IDEA Center	
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Role(s)	The IDEA Center is the University of Notre Dame's collaborative innovation hub dedicated to expanding the technological and societal impact of the University's innovations. We do this by nurturing and facilitating the movement of the best ideas of faculty, staff, and students from discovery to commercial application. The Center provides the necessary space, services, and expertise for idea development, commercialization, business formation, prototyping, entrepreneurial education, and student entrepreneurial efforts. The Center is open to any University researcher and student with an idea they want to commercialize.
Mission	• Unlock Discoveries. Fuel Genius. Advance the Common Good.
History	• January 2017 – Created by the University

Org	• Staff of 30, including technology managers, patent specialists, and investment fund professionals
	• Leadership:
	  • Bryan Ritchie, director (britchie@nd.edu)
	  • James Thompson, associate director (jthomp22@nd.edu)

Board	• Private information
Finance	• Private information
Data Source	• N/A
Data Access	• N/A
Tech Capabilities	• Ability to de-risk technologies. The IDEA Center takes early-stage disclosures through the process of derisking and transforms them into life-changing and productive applications. • Prototype development. The IDEA Center's Innovation Lab is equipped with all the latest equipment capable of creating prototypes for early-stage inventions in a variety of industries and disciplines.

Projects	• The IDEA Center measures its projects by startups. The following links list the IDEA Center's startups. They contain promising life science companies including, Claris Genomics, which is commercializing a colon cancer diagnostic; VitalView which is commercializing a no-touch fluid build-up sensor; TayCo Brace, which sells a highly stable ankle brace; and SalvePeds, which is creating a topical drug treatment for diabetic foot ulcers.
	  • 2020: https://ideacenter.nd.edu/news-events/news/the-university-of-notre-dames-26-startups-from-2020/
	  • 2019: https://ideacenter.nd.edu/news-events/news/the-university-of-notre-dames-32-startups-from-2019/
	  • 2018: https://ideacenter.nd.edu/news-events/news/the-university-of-notre-dames-8-startups-from-2018/
	  • 2017: https://ideacenter.nd.edu/news-events/news/the-university-of-notre-dames-fy2017-18-startups/

Future Focus	• To increase the number of life-science and medical technologies
Talent Development	• Multiple young entrepreneur mentoring programs, including Race to Revenue and the Pit Road CEO program,

Data Sharing Agreements	• N/A
Programs/ Publications	• https://ideacenter.nd.edu/news-events/
Resources	• https://ideacenter.nd.edu/about/