Factsheet: I-Corps™ Teams

NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps™) is a program to broaden the impact of select, NSF-funded, basic-research projects by preparing scientists and engineers to focus beyond the laboratory. Leveraging experience and guidance from established entrepreneurs and a targeted curriculum, I-Corps™ grantees learn to identify valuable product opportunities that can emerge from NSF-supported academic research. The I-Corps™ program, a public-private partnership, will help create a stronger national ecosystem for innovation that couples scientific discovery with technology development to address societal needs.

I-Corps™ Teams are an essential component of the I-Corps™ program. Over a period of six months, each Team learns what it will take to achieve an economic impact with their particular innovation.

For more information, visit [www.nsf.gov/i-corps](http://www.nsf.gov/i-corps).
Participating Directorates:
• ENG, CISE, BIO, EHR, GEO, MPS, and SBE

Eligibility: Must have an active NSF award or one that has been active within the previous five years.

Award Size and Duration:
• $50,000 (F&A limited to $5,000) for six months

Cognizant I-Corps™ Program Directors:
Serve as contact points and provide policy implementation and overall management of the review and award selection process.
• Steven Konsek (ENG/IIP)

Topic-specific Program Directors:
Serve as contact points and discuss prior research result and its readiness for the I-Corps™ program.
• BIO – Chris Meyer
• CISE – Anita La Salle
• EHR – Karen Crosby
• ENG – Steven Konsek
• GEO – Kandace Binkley
• MPS – John Schlueter
• SBE – Daisy Chang

Proposal Content:
• Team background and history
• Project plan
  - Lineage of the proposed innovation
  - Product/service concept and demo
  - Potential commercial impact

Submission and Review Process:
• Submission through NSF FastLane and Grants.gov after written invitation from Cognizant Program Officer
• RAPID internal review mechanism
• 45 days from submission to decision
• Additional I-Corps™ review criteria:
  - Potential market impact
  - Time horizon to impact

Monitoring and Evaluation:
NSF hosts online content regarding the process and tracks progress throughout the effort. Project progress will be tracked through a closed Wiki environment accessible only by NSF and the project teams. More information will be provided to teams on use of the Wiki.

Expected Outcomes:
• New start-up businesses
• Licenses
• SBIR proposals
• Business model description suitable for review by third-party investors
• Students with entrepreneurial skills
• New or enhanced curricula