Have an invention to disclose? Submit it here.
Interested in launching a company? Contact us and we’ll help get you started.
Check out VCU’s Intellectual Property Policy

Cross Your I’s and Dot Your T’s
VCU Conflict of Interest for Start-Ups
Register with AIRS
Outside Professional Activity Policy

Talk with Innovation Gateway About Training
Here are a few groups we work with:
- i-Corp
- Co.Starters
- Innovation University
- VA BIO + Tech Park

Find Money
A few examples:
- VCU Commercialization Fund
- CRCF
- VBHRC

License Technology
Work with Innovation Gateway to license university IP for use by your new company.

Pre-Company
1. Stake out your intellectual property
2. Build prototype or proof of concept
3. Market validation and customer discovery

Establish Company
1. Build founding team
2. Establish Identity
3. Make it legal. Work with legal advisor to incorporate your new business
4. Model legal documents

Develop Beta
1. Build minimum viable product
2. Identify your competitive advantages and how your product fits into market need

Find Money
A few examples:
- Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund
- Lighthouse Labs
- SBIR
- New Dominion Angels
- Virginia Active Angel Network
- Start-up Virginia

Launch Your Product

Resources:
- Bullet Proof Start-Up
- Co.Starters Canvas
- Lean Launchpad
- Guide to Hardware Development

Need a lawyer, web developer, PR firm or other help?

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