

## About the Harvard Innovation Lab

### Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship across Harvard

Launched in November 2011, the Harvard Innovation Lab (i-lab) serves as a resource for students interested in entrepreneurship and innovation from each of the 13 schools that make up Harvard University. The programming and resources developed by the i-lab is designed to help students grow their ventures at any stage of development and covers a wide range of disciplines.

### Programming and Resources

The i-lab combines foundational learning activities with practical resources for students to apply to their ideas and help them grow. Under a four-part pedagogy developed with Professor George Whitesides, the Woodford L. and Ann A. Flowers University Professor, the i-lab has developed programming resources that focus on three practice areas: technology and consumer ventures, social and cultural entrepreneurship, and entrepreneurship in health sciences. Specific programming resources are offered in the following areas:

- *Foundational Learning* (faculty led courses and online video learning)
- *Expert Consultation* (skill-building workshops and one-on-one meetings with entrepreneurs, investors, industry executives, and lawyers)
- *Experiential Learning Activities* (competitions, winter break trips, and startup weekends)
- *Venture Accelerator Program* (incubation, mentoring, private workshops, demo day, and community building events)

### Looking Ahead

The i-lab operates as a startup within the larger University environment. With student and community interest and activity in its first two years exceeding all expectations, the i-lab is experiencing rapid growth. The opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration embodied in the i-lab represent the potential to catalyze innovative solutions to many of society's most important challenges.

### i-lab Fast Facts

The i-lab consists of nearly 30,000 square feet of space, with more than 250 workstations, 24 conference rooms, most with projection capability, a workshop/prototyping room, a next-generation classroom, video conference suite, treadmill desk, and stocked kitchen. The i-lab has had more than 60,000 visits from students, faculty, and community members, incubated nearly 300 unique student ventures, and hosted more than 1,000 events (3.5 per day) in the 24 months since opening in the Fall of 2011.



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