

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY I-CORPS

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TRANSFORMING IDEAS INTO SUCCESSFUL  
BUSINESS PRODUCTS



<https://research.wsu.edu/icorps/>



## OVERVIEW

The Washington State University (WSU) I-Corps Site aims to help accelerate academic research to the marketplace. The Site aims to teach students, faculty, and staff entrepreneurial skills to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, industry mentorship, and alumni engagement.

As Washington State's public land grant university, WSU conducts applied research that provides tangible benefit to our local, state, and regional stakeholders.

## SITE ACHIEVEMENTS

Since 2016, the WSU I-Corps Site has successfully trained students from 4 campuses, 8 Colleges, and over 25 departments. They have had 4 Teams successfully secure Phase I SBIR/STTR grants, and 1 Team secure an SBIR Phase II.

## BROADENING PARTICIPATION

WSU I-Corps has extended their program to include student, faculty, and staff teams from the University of Idaho, and are also piloting "pop-up" I-Corps sessions in rural parts of Washington through their Extension faculty and specialist network.

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Startups are currently active in the Washington ecosystem, wherein 5 companies have received SBIR/STTR funding, and 2 have received Series A or Angel VC investment.

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Teams have been accepted into the National I-Corps program for the opportunity to secure a \$50,000 grant from NSF to engage in intense customer discovery and business model design.

\$4M

Generated in  
commercialization grants  
and investment funding

400

Participants have  
engaged directly with  
WSU I-Corps

89

Teams of students,  
postdocs, and  
faculty members