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Has your research led to a potential innovation?
Not sure what to do next?

Need help understanding how to protect your intellectual
property or the possibilities of commercializing your
innovation so more people can benefit from it?

The Innovation Institute can help. We have multiple staff members
who can sit down with you and discuss IP or commercialization
before you go any further. It's never too early to learn about the
potential opportunities for you and your research.

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INNOVATION IGNITER

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This two-hour workshop serves as a way for Pitt faculty, graduate students, and postdocs to explore the commercial potential of your innovation before making a bigger commitment. Innovation Igniter is designed to help you get introduced to the commercialization process and path to licensing your innovation or creating a startup company.

- See our website for all upcoming monthly sessions.
- Sessions rotate between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Sessions rotate between Wednesdays and Thursdays

FIRST GEAR

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The Pitt Ventures First Gear program helps shape Pitt inventions originating from University research from early-stage discoveries into products and services that can be taken to market. Through a series of six workshops, the program offers hands-on guidance and mentorship that takes an inventor through the steps to develop a plan that can result in the creation of a new enterprise or licensing agreement for the technology. As a designated NSF I-Corps Site, First Gear participants also receive \$3,000 in funding to help validate the market-readiness of the innovation, and qualify for additional NSF funding. Contact Paul Petrovich for more information: ppetrovich@innovation.pitt.edu

Head to the First Gear Website to see when the next cohort begins.

OFFICE HOURS

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We give Pitt Innovators the opportunity to consult with legal or investor professionals at no cost. These 30-minute meetings are held Fridays from 1-5 p.m. at the Innovation Institute. We have partnered with Innovation Works, Pittsburgh's most active seed stage investor, Draper Triangle, a venture capital group, and K&L Gates, a fully-integrated global law firm, for upcoming sessions.

- Sessions rotate between investor hours and legal hours
- Please see site for upcoming Office Hours.

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