sustainable solutions to the most pressing challenges facing children around the world.</p>		●	
	FastTrack	<p>FastTrack, run out of Duke Engineering Entrepreneurship (EngEn), is a collaborative medical device engineering resource at the Pratt School of Engineering. The program supports Class I and Class II Medical Device prototyping with an ongoing request for proposals.</p>	●		
	Melissa & Doug Entrepreneurs	<p>Melissa & Doug Entrepreneurs is a selective, year-long intensive fellowship program in which undergraduate students create their own great startup. MDE is ideal for students who have a specific startup idea and want to spend the next year launching their company, with a goal of continuing to grow and run that startup. By invitation only; advanced track of the Student Founder Program.</p>			●
	StudioDuke	<p>StudioDuke holds an open submission call for student artistic projects at the end of every spring semester. Successful StudioDuke applicants work with a selected mentor to evaluate the creative potential of each project and then to edit, evolve, and elevate the work through remote and in-person creative iteration.</p>			●
	Innovation Co-Lab	<p>The Innovation Co-Lab is a creativity incubator, focused on exploring how new and emerging technologies can fundamentally reshape the research, academic, and service missions of the university. The Co-Lab offers community nights, coding classes, prototyping facilities and grants for exploring new ideas.</p>	●		●



**North Carolina
Biotechnology Center**

**NCBC
Entrepreneurship
Resources**

The **North Carolina Biotechnology Center** has a reference library, service provider and executive referral network, investor listings and more for life-science-based ventures.



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Partnership**

The **Kenan Biddle Partnership** promotes collaboration between Duke and UNC students. Ideal projects will offer innovative solutions to a social or environmental need within their campus, local, or global community.

