AgTech University Center *at Cornell University*



Cornell University's AgTech University Center solidifies and feeds a growing cluster of AgTech startups, increases the number and speed of new venture formation, increases the amount of new capital coming into the region to support these startups, and improves the conditions for the agriculture industry in New York State.

Objectives

- Convene the AgTech startup ecosystem in the region through workshops and events, culminating with an annual Summit event.
- Help new innovators prototype new AgTech ideas for commercialization through a 10-week Prototyping AgTech Accelerator.
- Support the formation of companies which will bring new AgTech prototypes to production through the kickoff of a 15-month Manufacturing AgTech Accelerator.

Activities

- AgTech Summit which convenes economic developers, startups, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, university researchers, and AgTech leaders. This event will include symposia, startup showcases, investor events, and will leverage investments in New York's Grow-NY competition.
- AgTech Startup workshops to convene prospective AgTech entrepreneurs and generate excitement and community.
- Advising for AgTech entrepreneurs and startups by a team of Entrepreneurs in Residence. University Center technical assistance efforts will be open to all entrepreneurs to apply.
- Prototyping AgTech Accelerator at Rev: Ithaca Startup Works: at least five teams will participate in a 10-week accelerator, culminating with a demo day.
- Manufacturing AgTech Accelerator: teams will be paired with a dedicated mentor and participate in hands-on sessions designed to help them successfully launch an AgTech startup.

University: Cornell University

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Center Activities:
Entrepreneurs in Residence
AgTech Hardware Accelerators
Workshops and Networking

Clients: Entrepreneurs and Startups

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