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AURP Awards of Excellence Awards Recipients

DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY OF INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

2025	Iowa State University Research Park, Ames, Iowa
2024	Tech Port San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
2023	Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska
2022	University of South Florida Research Park, Tampa, Florida
2021	Oklahoma City Innovation District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2020	University of Utah Research Park, Salt Lake City, Utah
2018	Genopole, Évry, France
2017	University of Maryland BioPark, Baltimore, Maryland
2016	Western Research Parks, London, Ontario Canada
2015	University of Maryland Research Park, College Park, Maryland
2014	Technology Square-Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
2013	University of Oklahoma University Research Campus, Norman, Oklahoma
2012	Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Buffalo, New York
2011	Research Park at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois
2010	Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Blacksburg, Virginia
2009	Innovation Place, Saskatchewan, Canada
2008	Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2007	Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina
2006	The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2005	Delaware Technology Park Inc., Newark, Delaware
2004	Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Indiana
2003	The University of New Orleans Research & Technology Park, New Orleans, Louisiana
2002	Discovery Parks, Vancouver, British Columbia
2001	University of Arizona Science and Technology Park, Tucson, Arizona
2000	Rensselaer Technology Park, Troy, New York
1999	Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
1998	Massachusetts Biotechnology Research Park, Worcester, Massachusetts
1997	Cummings Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama
1996	University Research Park, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

EMERGING COMMUNITY OF INNOVATION

2025	Aggie Square at University of California, Davis, Sacramento, California
2023	Wichita State University Innovation Campus, Wichita, Kansas
2021	Van Camp Incubator, Michigan State University Foundation, East Lansing, Michigan
2019	Capital City Innovation, Austin, Texas
2018	Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
2017	Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska
2016	University of Wollongong Innovation Campus, Wollongong, Australia
2015	McMaster University Innovation Park, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
2014	University Technology Park at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
2013	Louisiana State University Innovation Park, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2012	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) Science Town, Thuwal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2011	The City of Agrifood, Veterinary and Agroenvironment Biotechnology in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada
2010	Science+Technology Park at Johns Hopkins and New Eastside Community, Baltimore, Maryland
2009	Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), Greenville, South Carolina



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2008 University of South Florida Research Park, Tampa Bay, Florida
2007 University of Maryland, Baltimore, BioPark, Baltimore, Maryland

INNOVATION AWARD

2024 Blue Halo – LOCUST Laser Weapon System at Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2024 Dreamscape Learn at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
2023 BULB–Building an Understanding of Lab Basics at University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2022 Tritan Renew from Eastman Chemical at Centennial Campus at NC State University, Raleigh, North Carolina
2021 IonQ at the University of Maryland Discovery District, Baltimore, Maryland
2020 EarthSense, Inc. at the University of Illinois Research Park, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
2019 Emagine Solutions Technology at Tech Parks Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
2019 Sempulse at STAR Park, San Marcos, Texas
2018 HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, Huntsville, Alabama
2017 Paratus Diagnostics at STAR Park, San Marcos, Texas
2016 NOMADD of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2016 The Emerge Center at the Louisiana State University Innovation Park, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2015 Pindrop Security at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
2015 SMARTERSHADE at University Technology Park, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
2014 Modernizing Medicine at the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
2013 Multi-junction Solar Cells, EMCORE Corporation, Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2012 Stratatech Strata Graft Skin Substitute, University Research Park at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
2011 TEAM Technologies, Inc., Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2010 Fraunhofer USA, Plymouth, Michigan
2009 Medipacs, The University of Arizona Science & Technology Park, Tucson, Arizona
2008 Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Piedmont Triad Research Park, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
2007 bwtech@UMBC, Baltimore, Maryland

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2025 Ken Marcus, Executive Vice President & CFO, Tech Parks Arizona
2024 Dan Berglund, President & CEO, State Science and Technology Institute
2023 Jane Shaab, Executive Director, UM BioPark; Associate Vice President, Economic Development University of Maryland, Baltimore
2022 Dan Duncan, AURP's Immediate Past President and Executive Director, Nebraska Innovation Campus
2019 Scott Levitan, CEO and President, Research Triangle Park Foundation, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
2018 Charles D'Agostino, Executive Director, LSU Innovation Park and Louisiana Business and Technology Center
2018 Dr. Ilse Treurnicht, Retired CEO, MaRS Discovery District, Toronto, Canada
2018 Thomas Hall, III, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, The University Financing Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia
2017 Brian Darmody, Associate Vice President, Corporate and Foundation Relations, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
2016 David Baker, Vice President of External Affairs, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
2015 Greg Hyer, University Research Park, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
2014 Dr. Joe Meredith, Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Blacksburg, Virginia
2013 Gregory W. Deason, Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Indiana
2012 Austin Beggs, (formerly with Innovation Place) Saskatoon, Sask., Canada
2011 Dr. Nancy E. Kossan, University of California, San Diego Science Research Park, San Diego, California
2010 Jackie Kerby Moore, Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico



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2009	J. Michael Bowman, Delaware Technology Park, Newark, Delaware
2008	Norma Grace (formerly with New Orleans Research & Technology Park)
2007	Bruce Wright, University of Arizona Science and Tech Park, Tucson, Arizona
2006	Brian Donnelly, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois
2005	William M. Dean (formerly with !dealliance/Piedmont Triad Research Park)
2004	Richard D. Finholt (formerly with University of Missouri System-Missouri Research Park)
2003	Charles (Chuck) Henderson (formerly with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln)
2002	Claude McKinney (formerly with Centennial Campus)
2001	Charles Dilks (formerly with University City Science Center)
2000	James O. Roberson (formerly with Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina)
1999	Wayne McGown (formerly with University of Wisconsin-Madison Research Park)
1998	Ronald Kysiak (formerly with Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park, Inc.)
1997	Michael Wacholder Rensselaer Technology Park, Troy, New York
1996	Dr. Mark L. Money (formerly with Texas A&M University and University of Utah)

LEADERSHIP AWARD

2024	The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, Bentonville, Arkansas
2023	Randy Woodson, PhD, Chancellor, North Carolina State University
2022	Dr. Scott Mabury and Josh Mitchell, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
2019	Mayor Darryl Steinberg, City of Sacramento, California
2019	Chancellor Gary May, University of California, Davis
2018	Stephen Tang, PhD, MBA, President & Chief Executive Officer, The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2018	Honorable Steny Hoyer, United States Representative, Maryland
2017	His Excellency David Johnston, 28 th Governor General of Canada
2016	Dennis Kekas, Associate Vice-Chancellor at Centennial Campus, North Carolina State University
2015	Dr. Jaime Parada-Avila, PIIT/Institute of Innovation and Technology Transfer Nuevo León, Monterey, Mexico
2014	Governor James Baxter Hunt, State of North Carolina
2013	Wexford Science & Technology, LLC, a BioMed Realty Company, Baltimore, Maryland
2012	Chancellor Emeritus Irving Shain, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
2011	Honorable Dave Heineman, Governor, State of Nebraska
2010	Dr. Frank B. Cerra, University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2009	David J. Ramsay, University of Maryland BioPark, Baltimore, Maryland
2008	Sherman McCorkle, Science & Technology Park Development Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2007	Rasesh Thakkar, Senior Managing Director, Tavistock Group, Orlando, Florida
2006	Dr. Eugene P. Trani, President, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
2005	Dr. Raymond D. Smoot, Chief Operating Officer, VirginiaTech Foundation, Blacksburg, Virginia
2003	Dr. Manuel T. Pacheco, President Emeritus, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
2002	Louisiana Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., New Orleans, Louisiana

DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF INNOVATION AWARD

2018	The Research Triangle Park, Triangle Park, North Carolina
2017	Cummings Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama
2013	The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2011	Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Indiana



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RIISING STARS: NEXT GEN INNOVATION LEADER AWARD

2025 Shafin Khan, Vice President, The Beach at UNO
2023 Jonathan Hunt, McMaster Innovation Park, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
2022 Mary Mumper, Aggie Square with the University of California, Davis
2021 Keisha Demps, Centennial Campus Partnership Office at NC State University
2020 Merry Hunter Caudle, Georgia Institute of Technology 2020 Eric Smith, University of Arizona Center of Innovation
2019 Kate Engel, Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska
Honorable: Stephanie Miller, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; Victoria O'Dell, Capital City Innovation

VISION AWARD

2024 Peter Pellerito, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, Washington, DC
2023 Daisy Magnus-Aryitey, Code the Dream, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
2022 Jim Berens, Wexford Science & Technology, Baltimore, Maryland
2021 Vickie Palmer, AURP, Tucson, Arizona
2019 Kevin Byrne, The University Financing Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia
2018 Honorable Jerry Moran, United States Senator, Kansas
2016 Eileen Walker, MIM/MBA, Former Chief Executive Officer at AURP
2015 Honorable Christopher Coons, United States Senator, Delaware
2014 Robert T. Geolas, The Research Triangle Foundation, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
2013 J. Michael Bowman, Delaware Technology Park, Newark, Delaware
Honorable: Jeff Bingaman, United States Senator, New Mexico

EXCALIBUR AWARD

2020 NIIMBL
2020 Biotechnology Innovation Organization
2020 Nebraska Innovation Campus
2020 National Governors Association
2012 John Fernandez, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
2011 Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas
2006 Louisiana Business Technology Center, Louisiana State University, South Campus Research Park
Honorable: Charles D'Agostino, Executive Director, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

APPRECIATION AWARD

2022 Stephen Frayser, Former AURP Board of Directors Member and Executive Director of STAR Park
2021 Joe Meredith, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center
2021 Charles Dilks, Former AURP President and President of Dilks Consulting, Inc.
2019 State Science and Technology Institute, Westerville, Ohio
2016 Steve Hanssen, Former Director of Development, Wexford Science & Technology, Baltimore, Maryland
2009 Eva Klein, Eva Klein & Associates, Ltd., St. Louis, Missouri
2008 Vernon George (Retired), George, Henry, George Partners, Virginia



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FOUNDERS AWARD

- 2021 Research Triangle Park, accepted by Scott Levitan, CEO & President, Research Triangle Foundation
2021 Arizona State University, accepted by Kelly Sandin, Senior Manager, Econ Dev and Innovation Zone

MASTER PLANNING EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

- 2025 Michigan State University Crescent Road Innovation Community, East Lansing, Michigan