Tufts University Technologists & Researchers

NSF I-Corps
New England Node

Training + Experience + Funding for students & postdocs to explore taking a new technology to the marketplace, surrounded by an innovative cohort

Who — Any scientist or engineer working on a “Tough Tech” solution and thinking about business opportunities.

How —
Spark Program - 3 weeks long - 8hrs/wk.
• 2 evening workshops (3 hours each)
• 2 phone Office Hours / coaching with experienced entrepreneurs (1 hour each)
• Talk to potential users and prospective customers

Why —
• Test product-market-fit hypotheses with real customers
• Completion can lead to $1,500 for additional discovery
• Opportunity to apply for $50k NSF grant for immersive training and customer discovery at scale
• Increasing opportunity for SBIR/STTR non-dilutive grant awards from NSF, NIH, DoE...

When —
Cohorts launch twice a month, rolling admissions

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