

# Venture Partners at CU Boulder

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

✉ [vpcontact@colorado.edu](mailto:vpcontact@colorado.edu)  
🔗 [colorado.edu/venturepartners](http://colorado.edu/venturepartners)

As the commercialization arm of the CU Boulder, Colorado Springs and Denver (Physical Sciences) 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 pair exceptional serial entrepreneurs and high-impact leaders with our technologists, scientists and innovators to form highly functional teams focused on accelerating concepts to market.



## Funding

We provide funding opportunities and resources for researchers who want to take their technologies to the next level and partnerships with campus entities help advance a path to market for those seeking to commercialize their inventions.



## Licensing and Industry Partnerships

Experienced managers match new innovations with licensee companies and industry experts, following leading practices for both startup-friendly and business-friendly licensing.



*"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 Region

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**

**1,340+** inventions disclosed  
(since 2014)

**170+** 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 Colorado-Wyoming Climate Resilience Engine

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

### Embark Deep Tech Startup Accelerator

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

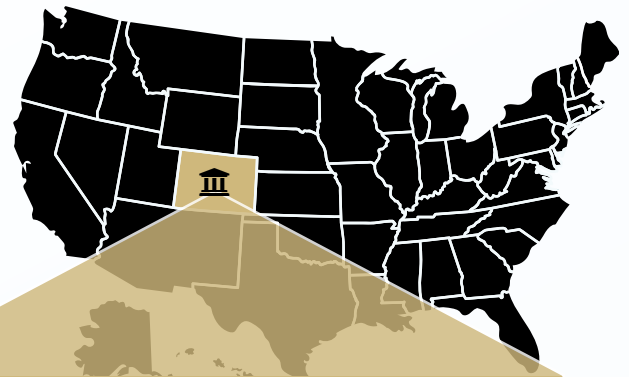
We manage a portfolio of over 1,000 inventions from CU's faculty, staff and student researchers, and collaborate with companies of all sizes—from startups to the Fortune 500—to bring these inventions to market.

*"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)

**\$20M** in licensing revenue (2018-22)

**\$3B** in capital funding raised by startups commercializing CU Boulder technology (2018-24)

**Be Boulder.**



Venture Partners

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER