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**TECH LAUNCH  
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## **The NSF Wants to Fund Your Next Conference Trip**

**With grants of up to \$2,250 from the I-Corps Sites Program**

NSF Innovation Corps or "I-Corps" is an initiative to prepare scientists and engineers to expand their focus beyond the laboratory and increase the impact of basic research through building an understanding of their target market.

### **Why should YOU apply?**

The I-Corps Site program provides:

- **Grants of up to \$2,250** for teams to travel and get to know who the customers are for their technology inventions.
- **6 class sessions** over 3 weeks to help teams learn the "Lean Launch" startup method and polish their plans, knowledge and presentation skills.

### **What are the NSF I-Corps Program goals?**

With the I-Corps Sites Program, the NSF is working to:

- **Accelerate the commercialization** of new technologies, products and processes that arise from the nation's academic institutions.
- **Nurture students and/or faculty** who are engaged in projects having the potential to be transitioned into the marketplace.
- **Develop formal, active, local innovation ecosystems** that contribute to a larger, national network of mentors, researchers, entrepreneurs and investors.
- **Encourage collaboration** between academia and industry.
- **Prepare local teams** to engage competitively in **NSF's \$50,000 I-Corps Teams Program** and in SBIR and other competitions that support entrepreneurship.

**Summer 2016 applications  
are Due June 24.**

**Learn more and download the  
application at**

<http://techlaunch.arizona.edu/nsf-i-corps>

Do you have questions regarding  
I-Corps at the UA? Let us know,  
we're here to help.

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