

MIT Researchers Considering a Technology-based Startup

Explore taking your new technology to the marketplace Get entrepreneurial training, support, and up to \$1,500 to identify customers Learn how to apply for \$50,000 from the NSF Increase your chances of receiving an SBIR/STTR award

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Join the I-Corps Spark Program at MIT

A free 3-week program to help researchers and engineers explore the potential applications of their new technologies

Next Program:

Program KickOff Workshop– Mar 27, 2019 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm Closing Workshop – April 18, 2019 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm Location: MIT Campus

How it works:

The interactive course begins with an in-person evening kickoff workshop where teams learn how to:

Identify their top customer segments

Develop hypotheses about the value proposition they offer each segment Find and effectively interview potential customers about their problems/needs

Over the next three weeks, teams will speak with potential customers. Teams will have two Office Hours with instructors to check-in and receive coaching.

The program wraps-up with a final in-person evening workshop where teams present their findings, get more coaching, and learn about progressing their ideas. Teams that complete this part of the program may apply for a \$1,500 micro-grant to conduct additional customer discovery. The goal is to determine if they are solving a real-world problem with a viable market opportunity.

Who it's for:

Your I-Corps project must be based on new, innovative, and differentiating technology that could be a candidate for a future SBIR proposal. The program is open to <u>individuals</u> and teams across New England

- Current faculty, postdocs, students and staff at any university
- Anyone else working on a serious STEM-related technology

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