

**SUSTAINING MEMBER**

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

NC State University is a research powerhouse and a strong economic engine for North Carolina. With seven innovators inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and more than 24 NAI Fellows and several Senior Members, NC State University is committed to collaborating with the NAI to achieve their vision. NC State's Office of Research Commercialization (ORC) protects and promotes university research discoveries and intellectual property, works with and guides industry partners, boosts the acceleration of startups and drives economic growth by facilitating the commercialization of research discoveries.

NSF I-Corps Mid-Atlantic Hub

NC State University continues to act as a leading Partner in the NSF Mid Atlantic I-Corps Hub. This partnership with twelve other leading research universities is aimed at building upon NSF's I-Corps programming, creating and sustaining a diverse, inclusive innovation ecosystem in the United States by establishing tools and training activities, funding research, providing opportunities to diverse communities and sharing effective innovation practices across the country. NC State University led the planning efforts and execution of the first Mid-Atlantic Hub annual meeting which was hosted on NC State's Centennial campus. The meeting was attended by more than 50 Hub members and partners, with representation from the following universities:

Carnegie Mellon
CUNY
East Carolina University
George Mason
George Washington University
Hampton University
Howard University
Johns Hopkins
MIT
NC A&T
Penn State
Princeton
Rowan University
Texas A&M
UNC-Chapel Hill
UNC-Charlotte
UNC-Greensboro
UNC-Wilmington
University of Arkansas
University of Maryland
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
Vanderbilt
Virginia Tech
Wolfpack Investor Network



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Envisioned in 2015, and launched in December 2016, the Wolfpack Investor Network (WIN) is NC State University's Angel Investment Network linking early-stage startups with accredited investors. With WIN membership surpassing 120 active members, WIN members have invested \$22M across 35 portfolio companies. NC State's Office of Research Commercialization led the evaluation and strategic decision making involved in changing the WIN business model and partnering with Cary-based venture capital firm Harbright Ventures to increase WIN member engagement and strengthen pre- and post-deal diligence and leadership. Formalized in late 2022, this new partnership has increased WIN membership levels and revitalized the network.