

VANDERBILT VENTURE PARTNERS (VVP)

What We Do

The VVP initiative from Vanderbilt Center for Technology Transfer and Commercialization (CTTC) **connects groundbreaking researchers and their ventures** with **forward-thinking venture capital**.

By fostering strategic relationships and providing curated opportunity sourcing, VVP empowers scientific founders to transform research into market-ready ventures.

Our Purpose

Academic founders face a critical funding gap.

Despite translational grants, entrepreneurial training and customer discovery programs, many research spinouts struggle to secure the capital, coaching, and connections needed to cross the “valley of death” and reach commercialization. Investors are crunched for time, inundated with capital requests, and seeking opportunities that align with their investment strategies while also collaborating with co-investors. VVP packages curated investment opportunities for its partnering investors.

Bridging Scientific Innovation and Venture Capital

Cultivating Relationships



Building trusted connections between investors and scientific founders.

Aligning Investment Interests



Matching venture investment strategies with Vanderbilt's cutting-edge startups

Educating Investors



Offering insights into the unique dynamics of academic ventures

Coaching Founders



Guiding scientific founders through the journey from lab to market

Mutual Value Creation

For Founders

- Access to capital & coaching
- Market feedback & mentorship
- Ecosystem exposure

For Investors

- Early access to innovation
- Tailored deal flow
- Influence on startup direction

Why Vanderbilt?

- \$1.2B+ in annual research expenditures
- 118 startups facilitated (16 in FY25)
- Unparalleled culture and commitment to Entrepreneurship and venture building
- Dedicated venture professional team with combined 50+ years of experience
- Top 20 research university + top tier academic medical center

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