



Northern Illinois University

Office of Innovation FY20 Report

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IP Portfolio Metrics



- 46 active cases
- 39 US and 18 foreign patents
- 13 patent applications in prosecution
- 2 license agreements
- 2 option agreements
- 1 issued trademark
- 3 FY20 invention disclosures

Innovation Impact Report



- Measured nine innovation factors
- Gave recommendations for improving impact
- NIU ranked 3rd in smaller university class
- Success driven by research, pedagogy, sound tech transfer office practices
- More to be done: efforts to boost innovation impact well-aligned with report findings



THE INNOVATION IMPACT OF U.S. UNIVERSITIES

RANKINGS AND POLICY CONCLUSIONS

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FULL REPORT
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Innovation Office Activities



- Innovation inventory
- Prioritization and streamlining
 - IP portfolio review
 - Research portfolio review
 - Internal processes review
- Data-driven approach to partnering
- Spin-out and commercialization focus
- Student and faculty engagement
- Strategic Development Team

Closing Comments



- Employing a “whole of ecosystem” strategy with a focus on NIU strengths
- Building momentum, setting context for increasing innovation impact