



Initiative for Health
Entrepreneurship & Innovation

UNIVERSITY

Northern Kentucky
University

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LOCATION

Collaborative for
Economic Engagement

ACTIVITIES

- Entrepreneurship Support
- Entrepreneur-in-Residence
- Scholarship
- Paid Internship
- Business Mentorship

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The NKU-IHEI leverages the newly funded Life Science wet lab in Covington, regional economic development agencies and entrepreneurship programs, the region's anchor health care systems and health-related industries, and NKU's technical expertise to advance commercialization efforts.

The Initiative for Health Entrepreneurship & Innovation will include:

Expansion of the Collaborative for Economic Engagement

The Northern Kentucky Collaborative for Economic Engagement is the key connector for entrepreneurs, private sector leaders, investors, educational programs, incubators, accelerators, governmental and economic development organizations, and non-profits. The IHEI will expand its accelerator for health-related companies to include special cohorts focused on wet lab space applicants.

The IHEI will Provide Opportunity

- Scholarships for NKU's graduate certificates in Clinical Trials Research and Health Care Commercialization for regional attendees.
- Paid internships from Biological Sciences, Cybersecurity, Health Informatics, and Entrepreneurship to support wet lab clients and medico-health-related startups.
- Reverse mentoring program for health care systems to recruit the businesses they need to ensure post-COVID success.

Entrepreneur-In-Residence

The IHEI will increase regional bioscience innovation and grow new medico-health-related businesses in northern Kentucky by transferring Doug Ladd, the Institute for Health Innovation's Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR), to support wet lab clientele. Ladd has assisted regional medical device and health-related founders raise more than \$335 MM in capital throughout the past 30 months.

