



Innovation Center

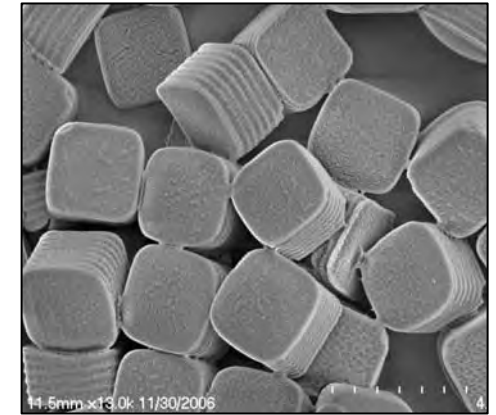
The **Carolina Innovation Center** will provide a home for university researchers to launch new businesses based on research at UNC-Chapel Hill. The goal is to enhance the creation of start-up companies and jobs in North Carolina.

The Innovation Center also will house the university's **Office of Technology Development (OTD)**, which helps researchers turn their discoveries into technologies that yield valuable patents, licensing agreements, and new businesses.



Recent UNC Start-up Companies

Liquidia: Chemistry professor Joseph DeSimone and colleagues invented a method for making nanomaterials. Liquidia, a start-up co-founded by DeSimone, makes devices for drug delivery, photovoltaics, fuel cells, optics, and displays.



Xintek: Physicist Otto Zhou co-founded Xintek, a nanotechnology company in Research Triangle Park. Using carbon nanotubes, Zhou and his colleagues have created faster, smaller x-ray machines with applications in x-ray imaging, information display, telecommunications, aerospace, and oil detection.





A Partnership



To design and build the Innovations Center, UNC is partnering with Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., a firm specializing in properties that include offices as well as flexible, easily reconfigured lab space, especially for life-science research and business. Past ventures include the Science Hotel (an incubator in Cambridge, Mass.) and the Accelerator Corporation in Seattle, Washington.