The Innovation Studio at Ohio State

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The mission

The Innovation Studio exists to foster interprofessional collaboration in creating healthcare solutions. If you have an idea for a healthcare product, service or software and would like help developing it into a commercial reality, we have resources, mentors and tools to help. Don’t have an idea? Come share your knowledge, network and partner up with a team that needs your support.

The space

The Innovation Studio is a unique maker space, housing an array of prototyping tools, including 3D printers and laser cutters. The studios host workshops with topics such as product design, pitch development, interprofessional collaboration and maker skills, and provides project mentors and daily technical support. The moveable Innovation Studio travels across campus to help foster interprofessional collaboration while the Innovation Studio – Mirror Lake resides at a permanent location in Pomerene Hall. See below for our upcoming schedule:

Innovation Studio

Monday, August 19, 2019 – Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Innovation Studio hosted by University Libraries, Thompson Library

Innovation Studio Showcase Wednesday, October 2, 2019 noon – 5 p.m. at Thompson Library

Studio Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – noon
Innovation Studio – Mirror Lake

Innovation Studio – Mirror Lake hosted by College of Nursing, Pomerene Hall

Studio Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. – noon

The people

Too often in academia, students, faculty and staff with great skills and ideas get siloed off in their own disciplines. We’d like to change that. Maybe you have research you think might make a great healthcare product, but you need a software engineer. Or you want use your business, engineering, marketing or maker skills to help develop a healthcare product idea from concept to commercialization. The Innovation Studio exists to bring people together from across campus and from the community as well.

Funding is available for interprofessional projects

We encourage students, faculty and staff from all areas of the University to try their hands at inventing and innovating healthcare solutions together. To reward collaboration across disciplines, projects from interprofessional teams are eligible to enter competitions in which top performers will receive funding for future development. Once funding is awarded, those teams will have the opportunity to apply for additional funding cycles to help them incubate their idea. Submit an innovation at go.osu.edu/myinnovations.

Questions?

Contact Tim Raderstorf, Chief Innovation Officer, at radersorf.3@osu.edu.

The Inspiration

The Innovation Studio was made possible by a gift from an inspiring Ohio State College of Nursing alumna, Connie Hahn Sharpe (’69), and her husband Gary, who together built Health Care Logistics, Inc., a company that specializes in healthcare innovations. Read more about them here.

Making a Difference Through Healthcare Innovation

Healthcare solutions developed at the Innovation Studio are eligible for seed funding to further incubate their Innovation, provided they are created by:

1. a team of two or more Ohio State students, faculty or staff
2. from different disciplines/professions
3. have disclosed their Invention to TCO (when applicable).

Challenge Track

Develop any product, solution or service that will help eliminate mental health stigma.

Open Track

Develop any product, solution or service that will improve the health and wellness of others.

Awarding of Funds

Collaborators will present their products, solutions or services at The Innovation Showcase. Top Innovations will be awarded seed funding from the Innovation Studio. Teams who receive funding will be invited to subsequent Innovation Showcases to demonstrate their progress. Teams that meet set milestones and demonstrate maturation of their Innovation will continue to be eligible for additional, larger grants from the Innovation Studio. To submit an Innovation for the Innovation Studio, please complete the following form: go.osu.edu/myinnovations (step 1). To prepare your presentation, you should utilize the Innovation Studio Pitch Deck (step 2).