Research Innovation and Knowledge Mobilization

Investing in research innovation is critically important to advancing world-class excellence in research, providing learning opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students, and helping the University of Guelph to improve life. Empowering start-up companies based on university research is an important way to mobilize knowledge and innovation for the greater community.

For this initiative, we are looking to raise $7,000,000.

**Impact Statement:**

Our researchers can deliver more inventions that have societal and economic benefit. From the Yukon Gold potato, to components that are integrated into the compostable single-serve coffee pods, the University of Guelph can continue to make a positive change to sustain our planet.

Research innovation support will help create opportunities for students and faculty by bolstering new start-ups and subsequent growth of young companies, while providing resources to help move our applied research into the world.

**Goals:**

Research innovation generated at the University helps to find solutions to problems that industry, government and society identify, while at the same time allowing new research that can add value for the world. In order to enhance research outputs, space and funding are required.

Two critical areas of research innovation to support are:

1) Research innovation space where start-up companies and university researchers with innovative ideas can come together to create, incubate and accelerate new businesses.

2) Support for the Gryphon’s LAAIR (Leading to Accelerated Adoption of Innovative Research) initiative – an innovation competition for researchers where funds will help move applied research into commercialized products and services in order to create and grow start-up companies.

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