



# Illinois Innovation Network

The Illinois Innovation Network is a system of connected university-community-industry-based hubs throughout the state that will work together to drive innovation along with economic and workforce development across Illinois. Hubs will utilize a combination of research, public-private partnerships, entrepreneurship and workforce training programs to spur economic development in their region and across the state.

IIN hubs will both power and leverage the Chicago-based Discovery Partners Institute. The IIN and DPI will conduct activities across these initial topics and others to be developed.

## THEMES

- Computing & Data
- Environment & Water
- Food & Agriculture
- Health & Wellness

## CROSS-CUTTING AREAS

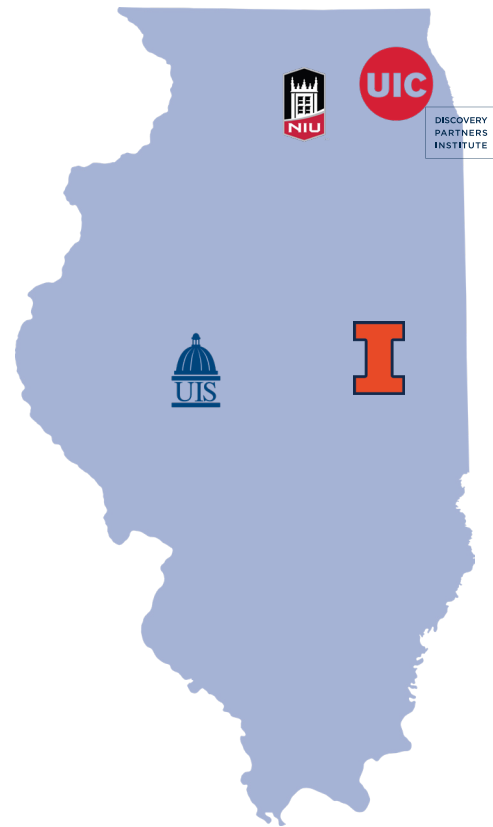
- Culture & Society
- Education & Workforce Development
- Entrepreneurship & Tech Transfer
- Public Policy

## CRITERIA TO BECOME A HUB

- An academic institution to serve as a hub anchor
- At least one public or private partner from the hub’s region
- Programming that supports economic development
- Each hub is responsible for its own operations

## BENEFITS OF BEING A HUB

- Access to entrepreneurial resources across the IIN and at DPI
- Connectivity to subject matter experts and industry expertise
- Linkage to entrepreneurial-minded students/faculty across IIN
- Pipeline for student internships/jobs with Illinois-based companies
- New channels for commercializing university research and elevating discoveries
- Access to international university and corporate partners
- Connections to major corporate partners
- \$5-10 million to support capital/programmatic efforts



## ANNOUNCED IIN HUBS

- Discovery Partners Institute
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- Northern Illinois University

*Discussions with additional hubs are ongoing*