

# Turn Your Research Into Impact



AUC I-Corps Program · Spring 2026 · Virtual / Zoom

## WHAT IS NSF I-CORPS?

NSF I-Corps™ is a national program that helps researchers test whether their innovation has a path to the market. Teams conduct customer discovery, validate assumptions, and build a commercialization strategy — with a clear pathway to \$50,000 in NSF I-Corps Teams funding.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

**Faculty & PIs** with federally funded or translatable research

**Graduate students** looking to explore startups and entrepreneurship

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Test your assumptions with real stakeholder interviews
- Validate a problem statement with evidence
- Build a commercialization path (SBIR/STTR, licensing, spin-out)
- Leave with an Opportunity Brief + interview log

## WHAT YOU GET

**NSF I-Corps Teams eligibility:** Pathway to \$50,000 in NSF funding

**Center support:** Mentorship & additional funding programs

**Cohort network:** Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta

## SPRING 2026 SCHEDULE

Sessions run 4–6:30pm ET unless noted

**Mar 4** **Info Session**  
Intro to NSF I-Corps

**Mar 9** **Funnel Workshop**  
Alignment & sign-up

**Mar 11** **Kick-off Day 1 (2.5 hrs)**  
Business models + Customer Discovery

**Mar 12** **Kick-off Day 2 (2.5 hrs)**  
Evidence-based Entrepreneurship

**Mar 18** **Office Hours**  
Drop-in / Flexible time

**Mar 25** **Lessons Learned**  
Presentations + Review

**Apr 1** **Office Hours**  
Drop-in / Flexible time

**Apr 8** **Final Lessons Learned**  
Closing + Next steps

All sessions virtual via Zoom · Limited seats

Ready to validate your research?

Limited seats available · Spring 2026 cohort · [nsf-se-hub.pages.dev/apply](https://nsf-se-hub.pages.dev/apply)

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