

The Illinois Innovation Network is a system of connected university-community-industry-based hubs throughout the state that will work together to drive innovation along with economic and workforce development across Illinois.

Hubs will utilize a combination of research, public-private partnerships, entrepreneurship and workforce training programs to spur economic development in their region and across the state.

IIN hubs will participate in activities at the Chicago-based Discovery Partners Institute and DPI researchers and students will partner with other hubs on educational, research, and outreach initiatives.

IIN PRINCIPLES

- Drive innovation, workforce development and economic growth throughout the state of Illinois
- Assess and meet regional needs through a combination of collaborative research, public-private partnerships, and entrepreneurship and training programs
- Collaborate with hubs across the state and share best practices
- Advocate for the value of higher education at the state and national levels



POTENTIAL IIN ACTIVITIES

- Collaborative research efforts or educational programs in conjunction with local businesses
- Access to resources like UI Extension or the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs based at WIU that can help grow and improve communities
- Collaborative courses and student boot camps on crucial topics like data science, artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship
- Joint efforts to secure funding from external groups, leveraging the network's resources
- Workforce development initiatives including adult education, retraining and credentialing programs

IIN HUBS

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| • Chicago State University | • Peoria Innovation Hub | • UIC Health Sciences Campus Rockford |
| • Discovery Partners Institute | • Southern Illinois University Carbondale | • University of Illinois Springfield |
| • Eastern Illinois University | • Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | • University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| • Governors State University | • University of Illinois Chicago | • Western Illinois University |
| • Illinois State University | | |
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