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Who we are —

The Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation advances innovative ideas and technologies from the University of Chicago ecosystem to the world. Affiliated with world-renowned national laboratories, the top-ranked Chicago Booth School of Business, and home to a suite of science and technology accelerators, we enable technology commercialization across industries and ecosystems. Our robust network of mentors, capital, and talent uniquely positions us to support entrepreneurs in navigating the complex process of bringing new products, services, and research to market.

Portal Innovations is a venture capital firm that helps exceptional life sciences innovators build their companies where they live. Portal surrounds these entrepreneurs with the resources and community they need: fully equipped lab space, and expertise and introductions to other investors and partners. The incubator is the first Powered by Portal site. Powered by Portal is a new platform that provides services to research institutions for design, launch and management of start-up labs.





UChicago Science Incubator

The UChicago Science Incubator enables early-stage science and technology startups to translate ideas into commercial opportunities.

Focus areas

The incubator supports startups in life sciences, quantum, data science, and energy technology.

Location

Located in Hyde Park labs, a state-of-the-art 303,000 square foot facility near the University of Chicago's main campus and medical center.

Resources

The incubator provides access to both Portal and Polsky Center's national networks of industry partners, sponsors, and investors. The incubator also provides a space for startups, researchers, and industry experts to work together.

Join us



Turn your breakthrough into a business.

The UChicago Science Incubator will provide early-stage life sciences, quantum, clean energy, and data science companies with access to state-of-the-art facilities and amenities, wet lab space and equipment, and seasoned management expertise necessary for them to flourish.



Proximity to world-class academic and medical institution.

- Leverage leading talent and expertise
- Access to cutting-edge Core Facilities
- Collaborate on projects and research
- Engage with Polsky Center and UChicago entrepreneurs, innovators, and programming

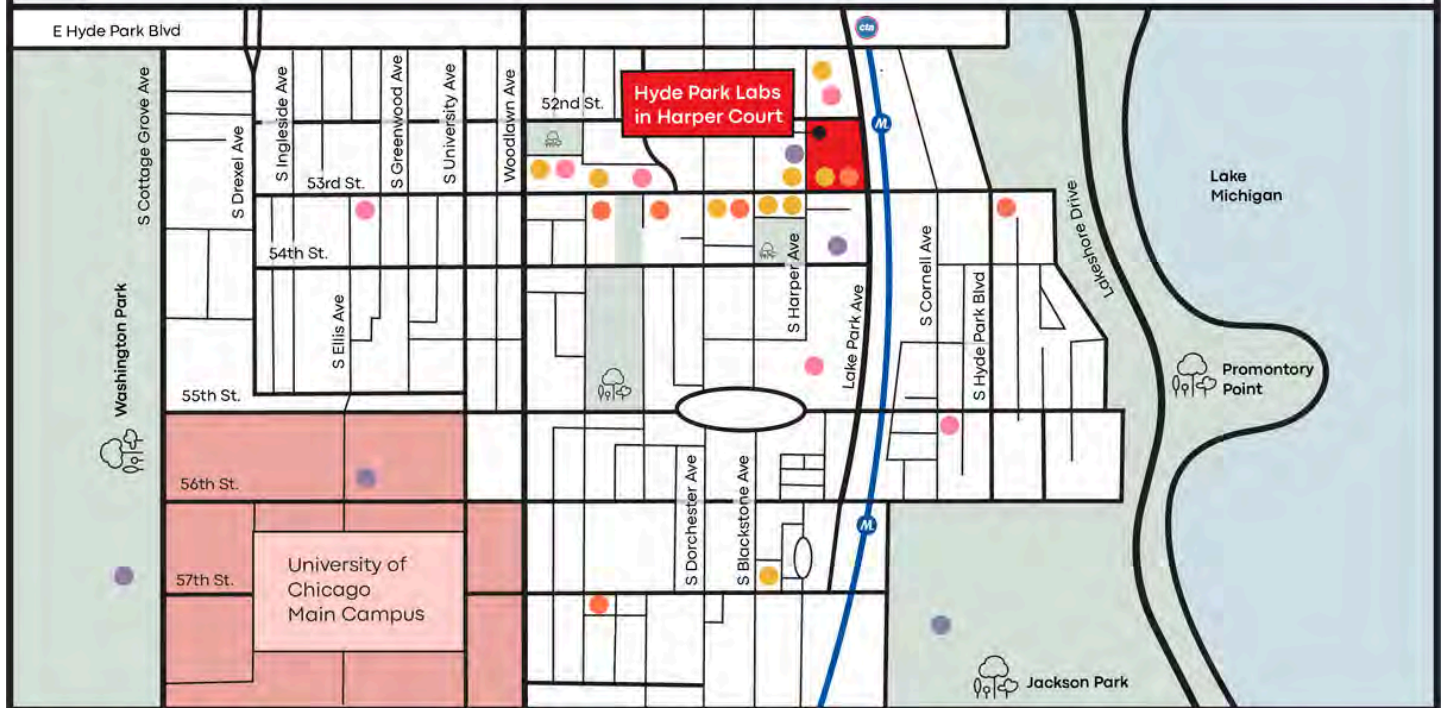




A key location

Neighborhood Sites and Amenities:

- Nearby Grocery Stores:** Whole Foods, Target, Hyde Park Produce, Trader Joe's, Open Produce, Valley of Jordan Food
- Restaurants:** Mesler Kitchen, Chemistry, Virtue, Chant, The Sitdown Café, Daisy's Po-Boy and Tavern, Siam Thai, The Sit Down Cafe & Sushi Bar
- Coffee and Cafés:** Café 53, Small Cheval, Sip & Savor, Stan's Donuts, Philz Coffee, Medici on 57th, Valois, Roti, Chipotle, Harold's Chicken
- Art & Culture:** DuSable Black History Museum, Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, Smart Museum of Art, Hyde Park Art Center, ACX Harper Theater, The Promontory, Frederick C. Robie House



— A vibrant neighborhood



Hyde Park is a vibrant neighborhood that brings together students, academics, and professionals. Located near the waterfront on Chicago's south side, Hyde Park provides a place to live, study, work, and innovate while being steps away from downtown Chicago. Hyde Park was recently ranked as a Top-20 place to live in the United States.



The area boasts a variety of food, coffee, and retail, in addition to parks and cultural institutions. Hyde Park is one of the most accessible neighborhoods in Chicago, with convenient access to the Metra rail, CTA, and Interstate-94 Highway.



Programming



The UChicago Science Incubator offers programs dedicated to fostering relationships between incubator startups and a growing network of industry and venture partners, among other key ecosystem stakeholders. Various educational opportunities will cover topics that are critical to the operation of startups at different stages, including fundraising, intellectual property management, and scale up.

The incubator will also connect members with additional programming from the Polsky Center and Portal Innovations, as well as other members-only events dedicated to fostering startup growth and connections across the ecosystem.

- CEO Roundtables
- Hiring Events
- Pitch Days with venture and industry partners
- Lunch and Learns
- Fireside Chats
- Workshops
- Office Hours
- Member engagement
Happy Hours

Equipment & amenities

Shared Lab Equipment

Chemistry

- Fume hoods w/water, vacuum and nitrogen
- Acid storage cabinet
- Base storage cabinet
- Flammable storage cabinets
- pH meter
- Analytical balance with anti-static function
- Dry heater blocks
- Lyophilizer*
- Nitrogen generator*
- HPLC*
- MassSpec*

Molecular Biology

- RO water system, molecular water and dispensers
- Nanodrop 8
- Gravity incubator
- Gel imager
- Plate reader

- Ultracentrifuge, refrigerated
- Thermocyclers
- Rt-qPCR
- Plate washer
- Bacterial incubator shaker
- High-content screening platform*
- Fluorescent microscope with environmental chamber for live-cell imaging*

Cell Culture

- Biological safety cabinets with vacuum
- CO2 incubators
- Trigas incubators*
- Cell culture water baths
- Microscope
- Cryostorage
- Automatic cell counters
- Flow cytometer*
- Cell sorter*

Other Equipment

- Autoclave
- Glasswashers
- Ice machine
- Chromotography refrigerators
- -20 & -80 freezers
- Dry ice storage bins

Quantum

- Optical table
- Server table
- Prototyping station
- Power isolation stations
- Hardwired data
- Dilution refrigerator

Clean Energy/Battery

- Glove boxes w/argon
- Ovens/box furnace
- Point-of-use exhaust
- Combustible metals fire extinguisher
- Uninterrupted power supply

Lab Operations Amenities

- Staff and EHS management
- Equipment certifications management
- Waste management and safety checks
- Equipment preventative maintenance
- Equipment reporting and training
- UChicago Science Incubator staff on-call for emergencies

**based on member needs*

Equipment & amenities

Modern office amenities

- Access to building amenity spaces, including event space, executive board room, and outdoor terrace
- Full amenities at Portal including use of conference rooms, shared kitchen, and other common space
- Access from small to large conference rooms and phone booths
- Fully furnished offices
- Employee support amenities (i.e. fully stocked kitchen, wellness rooms)
- Discounted Portal pricing for office needs (e.g., Office Depot, Amazon Web Services, UPS, etc)
- Full service A/V equipment for in-house video recording and speeches
- Full service A/V equipment in conference and huddle rooms
- White glove office support services
- 24/7 security, with keycard access
- Proximity to retail and restaurants
- Onsite parking

Our Promise

We will enhance your lab workflow with our available state-of-the-art equipment or procure custom solutions based on your needs.

Rentable Assets

- Desks
- Private offices
- Wet lab benches
- Private suites
- Private fume hood/Tissue culture hoods

Inquire for asset pricing

Please note that the UChicago Science Incubator does not have an additional monthly “per person” charge, compared to other incubators. Additional, one-time setup fees associated with moving in and occupying the space will be outlined in a definitive membership agreement along with options for parking at an additional cost. The proposal reflects current availability and pricing. We are unable to hold any lab or office assets until the formal membership agreement is signed.

Hyde Park Labs



80 Seminar Capacity

You can grow here.

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