

# CT Next Higher Education Innovation & Entrepreneurship Initiative

**CHARGE:** To catalyze collaboration to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship within Connecticut's public and private higher education institutions while fostering collaboration and providing economic value to Connecticut

## BASIC CRITERIA

- Partnerships, and
- Demonstrated In-Kind or Fiscal Contribution

## PRIORITIES

### Engage in the 21st Century Economy

- Growth-oriented Sectors, or
- Local-Serving Industries

### Establish Partnerships

- Non-Ed Collaborations
- State or Region wide Programs
- State-Wide Communication Platforms

### Educate an Innovative Workforce

- CT "Communities of Practice" (Staff/Faculty)
- Mission, Education Integration
- Non-Credit Programs/Events

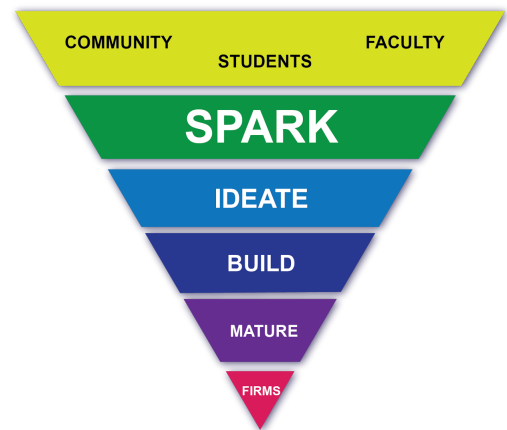
### Expand Development Infrastructure

- Knowledge Sharing
- Expand Commercialization Infrastructure
- Promote Academic Entrepreneurship

## INITIATIVE IDEAS

### Curriculum Integration

1. Integrating E&I into Higher Ed mission/all departments
2. Expanding sector or 'identity'-based training
3. Joint degrees with location-based commitments
4. Educate-the-Educator & Best Practice Program Licenses



## Mentor Networks

1. Training/Licensing of MIT Venture Mentoring Service
2. Expanding Communities of Practice (Faculty/Staff)
3. Regional Approach to Industry Mentor Programs

## Entrepreneur Centers +

1. Shared or Joint Centers (Incubators, Accelerators)
2. Shared Services (Summer Fellowships, Bootcamps)
3. State Higher Ed E&I Portal (Virtual)
4. Partner with Non-Higher Ed Centers

## Commercialization Infrastructure

1. IP Identification and Training Network
2. State-wide Tech Transfer Resources
3. Joint Events/Training for Teams
4. Proof of Concept Infrastructure
5. Incubator/Accelerator Infrastructure

## Types of Initiatives

- State-wide Infrastructure
- Regional Infrastructure
- Joint Physical Assets
- Joint Programs
- Sector-Based
- Mission-Based
- Pilots/New Ideas
- Best Practices