Discovery Partners Institute (DPI)
interdisciplinary public-private research institute
located in Chicago, and hub of the Illinois Innovation Network (IIN)
a set of virtually connected clusters across the state that connect university and business partners on research and education initiatives.

Led by the University of Illinois System with partners across the state, the DPI and IIN are the foundation for new partnerships and approaches that help launch new companies and catalyze economic growth. World-class faculty, students, and companies will work side-by-side at the DPI to develop solutions, promote entrepreneurship, and empower inventors of the future.

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Will build upon, deploy, and expand the world-class problem-solving strengths of the University of Illinois and partner institutions to address critical challenges faced by society and industry as the foundation for an unparalleled innovation ecosystem.

Goals

• **Build a global destination** for innovation and a world-class engine for economic growth and job creation
• **Create 21st century high-tech solutions** to complex challenges on a global scale, led by the University of Illinois with world-class partners, building both economic vitality and social equity
• **Attract world-leading talent** and grow and retain human capital in the state of Illinois
• **Pioneer a new, integrated model for research and education** where brilliant students work side-by-side with the world’s best faculty and industry minds

DPI will connect top research faculty in agriculture, healthcare, computing, and other critical fields with businesses and students. Their research and training collaborations will address real-world challenges, promoting the breakthrough discovery that creates new products and companies, and provides hands-on experience for students that produces a highly skilled workforce for the city and state.

DPI will attract global talent and build upon unparalleled human capital

90+ FACULTY

• Recruit stellar faculty who are all world-class researchers with an entrepreneurial drive
• Offer the most competitive startup packages and environment to do what can’t be done elsewhere

1800+ UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS

• Attract, support and retain talent
• Deliver programmatic support for bringing entrepreneurial ventures to life
• Ensure exposure to industry for Illinois job opportunities

INDUSTRY

• Provide joint university-industry labs
• Co-locate teams to develop cutting-edge research
• Invest in early research and build operating teams to license and commercialize intellectual property

ENTREPRENEURS

• Offer full suite of resources for entrepreneurs to invent, scale, and impact Illinois, national and global economy
• Welcome international entrepreneurs

DPI and the IIN will drive economic growth:

• Attract major global corporations and corporate investment to Illinois
• Train 10,000+ entrepreneurs
• Create high paying new jobs
• Educate and retain top talent in Illinois
• Catalyze $500 million in additional annual external R&D investment
• Create epicenter for game changing new technologies
• Stimulate additional venture capital investment
• Contribute to significantly increasing the GDP of the state

U of I System students will spend one to four semesters living in Chicago while working at DPI and at businesses and startups in the city. The institute also will bring in students and support faculty from partner universities, and the University of Chicago and Northwestern University have joined DPI as inaugural partners. At full operation, DPI will serve up to 10,000 students every five years whose education includes direct exposure to businesses in the city.