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NSF Innovation Corps

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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