

Talking Points for Discovery Park Leaders

Purdue's Discovery Park provides interdisciplinary research infrastructure for the University and is part of the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Discovery Park:

- Build on the strengths of Purdue University—Engineering, Agriculture, Science, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Technology
- Focus is on Global Challenges, large-scale issues that require expertise from numerous disciplines – interdisciplinary:
 - Sustainability
 - Cyberinfrastructure
 - Life Sciences & Healthcare
 - Crises Training & visualization
 - Global Nanotechnology
 - Support for Entrepreneurial Endeavors
- Relatively new component of Purdue University
 - In 2001, Purdue received the first grant to develop Discovery Park
 - The Lilly Endowment awarded \$51 million over two grants for programmatic development
 - Five buildings are privately funded except for about \$5 million in the Birck Center from the state of Indiana
- Since inception, over half of Purdue's faculty are affiliated in some way; Discovery Park has reached over 3,000 students.
- In 2008-09, \$66 million in sponsored program funding
- A \$400 million enterprise
- All laboratories and equipment are shared; Faculty members maintain their academic homes, most share offices.
- Graduate student offices are arranged to integrate disciplines in the Birck Nanotechnology Center and Bindley Bioscience Center.
- Many corporate and international partners--universities and corporations.
- Culture is entrepreneurial--Discovery with Delivery
 - In concert with colleges, schools, and the Purdue Research Park, have facilitated 29 new startup companies
 - Provide entrepreneurial training for faculty and students--Academic Bootcamp, Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy for faculty, Entrepreneurship Certificate Program and Interns for Indiana for students
 - Strong partnership with Purdue Research Park

FLEXIBLE -- *AGILE* -- *RESPONSIVE*

DISCOVERY WITH DELIVERY

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