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Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers Program (IUCRC)

IUCRCs drive innovation through research consortia involving universities, companies and government agencies.

MISSION

IUCRCs help corporate partners and government agencies efficiently collaborate with universities to generate upstream knowledge and create a diverse high-tech skilled workforce to drive downstream technological innovation that addresses pressing societal needs.

FAST FACTS

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\$1 in member contributions has a median leverage of approximately \$23 additional dollars

787

unique members

75

centers nationwide

117

US Universities

41

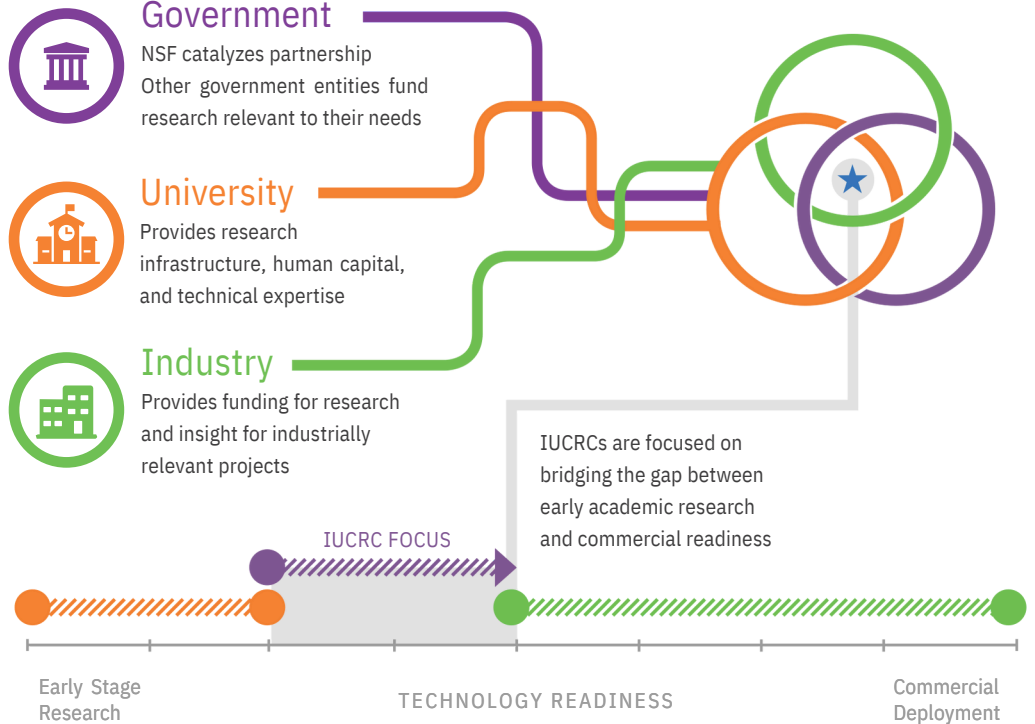
states with an IUCRC site

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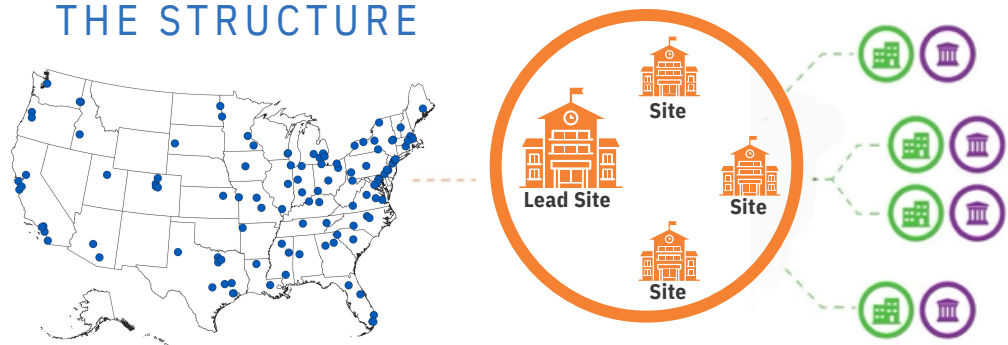
center-trained students hired by members (2011–2023)

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THE PARTNERSHIP



THE STRUCTURE





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Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers Program (IUCRC) Member Benefits

TAKE ACTION

Search for Existing Centers

Search iucrc.nsf.gov for existing centers in relevant technology sector. Contact center director for guidance on joining existing center.

Aid Creation of New Centers

Contact the Center Director to find out more and, if interested, send a "letter of Support" that says how the center addresses the economic sector and your company's or government agency's needs.

Sign a Membership Agreement

In order to become a member of a center, sign the standard IUCRC membership agreement and submit to the Center Director of the IUCRC you would like to join.

Become an IAB member

Join the Center's industrial advisory board (IAB) that will define research priorities for the IUCRC and agree on bylaws that define center policies and operations.

Recommend Research Projects

Through a democratic process, IAB members recommend research projects pitched by Center faculty that have the highest intellectual merit and impact on the targeted economic sector.



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VALUE PROPOSITION



NSF provides \$ for administrative and management costs



Universities provide infrastructure and people to conduct research



Member fees allow access to pre-competitive research and highly-skilled workforce (fees subject to 10% cap on university indirect costs)



Access to Talent

Opportunity to mentor and train students to attain desired skills for work in your industry



Leverage Research Dollars

Earn high return on investment when research is jointly funded



De-Risk R&D

Share risks of early stage research leading to disruptive business opportunities



Access to Network

Learn from interacting with center participants within your technology sector



Research Cost Avoidance

Save internal research dollars through access to facilities, infrastructure, and lower human capital costs



Access to Intellectual Property

Gain royalty-free, non-exclusive licenses on intellectual property produced in the center

KEY EVENTS TIMELINE

