

Venture Partners at CU Boulder

Translating groundbreaking solutions into economic and social impact by building new ventures from world-leading research and creative works.

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As the commercialization arm of the CU Boulder, Denver (Physical Sciences) and Colorado Springs campuses **Venture Partners at CU Boulder** prepares campus innovators to bring technologies to market through:



Intellectual Property Management

Create and implement an IP strategy for your research and creative works so you can understand your rights and obligations as you work with various collaborators, research sponsors and industry partners.



Entrepreneurial Training

Get the entrepreneurship tools and education you need through events and programs designed specifically for faculty, research staff and graduate students in the CU community.



Mentorship and Advising

We can pair you with exceptional serial entrepreneurs and high-impact leaders to form a highly functional team focused on accelerating your concept to market.



Funding

Explore funding opportunities and resources to take your innovation to the next level and partner with campus entities help advance your path to market.



Licensing and Industry Partnerships

Our team can match your innovation with companies and industry experts, or connect you with an experienced entrepreneur to help you bring your innovation to the world.



"The university's role is to support our innovators. These are our creative faculty, graduate students and postdocs who are addressing important problems in their research. Commercialization increases CU Boulder's ability to translate promising discoveries and innovations into real-world solutions."

— **Brynmor Rees**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation

Highlight Programs

NSF I-Corps™ Hub West

Programs designed to help reduce the time and risk associated with translating promising ideas and technologies from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Lab Venture Challenge (LVC)

Funding top innovations with grants of up to \$125,000, LVC supports projects that address a commercial need, have a clear path to a compelling market and have strong scientific support.

Buff Venture Fund

A private venture capital fund that invests in startup companies connected to CU Boulder to collaboratively grow startup companies and identify investment opportunities.

Our startups and technologies are poised to revolutionize their industries:

 **Pathogen Diagnostics**

 **Single-Dose Vaccines**

 **Renewable Battery Energy**


 **Cancer Drug Therapies**


 **Carbon Composites**

 **Quantum Technologies**

1,484+ inventions disclosed
(since 2014)

220+ startups spun out of
university technology

 CU faculty are among the most innovative scientists, technologists and engineers in the world

 CU researchers partner with industry, federal labs and other institutes across Colorado, the nation and the world

Tapping in to Colorado's Startup Community

NSF ASCEND Engine in Colorado and Wyoming

The \$160 million National Science Foundation (NSF) award will build resilient communities through research and commercialization across Colorado and Wyoming, and with CU Boulder as a key partner.

Embark Deep Tech Startup Creator

Matching entrepreneurs with breakthrough innovations. With myriad CU technologies available, Embark seeks motivated entrepreneurs ready to launch new companies. The program provides IP rights, salary support, grant funds and investor introductions.

Destination Startup

A collaboration among leading research universities and federal laboratories across the Intermountain West to showcase the best companies from our innovation ecosystem for hundreds of investors.

Licensing Opportunities

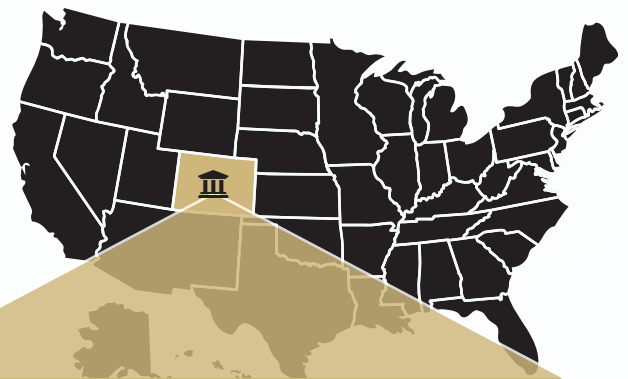
We manage a portfolio of over 1,000 inventions from CU's faculty, staff and students, and collaborate with companies of all sizes—from startups to the Fortune 500—to bring these inventions to market.

"Venture Partners continues to challenge convention and try new approaches, coupled with their proactive investments."

—**Scott Fox**, mentor, Entrepreneur-in-Residence and CEO of Global View Partners

"Starting a company with Venture Partners feels like having the wind at your back."

—**Jonathan Teaford**, Co-Founder and CEO of Green Steel Environmental



CU Boulder's Commercialization Impact

\$8B nationwide (2018-22)

\$5.2B statewide (2018-22)

\$32M revenue from commercialization to CU Boulder (2019-24)

\$3.5B in capital funding raised by startups commercializing CU Boulder technology (2018-24)

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