



Georgia Institute of Technology EDA University Center

UNIVERSITY

Georgia Institute of Technology

CENTER DIRECTOR

Juli Golemi, Director

CENTER LOCATION

Georgia Institute of
Technology's Enterprise
Innovation Institute

CENTER FOR > 30 YRS

CENTER ACTIVITIES

- Technical assistance
- Entrepreneurship support
- Economic development assistance
- Applied Research

CLIENTS

- Entrepreneurs
- Student and faculty start-ups
- Universities
- Rural, distressed, and underserved communities
- Non-profits

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The EDA University Center at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) is led by the Enterprise Innovation Institute (EI²). Georgia Tech and EI² have been providing innovative practices and impactful results in economic development for universities and underserved communities for over 40 years. Supported by the grant, state money, and program fees, Juli Golemi leads a wide range of outreach activities that build upon the competencies within EI².

The Georgia Tech EDA University Center (the Center) serves three regions: Georgia, the remaining states in the EDA Atlanta Region, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Current program areas and support and services include:

CULTIVATING INNOVATION

Communities who foster entrepreneurship, are better positioned for long-term success. Georgia Tech's EDA University Center leverages the Institute's expertise to provide inclusive technical assistance to entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities and support their entrepreneurship and equitable innovation strategies to foster vibrant economic ecosystems and clusters for all. Through workshops, trainings, and assessments, the Center's work infuses the ecosystem with a common language and an entrepreneurial mindset

ADVANCING HIGH-GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Center works with non-profit organizations to formulate a long-term vision for advancing the community's innovation ecosystem by devising strategies and designing programs that effectively engage all the region's ecosystem players. Under this program area, the Center continues to support technology commercialization and entrepreneurship by assisting entrepreneurs in the establishment of companies to commercialize technology/innovative products and services.

REGIONAL RESILIENCY

Through applied research services and technical assistance, the Georgia Tech EDA University Center assists Georgia communities with expanding their internal capacity which results in stronger, more resilient, more equitable, and diversified economies for the future. In addition to offering broad access to economic development planning and analysis, the Center provides the following specific activities within this program area: regional recovery and resilience assessments, strategic assessments, and workforce systems analysis.



EI² is the nation's largest, most comprehensive, university-based program of entrepreneurship and startup company development, industry growth, ecosystem development, and international outreach.