



# Northern Illinois University

## Office of Innovation Update

Research and Innovation, Legal and Legislative Affairs  
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# Mission and Vision



The mission of the Office of Innovation is to support the transformation of NIU ideas from *inception to impact*.

We envision a thriving innovation ecosystem focusing on *inclusivity, approachability, and societal benefit*.



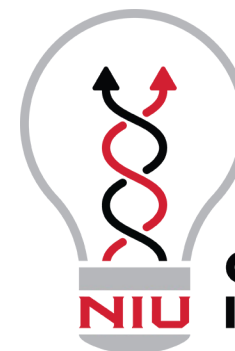
# Near Term Strategic Focus



Developing an **inclusive culture** of innovation across the NIU campus and broader community

Investing in and developing **critical enablers** that help catalyze and drive innovation ecosystem growth

Supporting **strategic development**



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# 71 North Partnership Studio



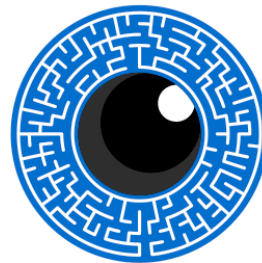
- Center of gravity for Office activities
- Coworking and collaborative innovation space industry partners, faculty, students, alumni, and community members
- Incubation space for NIU and community startups
- Lease revenue reinvested into innovation programs



# New Industry Partner Tenants



Premier Crop Systems®



**EXPERIMENTICA**

Scientific Excellence in Ocular Models<sup>SM</sup>



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# Innovation Programming



- Incubation
- Innovation Hours
- Catalytic Coffee
- Innovation Conversation Series
- [STARS Faculty Academy](#)
- Innovation Club
- I-Fund
- Innovation Fellows

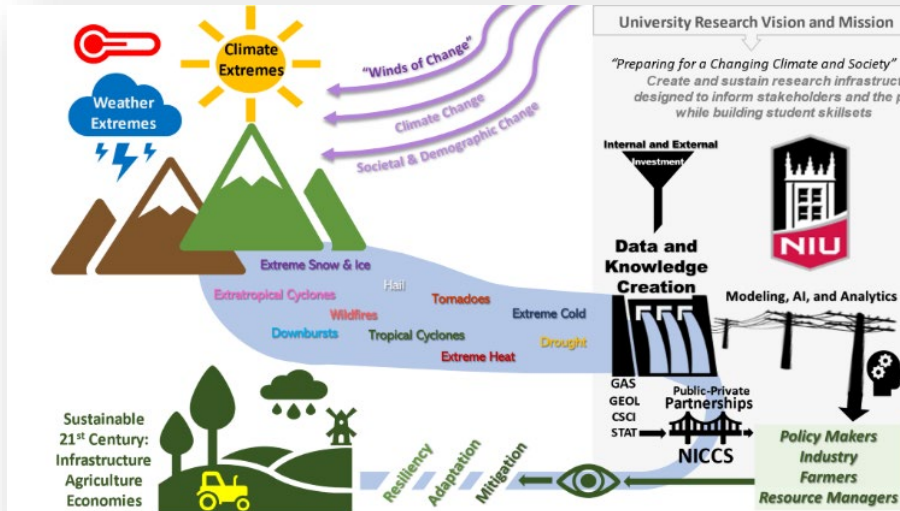
# IP Portfolio in Action



Anticipating the launch of two medical device products within the next two years

- Noise cancelling incubator system for use in neonatal intensive care units
  - Undergoes FDA submission this August
- Imaging system for proton therapy in cancer patients
  - Expected to undergo regulatory submission this calendar year

# Supporting Strategic Development

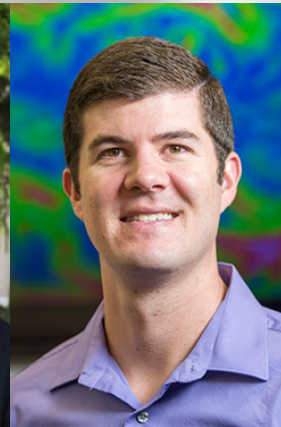


- Emerging Research Initiative
- Community Project Fund
- Trustee Pritchard's outreach

**IMPACT:**  
*\$660k Congressionally approved appropriation*



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# Closing Comments



- Employing a “whole of ecosystem” strategy
- Focused on innovation inclusivity
- Driving NIU ideas from inception to impact

