# 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.

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<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>I&amp;E Academy/Founders' Workshop</strong></td>
<td>The Innovation &amp; 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Duke New Ventures</strong></td>
<td>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!</td>
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<td><strong>Duke NeuroInnovations</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Program for Entrepreneurs</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>CTSI Accelerator</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Mobile App Gateway</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>DIHI Digital Health Accelerator</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>ORAQ</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Start-up Ventures Clinic</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>SBTDC</strong></td>
<td>The Small Business Technology Development Center’s experienced and knowledgeable business counselors are equipped to help you with a wide variety of business problems, issues, and challenges</td>
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<td><strong>Small Business Center (SBC) at Durham Tech</strong></td>
<td>The Small Business Center (SBC) at Durham Tech provides startup and existing entrepreneurs (for profit and nonprofit) with the information and tools needed to develop business ideas to become viable, sustainable, profitable, and successful.</td>
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<td><strong>SCORE</strong></td>
<td>SCORE is the nation’s largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, with more than 10,000 volunteers in 300 chapters.</td>
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<td><strong>NC IDEA SOAR</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Council for Entrepreneurial Development VMS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NCBC Entrepreneurship Resources</strong></td>
<td><strong>The North Carolina Biotechnology Center</strong> has a reference library, service provider and executive referral network, investor listings and more for life-science-based ventures.</td>
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<td><strong>Kenan Biddle Partnership</strong></td>
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