

The University of Iowa Research Park

Established in 1989, the University of Iowa Research Park offers leased building sites and space to corporations engaged in research and development and related production and marketing activities. A Research Park location can lead to sustained research relationships between corporations and the UI. Sixteen lots of varying size and prominence on the 189-acre Research Park campus are available for long-term lease and development. Among the current tenants are Cargill Animal Nutrition, Integrated DNA Technologies, Noel-Levitz, Pearson Educational Measurement, and Stanley Environmental. The Research Park also includes UI magnet laboratories featuring facilities dedicated to human health and medicine: Oakdale Medical Research, the Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing, the Center for Advanced Drug Development, the National Advanced Driving Simulator, and the University Hygienic Laboratory.

The UI BioVentures Center at the Research Park is a new 35,000-square-foot business incubator with 20 wet laboratories and 16 dry laboratories for lease to new life science and biotechnology business ventures. The BioVentures Center, opening in fall 2008, is one wing of an 80,000-square-foot privately owned facility.

Also on the Research Park campus, the UI Technology Innovation Center, established in 1984, is a business incubator that fosters the development of new business ventures that make use of advanced technology. The Center offers specialized facilities and services to start-up businesses and established companies eager to initiate new endeavors. In addition to cost-effective office and laboratory space, the UI Technology Innovation Center encourages and brokers a wide range of relationships with UI research capabilities. Nearly 100 companies have been admitted to the Center since its inception. Nineteen companies are current tenants, 39 “graduate” companies succeeded in achieving their business goals upon leaving the UI Technology Innovation Center, and a dozen former tenants remained in business after leaving.

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