

Researchers Considering a Technology-based Startup

Explore taking your new technology to the marketplace Get entrepreneurial training, support 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.

February - March 2023 Programs:

- Program KickOff February 15th, 2023 from 5:00pm 8:00pm Final Presentations – March 15th, 2023 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm Location: Online Workshop via Zoom
- Program KickOff March 1st, 2023 from 5:00pm 8:00pm Final Presentations – March 22nd, 2023 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm Location: Online Workshop via Zoom

How it works:

The interactive course begins with a virtual 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 at least 12 potential customers. Each week they will have an office hour with an instructor to check-in and receive coaching.

The program wraps-up with a final virtual evening workshop where teams present their findings, get more coaching, and learn about progressing their ideas. Teams who complete this part of the program may continue to conduct additional customer discovery through a post-Spark program. 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 individuals 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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