Hear startup stories and meet others to get energized and make connections.

Listen to fireside chats to hear the journeys of prominent company founders, social change-makers and even students.

Learn about the vast resources on campus.

Turn your idea into a venture through business models and prototyping.

Drop by a makerspace to build a prototype.

Pilot your concept based on customer feedback.

Get professional feedback on your concept.

Understand your market by learning to articulate your idea’s value proposition.

Learn from potential customers and work with mentors to refine your idea.

Take your developed business to market and expand.

Learn about creative funding options, legal considerations and how to operationalize your business for maximum impact.

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Innovation Journey

START YOUR JOURNEY: colorado.edu/innovate
New Venture Challenge: Participants attend year-round events, collaborate with mentors to refine their ideas, and form teams before pitching for funding (up to $100,000!) at the NVC Championships. colorado.edu/nvc

T9Hacks: A 24-hour making and building marathon event. Participants come to T9Hacks to learn and be creative in a welcoming environment. t9hacks.org

Commercialization Network: Connects Colorado’s outstanding innovation community to university researchers who are commercializing their inventions. colorado.edu/venturepartners/commercialization-network

Entrepreneurs Unplugged Founder Talks: Attracts star entrepreneurs who share candid stories and insights in an engaging and informal setting. siliconflatirons.org

Hitchhiker's Guide to CU Entrepreneurship: An informational session for prospective student entrepreneurs on how to navigate CU Boulder’s vast entrepreneurial resources.

Impactful Women: Inspires and supports female students by elevating the entrepreneurial community on campus and building a collaborative, innovative and empowering network of faculty, staff and mentors. colorado.edu/innovate/impactfulwomen

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Campus Kickoff: Network with local entrepreneurs and startup founders and explore CU’s innovation ecosystem and resources. colorado.edu/innovate/campuskickoff

Secret Society: An informal way to connect with other students and get inspired. Gatherings are always held at an entertaining venue for low-pressure, casual conversation. colorado.edu/innovate/actionteam

Startups & Sandwiches: Brings seasoned entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and tech leaders together with the best sandwiches in Boulder. deming.colorado.edu

Validator: Teaches students how to validate early stage ideas and provides the basic building blocks of being an entrepreneurial thinker. colorado.edu/innovate/validator

Blow Things Up Lab: A place for experimentation and hacking. Located in the ATLAS building. btulab.com

Demystifying Entrepreneurship: Work with professionals and experts in the field on everything from prototyping to marketing. deming.colorado.edu

Impact Design Initiative: Hone your skills when designing for social impact, with an emphasis on empathizing with users. colorado.edu/ideaforge/impact-design-initiative

Integrated Teaching and Learning Laboratory (ITLL): A nationally recognized engineering education leader. Students integrate theory with practice and learn through doing. itil.colorado.edu

Mentor Network: Need help taking your idea to the next level? Get pro advice from one of our community mentors. colorado.edu/innovate/entrepreneurial-mentors

Now What?: Book a free 30-minute appointment with a business expert or attorney to ask questions about your startup and/or how to get your idea off the ground. deming.colorado.edu

Starting Blocks: Helps scientists and engineers of all types find a market for their innovations. colorado.edu/venturepartners/innovators/commercialization-academy/starting-blocks

Get Seed Funding: A micro-funding opportunity for CU Boulder undergrads and grads that provides up to $500 in funding for entrepreneurial ideas in the making. colorado.edu/innovate/getseedfunding

HackCU: An “invention marathon.” Learn, build and share your creations over the course of a weekend in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. hackcu.org

Idea Forge: A prototyping facility and a flexible, cross-disciplinary collaborative space where students can imagine, design, create and test their ideas. colorado.edu/ideaforge

Innovation Station: Includes co-working space and a small makerspace. Located in the Williams Village Center. colorado.edu/innovate/innovation-station

Catalyze CU: A summer-long startup accelerator designed for CU Boulder students, faculty and staff. World-class mentorship, funding and dedicated co-working space to help the most promising ventures reach escape velocity. colorado.edu/catalyze

Commercialization Academy: Teaches on-campus entrepreneurship tools to faculty, research staff and graduate students in the CU Boulder community. colorado.edu/venturepartners/innovators/commercialization-academy

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