



# Impact Through Partnerships

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A female student with curly brown hair, wearing a white lab coat over a dark shirt, is focused on her work in a laboratory. The background shows various lab equipment, including a sink, a yellow container, and a red gas cylinder. A red banner is overlaid on the image, containing the title text.

# Essential Role of External Partnerships

**Student  
success**

**Research  
translation**

**Inclusive  
pipelines for  
high-growth  
industries**

**Community  
impact and  
opportunities**

**Health care  
and  
biomedical  
discovery**

# Leading Innovation and Economic Growth

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

**\$10.6B**  
to Illinois economy

## STARTUPS CONTRIBUTION

**\$358M**  
income

UIDP



**C2QA**  
Co-design Center for  
Quantum Advantage

Argonne  
NATIONAL LABORATORY



Cook County  
Public Health  
Promoting health. Preventing disease. Protecting you.





# Incubators, Research Translation, and Startups

Research translation that improves water systems, supports industry, strengthens local economies, and impacts communities.

**TiLab**

**mHUB**

**MATTER**

**NSF I-Corps**



# Faculty Success: Research Translation

**Professor Meenesh Singh**  
*CO<sub>2</sub> capture and green chemicals*

**Professors Kozikowski  
and Gaisina**  
*Cancer drug, Phase II success*

**Professor Brad Merrill**  
CRISPR stem-cell therapies for type 1 diabetes

**Professors Lavie, Schalk,  
and Su**  
*Safer leukemia therapy*

**Professors Chaplin, Kim,  
and Mehraeen**  
*PFAS water cleanup*

# Health Care and Biomedical Discovery

**Chicago  
Biomedical  
Consortium**





# Employer Partnerships

**Career  
Preparation**



**Illuminate  
Internships**

**CATERPILLAR®**

# Inclusive Pipelines and Workforce Development

**3,000  
annual  
STEM  
graduates**

**Lowering  
barriers to  
workforce  
entry**

**Apple  
Sandbox  
Lab**

**Ensuring high-  
growth industries  
benefit everyone**



Thank you!

