

Innovation Ambassador Program

Program Goals

- Provide a peer, department-level contact for Vanderbilt innovators
- Deliver innovation-related news to the departments represented
- Provide feedback to administrative units on opportunities for improvement in the innovation space
- Engage with other Ambassadors & VU/VUMC leadership on innovation efforts across campus



Training Provided

- Intellectual property protection and commercialization
- Vanderbilt technology transfer & IP policy
- Entrepreneurship resources and Wond'ry tour
- Startup support services and Launch incubator tour
- Vanderbilt COI process
- Special topics (e.g., AI commercialization, emerging trends in startup funding, etc...)

Led by:



Supported by:



Innovation at Vanderbilt

High Innovation Capacity

Five-year summary ending in 2022:

Startups w/ Vanderbilt IP and equity stake launched

in licensing revenue

in industry funding for innovation research through CTTC-supported licenses

patents awarded

invention disclosures

Reuters Top 15 Most Innovative Universities in the U.S. 3 years running

Promising regional growth



Entrepreneurship Growth

"Global Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Center of the Year" (Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers)

Wond'ry NSF I-Corps Site recognized leader amongst peers

ideas supported by the Wond'ry annually

microgrants awarded totaling >\$120,000

attendees at Makerfaire

of teams are led by women

in external funding for Wond'ry-related startups recently launched incubator services



>300

61

>4000

46%

>\$35M



Vanderbilt New Venture Support Services

