

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



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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