Countless resources exist to connect businesses and corporations with talent. When you partner with Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), you gain the confidence that comes from access to a university with 125 years of academic and research excellence. IIT offers a competitive edge in science, engineering, architecture, law, design, humanities, and business—and the students, faculty, programs, and networks that are driving innovation.

IIT’s Office of Corporate Relations will connect your company with the resources at IIT that will help your business innovate and grow:

- **Proven Excellence: Top-Ranked and Recognized IIT Programs**
- **Collaboration Benefits: IIT, a University That Knows Business**
- **Tailored Expertise: Resources Customized to Fit Your Needs**

**SECTION I:**
**Proven Excellence: Top-Ranked and Recognized IIT Programs**

**ACADEMIC UNITS**

**IIT Institute of Design**

- Since its founding as the New Bauhaus in 1937, IIT Institute of Design has grown into the largest full-time graduate-only design program in the United States. ID is ranked #1 for research and theory, based on skills sought by recruiting organizations, and #6 for overall best industrial design graduate schools by DesignIntelligence.

  Focus areas include communication design, interaction design, product design, strategic design, systems thinking, and user research. ID created the country’s first Ph.D. in Design program in 1991.

**IIT College of Architecture**

- IIT College of Architecture educates students to become self-constructors—individuals who define and educate themselves. Our curriculum stresses research, analysis, and synthesis as the fundamental skills that will allow our graduates to seize opportunities and explore new territories.

  Our innovative Cloud Studio brings together students from all degree programs to research and design the new metropolis. IIT’s program of visiting teachers and lecturers allows students to learn from the world’s leading architects, urban designers, landscape architects, artists, critics, and policymakers.

  IIT’s undergraduate architecture program is ranked #14 in the U.S. and #1 in the Midwest by DesignIntelligence.
**Intellectual Property Law**

- IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law’s recognized intellectual property law program is one of only a few intellectual property law programs in Chicago and one of a handful taught at a technology-focused university.

**Financial Markets, Trading**

- IIT Stuart School of Business is home to one of the nation’s premier Master of Science in Finance programs. Our program is ranked #3 in the U.S. and #27 globally by the *Financial Times*.
  - IIT Stuart students gain relevant experience working in Chicago, a top financial center.
  - Faculty include industry experts who bring their career knowledge and understanding of today’s marketplace directly to the classroom.
  - Students regularly place in top financial competitions, including the annual international CFA Institute Research Challenge.

**RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES**

**Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER)**

- The mission of WISER is to continue to improve the quality of life while preserving our natural resources and the environment for future generations. Our approach is to use a least-cost strategy to follow a path toward decarbonization of the global energy system and to provide reliable, secure, and affordable energy while improving energy efficiency and preserving resources and the environment.

**Robert W. Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation**

- The mission of the Galvin Center is to pursue groundbreaking work in the generation, transmission, distribution, management, and consumption of electricity. The Galvin Center is bringing together researchers, industry, government, and innovators to “plug-in” to IIT’s smart microgrid, research laboratories, and University Technology Park, creating a hub—or sandbox—for new innovations in advanced grid technology.

**Pritzker Institute of Biomedical Science and Engineering**

- The Pritzker Institute enhances the biomedical science and engineering research activities at the university, coordinating relationships and programs within IIT, as well as with outside institutions, especially, Argonne National Laboratory and the University of Chicago. Four centers operate within the Pritzker Institute, in addition to an NIH-funded biotechnology research resource, BioCAT.
Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH)

- IFSH is a one-of-a-kind applied food research institute that provides stakeholders the opportunity to develop and exchange knowledge, experience, and expertise to address key issues in food safety, food defense, and nutrition. It is the nation’s only food science institute where scientists from an entire Food and Drug Administration division are co-located onsite. IFSH’s Biosafety Level 3 biocontainment space is the only working facility of its kind in the U.S. where researchers can study the behavior of pathogens in real-world food processing conditions.

CSMART — the Center for Smart Grid Application, Research and Technology

- CSMART — the Center for Smart Grid Application, Research and Technology, an initiative of the Galvin Center, brings together academic, industry and utility experts to provide a fully-functional test environment for smart grid and smart city technology.

University Technology Park at IIT (UTP)

- UTP is an exciting entrepreneurial ecosystem and innovation hub providing 300,000 square feet of lab and office space in a four-building complex. UTP resident companies have captured more than $200 million in private and federal funding. The tech park’s 33 graduate companies employ hundreds in Chicago and beyond, and the park is a pathway for international companies to enter the U.S. market via Chicago. Connecting enterprise, entrepreneurs, and academic researchers, UTP is located just minutes from downtown Chicago and is easily accessible to major airports.

Center for Synchrotron Radiation Research and Instrumentation

- The center promotes application of the tools and techniques of synchrotron radiation to science and engineering research, with a particular focus on developing and operating experimental beam line facilities to serve the needs of various collaborative access teams at the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory.

Wireless Network and Communications Research Center (WiNCom)

- WiNCom established the ongoing operation of the IIT Spectrum Observatory, which is creating a continuous record of RF spectrum utilization in Chicago. Research programs include RF spectrum measurements; RF measurement data storage and analysis techniques; cognitive radio; communication system modeling; RF coexistence; and RF interference modeling and mitigation. The center has generated numerous technology transfers and spinoffs, including a commercial RF spectrum observatory network. Center researchers have ongoing engagements with the FCC and other government entities including the U.S. Commerce Department Spectrum Management Advisory Committee.
OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACCOLADES

Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program

- Developed at IIT in 1995, the IPRO Program joins students from a variety of majors to develop solutions to real-world problems, often on behalf of a corporate sponsor, community partner, or other collaborator.

Students learn design-centered methodology, innovative thinking, and teamwork—relevant, practical workplace skills that prepare them to hit the ground running upon graduation. Sponsors gain valuable insights regarding a research endeavor of mutual interest.

Real-Time Communications (RTC) Conference and Expo

- IIT’s RTC Conference and Expo is a globally recognized collaborative event connecting industry and academia. Leveraging its unique academic setting, this annual conference brings together technical professionals and business executives from the data and telecommunications industry, standards bodies, policy and regulatory institutions, and academic educators and researchers. It promotes an open exchange of ideas to lead future development in the rapidly changing field of real-time communications.

A “Who’s Who” of Excellence

- IIT leaders and alumni include members of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering—notably, President John Anderson; Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan Cramb; Vice President for International Affairs Darsh Wasan, as well as National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients. The cell phone, magnetic recording, and bar codes are just a few of the products associated with IIT faculty and alumni that have changed the course of human history.

- IIT leaders have been appointed to critical roles in the federal government. For example, IIT’s President, John Anderson, is a member of the National Science Board; the NSB governs the National Science Foundation (NSF), develops Science and Engineering Indicators, and advises the President and Congress on S&E policy, research and education issues. Dennis Roberson chairs a committee of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the agency that regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable.
SECTION II: Collaboration Benefits: IIT, a University That Knows Business

LEADERSHIP as an institution

- IIT is a university with a leadership role in some of the most innovative technology-driven initiatives in Chicago, Illinois, and the country. Just a few examples include:
  - Burnham Works
  - Illinois Innovation Council
  - Illinois Science and Technology Coalition
  - Smart Cities Council
  - UI LABS
    - Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute
    - CitySMART

LOCATION

- IIT is located in the heart of Chicago, which means our university’s partners also benefit from proximity to the resources of a global city, including:
  - Global businesses, national laboratories, and economic development efforts
  - Transportation hub to U.S. and global destinations
  - Myriad additional resources, such as partner academic institutions and research facilities
  - Access to one of the largest regional Internet hubs in the world

EXPERIENCE

- IIT has a strong track record of advancing business collaborations through its academic programs, research endeavors, and relationship-building efforts:
  - A private, Ph.D.-granting research university whose medium size (approximately 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students) makes it nimble yet approachable
  - Five Chicago-area locations, in addition to several global outposts
  - Programs designed to prepare students for leadership in the jobs of the future:
    - Engineering, sciences, architecture, applied math, information technology and management, industrial technology and management, business, law, design
    - Non-credit offerings are ISO9000 compliant
  - Office of Corporate Relations staff with proven experience engaging area businesses and business organizations
SECTION III:
Tailored Expertise: Resources Customized to Fit Your Needs

Since the identified resources in Sections I and II are university-wide, they may or may not align exactly with your particular interests. The items below can be completed on the basis of your company’s particular focus for the purpose of inquiry and discussion with IIT.

- **RESEARCH**
- **PROGRAMS**
- **CONNECTIONS**
- **ADVANTAGES**

Get Access.

Contact our Office of Corporate Relations today to learn how your company can benefit from a partnership with IIT. Learn more about the many ways that businesses connect with IIT at [www.iit.edu/business](http://www.iit.edu/business).

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