

# FAMU INNOVATION CENTER



**The FAMU Innovation Center** focuses on entrepreneurship development, commercialization programs, and engagement at a leading research HBCU. We leverage FAMU expertise and assets to create capacity, connections, and catalysts around identified regional assets and high value opportunities. The Center and program partners address barriers to business growth by strengthening FAMU and Tallahassee-based entrepreneurship and technology programs while extending them into the surrounding region.

- Operating and expanding entrepreneurship programs and services to engage faculty and students in commercialization of research and formation of minority and women-owned businesses.
- Increasing student engagement in entrepreneurial skill development and startup formation.
- Expanding program and partnership development to strengthen the innovation ecosystem. including engaging with other federal programs.
- Supporting rural community economic and workforce development programs.
- Growing industry engagement around research and technology development and talent pipelines.

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## Programs and activities:

- REACH network.
- In person and online entrepreneurship training and support – Build Days, Pitch competitions, training modules.
- Develop and support incubator / accelerator facilities on and off campus.
- Technology commercialization including SBIR/STTR and NSF I-Corps support.

## Project Partners

### Domi Station

- Business incubator, accelerator, and coworking space.
- Assists startups and small businesses looking to scale.
- Ascend and Gear Up startup programs.

### North Florida Innovation Labs

- Workspaces for incubating technology businesses
- Specialized programs for the commercialization of technology



**The Research Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Hub** - REACH is a hub that facilitates connection between bright minds. Whether it's researchers in our area that develop unique vaccines or studying behavioral trends, to entrepreneurs being mavericks and not playing by conventional rules, or creatives commercializing dope technology from universities and corporations. REACH is how we connect our ecosystems to serve those that need it the most

REACH is a one-of-a-kind innovation ecosystem that is designed to inspire and extend a culture of entrepreneurship across the region, state and, ultimately, the nation.

The goal of REACH is to advance community development, create networks of facilities and support services that provide a sustainable commercialization pathway for entrepreneurs and innovators.

Our strategic focus is stimulating entrepreneurship in local communities in the within Tallahassee's Southside.