



NSF I-CORPS HUB GREAT LAKES REGION

2023 IMPACT REPORT



A YEAR OF IMPACT ACROSS THE MIDWEST



Jonathan Fay, Hub Executive Director

“The Great Lakes I-Corps Hub has had a tremendous year. Our programs lay the groundwork for researchers to become innovators. These innovators go on to reshape industries and bring incredible inventions to market. As we extend the reach of I-Corps programs to more universities across the Midwest, I look forward to the transformative influence these innovators will undoubtedly have.”

ABOUT THE HUB

The NSF I-Corps Hub: Great Lakes Region is a network of 16 universities dedicated to spurring innovation in the Midwest. We offer a variety of free programs that help graduate students, faculty, and researchers explore how their research and ideas could solve real-world problems.

Our programs teach participants the entrepreneurial mindset, provide professional development opportunities, and more.



IN 2023, I-CORPS TEAMS...



**Raised \$8.2
Million Dollars**



**Formed 114
Businesses**



**Created 244
Jobs**



**Assessed 450
Technologies**



**Interviewed
6,800 Customers**



**Our Programs Trained Over 1,000 Individuals
in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.**

STORIES FROM THE HUB

I-Corps Alum Inspires Women in STEM

Dr. Shawana Tabassum got the opportunity to advance her research, career, and more through the I-Corps program at Iowa State University while receiving her Ph.D. Her innovative research into sensors has the potential to develop technological solutions for sustainable agriculture and precision farming and reduce environmental pollution. Now, I-Corps has allowed her not only to explore commercializing her research, but also to expand the innovation ecosystem in her region, champion women in STEM, commercialization, and more.



"I would recommend doing I-Corps because it can change the entire perspective of the research or technology that is being developed."

**-Dr. Shawana Tabassum, Professor
of Electrical Engineering at the
University of Texas at Tyler**

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