

#### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

May 18, 2022, 2:20 p.m. Chancellor's Ballroom, Carolina Inn

#### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

(No formal action is requested at this time)

- 1. Innovate Carolina Overview of Innovation and Economic Development Programs

  Michelle Bolas, UNC Chief Innovation Officer, Executive Director, Innovate Carolina
- 2. A Resolution in Support of Career Services Perrin Jones, Committee Chair

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Perrin Jones, Chair Ramsey White, Vice Chair Dave Boliek, ex-officio

Rob Bryan Ralph Meekins Gene Davis Marty Kotis Strategic Initiatives Committee May 18, 2022 Agenda Item 1

**Situation:** The Committee has for its consideration a presentation on Innovate Carolina.

**Background:** Innovate Carolina encompasses UNC's innovation programs, initiatives, and

economic development activities. In addition to executing the Chancellor's innovation and economic development priorities, Innovate Carolina supports UNC researchers and scholars through innovation programs and services,

including the services provided through the Office of Technology

Commercialization (OTC). These activities help UNC transmit and apply research and knowledge for the benefit of North Carolina and its citizens, as reflected in data that Innovate Carolina collects and reports as part of its mission. Innovate

Carolina is headed by Michelle Bolas, UNC's Chief Innovation Officer.

**Assessment:** The presentation to the Committee will orient members to Innovate Carolina's

background and development and serve as a foundation for future discussions

with the Committee about UNC's innovation and economic activities.

**Action:** This item is for information only.



# Innovate Carolina

Moving Discovery and Knowledge to Impact

Michelle Bolas
Chief Innovation Officer
Executive Director, Innovate Carolina

May 2022



#### INNOVATE CAROLINA

### Our Mandate

### Do well. For good.

Strategic and well-connected innovation practices leverage public investment in knowledge and discovery to create economic, social and human impact.

- University innovation linked to the prosperity of the state.
- "...passionately public the most public of publics."
- National leader in translating knowledge assets into public good.



#### INNOVATE CAROLINA

### Who We Are

#### **INNOVATE CAROLINA**

UNC-Chapel Hill's central team for innovation, entrepreneurship and economic development

#### **Chief Innovation Officer**

Executes the University-wide strategy for innovation, entrepreneurship and economic development as set by the Chancellor.

#### **Innovation Practitioners**

Skilled experts who put innovation into practice through their combined experience in scientific research development, commercialization, venture creation and business strategy.

#### **Chief Innovation Officer Charge**

#### **Innovation Strategy**

How do we create a unified strategy and governance for and visibility into the use of innovation resources?

#### **Alignment of Investment + Mission**

How do we align the University's investments in innovation with its mission?

#### **External Engagement**

How do we engage external industry, research and community partners with a singular focus?

#### **Return on Investment**

How do know what works and measure the impact made by UNC innovation?

#### WHO WE ARE

### **Emerging Opportunities: State of Innovation**

- NSF technology directorate.
  Spur innovation, technology development and commercialization.
- Proposed creation of national technology "hubs."
  Create through commerce and center in regions of high research output.
- ARPA-Health administration (modeled on DARPA).

  Speed innovation in cures and areas where UNC has considerable strength (cancer, Alzheimer's).
- Creation of an "Innovation State" organization by top NC business and civic leaders. Disseminate state investment in innovation over the next decade. Proposal to raise \$250M/year over 10 years to spur innovation and strengthen industry sectors.
- Additional state funding for mitigation of COVID-19. Make an impact and prepare for future pandemics.

#### **WHO WE ARE**

### Bridging the Innovation Gap



Today Tomorrow Beyond

# Technology Commercialization

USING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF UNC RESEARCH

#### **TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION**

## Goals: Technology Commercialization

- (1) ( Recruit and Retain World-Class Faculty
- Grow Industry Partnerships and Sponsored Research
- Translate Research Into Products and Services
- Bolster Economic Development
- ( Reinvest Revenue Into Research and Translation at UNC
- Support and Engage in University-Wide Initiatives

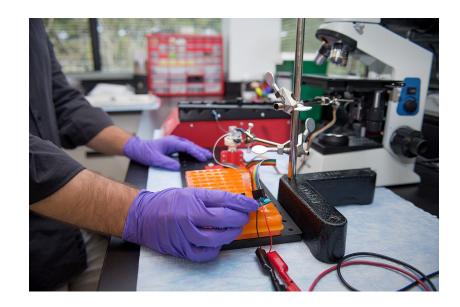


#### INNOVATION IMPACT

# The Power of Alignment: Industry and Strategic Partnerships

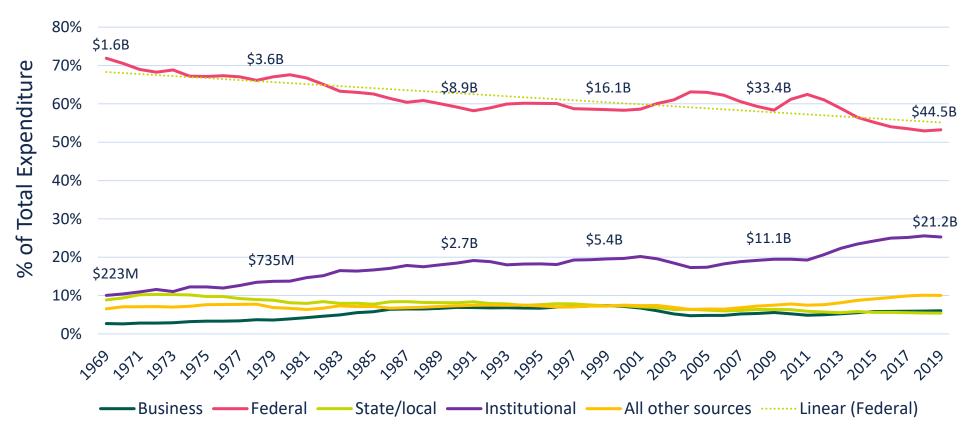
### Why Do We Engage With Industry Partners?

- Build relationships with industry partners to understand areas of interest and evolving markets
- Use industry resources and expertise to meet the needs of UNC faculty and technologies
- Connect UNC startups to investors, tech partners and advisors
- Transfer UNC technologies via licenses into companies that can conduct development activities outside of the scope of university research and take products and services to market
- Get industry feedback on UNC technologies
  - Is the technology market ready? Is it what the market wants?
  - What can be done to validate or optimize the technology?
  - Might there be future industry interest?



### NSF Higher Ed Research Development Survey

National Picture: U.S. University R&D Expenditures, by Source of Funds, 1969-2019



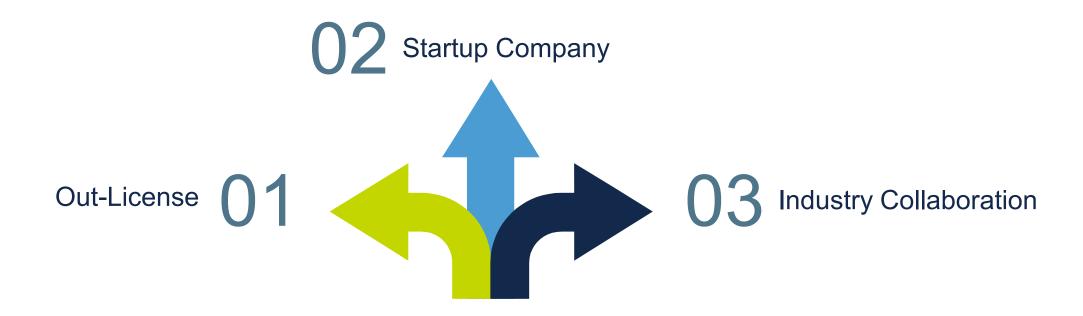
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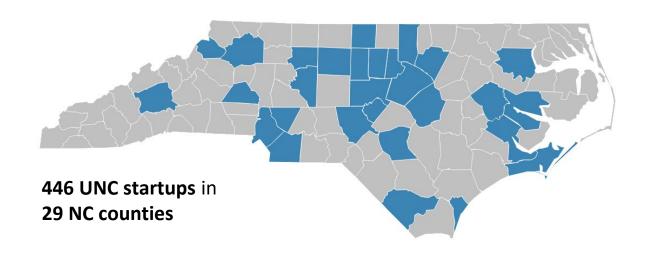
	Spend	% Total
Fed Gov	44.53	53.2%
Business	5.05	6.0%
Institution	21.15	25.3%
State/Local	4.51	5.4%
Nonprofit	5.68	6.8%
All Other	2.70	3.2%
Total	\$83.6B	100%
	Business Institution State/Local Nonprofit All Other	Fed Gov 44.53  Business 5.05  Institution 21.15  State/Local 4.51  Nonprofit 5.68  All Other 2.70



Source: NSF Higher Education Research and Development Survey (HERD), FY 2019

# Translational Paths: Strategy and Practice



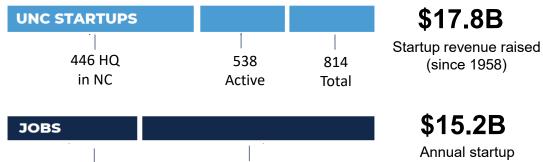


#### **UNC Startups: Strength in Numbers**

12,767

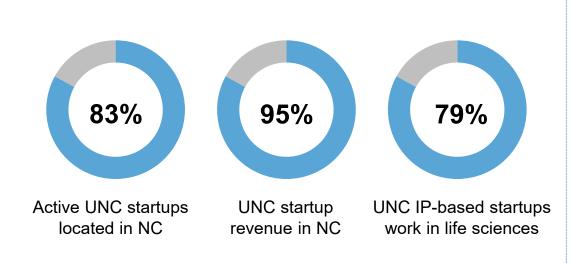
Jobs in NC

As of July 2021



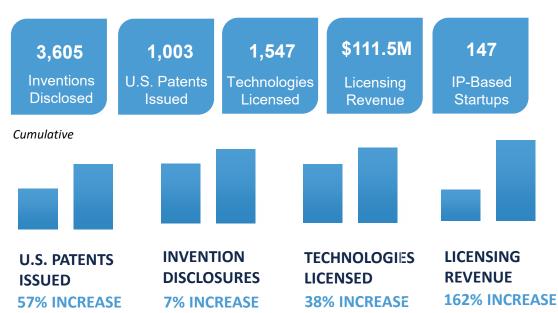
89,589

Jobs Worldwide





#### **Technology Commercialization**

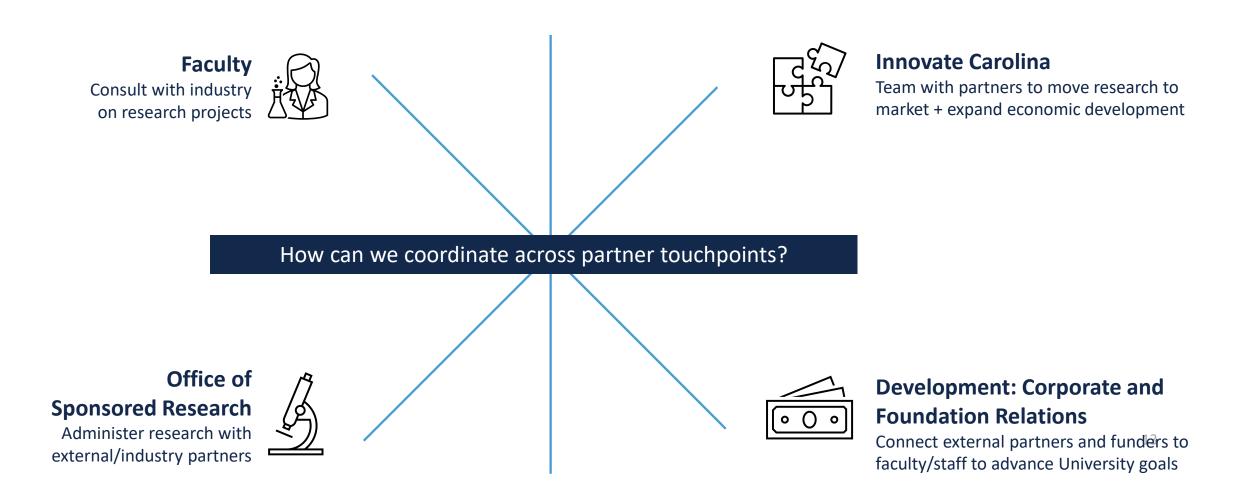


revenue

(2020-21 snapshot)

5 Year Trends: FY2017-21 vs. FY2012-16

### Partner Touchpoints



## Spotlights: Strategic Partnerships

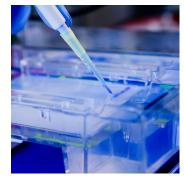


















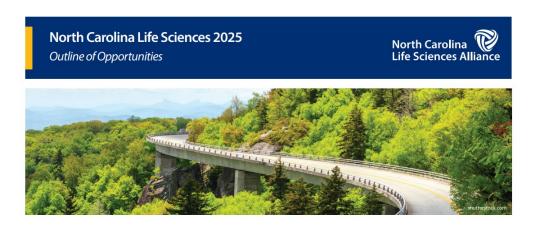






#### TALENT PIPELINE: NC INNOVATION WORKFORCE

### North Carolina Life Science Alliance





- UNC-Chapel Hill's research and innovation enterprise helps to power a significant state initiative
- Areas of action:
  - Infrastructure
  - Talent
  - Investment
  - Market Development and Attraction



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of NORTH CAROLINA

at CHAPEL HILL