



## Helping put life science innovation on the fast path to market.

SHARPhub is designed to help life sciences innovators accelerate transfer to the commercial market. The Sustainable Heartland Accelerator Regional Partnership Hub (SHARPhub) was created in 2018 to fast-track early stage technologies from the central IDeA states – Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, North Dakota and South Dakota. The program was designed to stimulate entrepreneurship, management, small business finance, and other skills to transition discoveries and technologies from the lab into commercial products that address human health and grow the regional economy.

### **PROVIDING A WEALTH OF SERVICES.**

SHARPhub offers training, mentoring, coaching and networking opportunities to every interested university and life science entrepreneur in our five-state region. More intensive assistance can be accessed by SHARPhub cohort companies.


### **PROVIDING ACCESS TO FUNDING.**


SHARPhub is an initiative of the nationally-recognized BBC Entrepreneurial Training & Consulting (BBCetc) team, who facilitate access to important non-dilutive early stage capital, including SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) and STTR (Small Business Technology Transfer) funding opportunities.

# What SHARPhub accomplished in its first 18 months.


Individuals trained **370+**




 **23** Companies accepted into the SHARPhub program to receive one-on-one consulting and proposal development assistance


 **7** Submitted SBIR proposals to date

**38** Online training modules developed  
with **30+** Content hours



 **6** Session in-person Startup School program implemented

 **\$250K** NIH supplement received to fund proof of concept awards

 Developed a regional database of life science-specific resources for entrepreneurs

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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