

# Innovation & Commercialization

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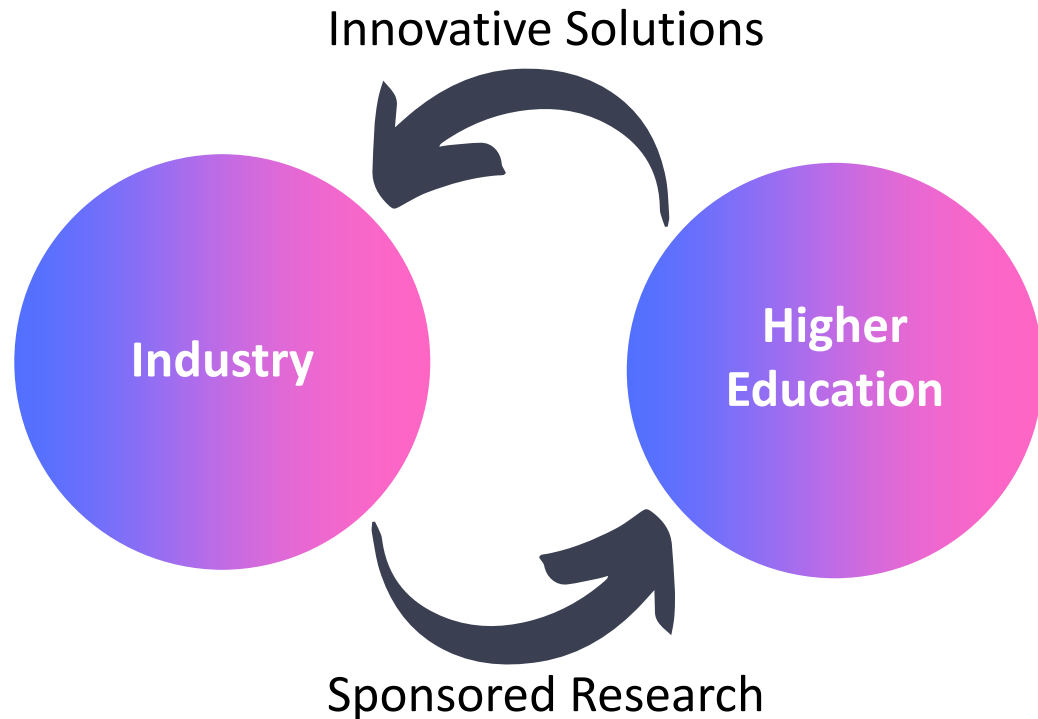


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# THE OPPORTUNITY

*Utah's institutions of higher education hold \$Bs worth of opportunity waiting to solve society's biggest challenges*



## 1. REDEFINING HIGHER EDUCATION

- We are creating a world where higher education institutions are laboratories of innovation for corporations & society, where industry leaders task expert researchers with solving their biggest problems.

## 2. CHANGING THE INDUSTRY-EDUCATION DYNAMIC

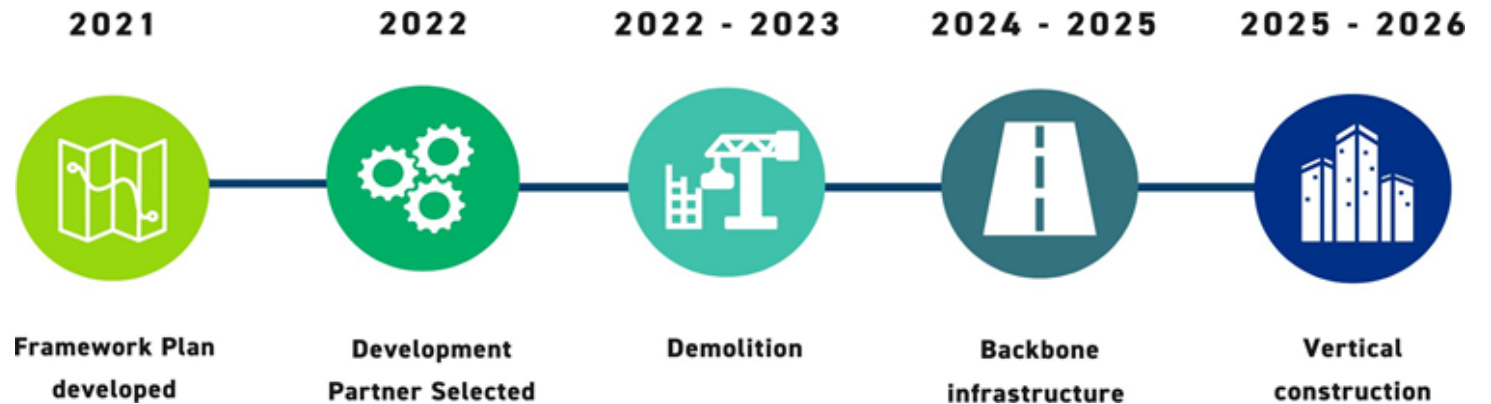
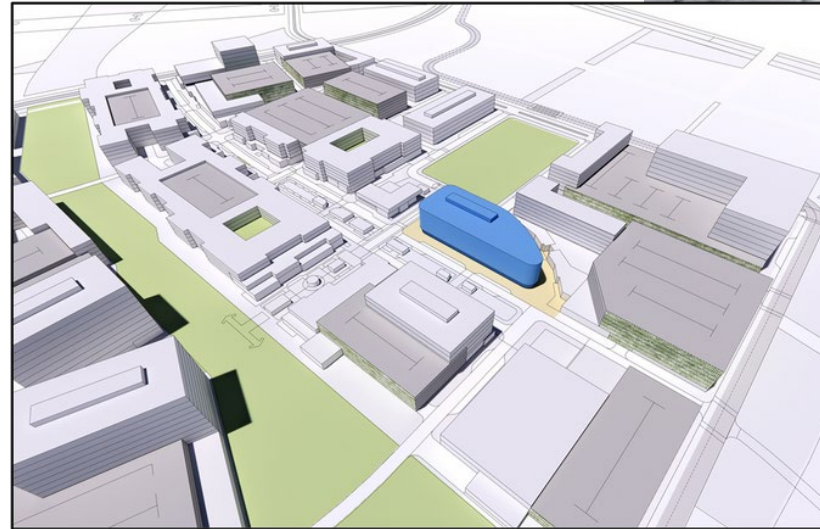
- Instead of PUSHING innovation out of universities, we work with industry & government to PULL innovation that has market demand into industry.

# CONVERGENCE HALL



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In 2023, the state of Utah approved \$50M in one-time state funding for the creation of Convergence Hall — the pinnacle building of The Point’s Innovation District that is poised to bring together higher education, policymakers, investors, industry, students, & entrepreneurs in a collaborative workspace.



# SPATIAL QUALITIES

Student Housing

Flexible Study Space

University Office Space

Lecture Hall /  
Auditorium

Retail / Dining

Flexible Classroom  
Space

Makerspace

Incubator/ Venture  
Studio Space





UTAH POLICY  
INNOVATION LAB

# UTAH POLICY INNOVATION LAB

A public-private partnership bringing together academics, policy, experts, & business leaders to collaborate & share best practices to ensure Utah is leading out on innovative policies rooted in research & practical experience.

The policy lab acts as a convener, breaking down silos & facilitating information sharing through workgroups, panels, research, etc.

Energy Strategic Planning Committee

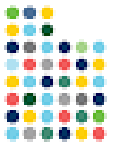
Blockchain & Digital Innovation Task Force

Data Privacy Working Group

AI Policy Working Group

UEOC – Technology, Innovation, & Investment Committee

AI Regulatory Sandbox



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Energy Research Center



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# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM





**Utah**Innovation

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## UTAH INNOVATION FUND

The Utah Innovation Fund is a venture capital fund created by the State to elevate Utah's economy by commercializing technologies discovered, advanced, or developed at or in partnership with Utah's higher education institutions.

# RESOURCES

TEAM	VALUE-PROP.	CAPITAL	CUSTOMERS	OPERATIONS
Database of Operators	Industry Advisory Boards	Venture Capital Funding	Industry Advisory Boards	Business Services Network



**EDEN TECH**

BUILDING PARADISE

 **Inherent**  
Biosciences

**rebel**  
M E D I C I N E

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## INVESTMENTS

To date, the Utah Innovation Fund has made four investments in companies tackling critical state & global problems, including **water scarcity, infertility, dermatological disease, and opioid addiction.**

## ANALYST PROGRAM

Creating a pipeline of investment analysts that can serve Utah's growing venture capital (VC) / private equity (PE) community & growing Utah's brand as an exceptional source of VC / PE talent nationwide.

## Program Features

1

**Interdisciplinary Deal Teams**

2

**Exposure to Live Deals**

3

**Weekly VC-Expert Guest Speakers**

4

**One-on-One Mentorship**

**Thank You!**