What is the Innovation Incubator?

The Innovation Incubator assists students and community members to employ entrepreneurial principles and creativity in addressing social issues, which includes economic vitality. The Innovation Incubator is a resource to help entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurial thinking can make students better learners. Those who take ownership of their education often become more civically engaged as a result. Some of these students make good candidates for advancing their own non-profit or business ideas.

For the past year I have held a weekly 'open lab' session in the [IN] for students in the Educational Technology master's program. Students work on team projects, consulting with me individually or in groups, or working on their own, and the space has been wonderfully flexible for all of these activities. It also has the feel of a workspace rather than a classroom, which fits the spirit of the program perfectly.

- Dr. Jeff Kupperman, Associate Professor, Education Department

How can [IN] benefit you and your students?

**SPEAKING**
Staff can speak to your class about entrepreneurship and the resources available to help students start non-profits and businesses.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM SPACE**
The co-work space of the Incubator, in the Northbank Center, can be reserved for classes with a community connection.

**MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES**
Several faculty members mentor small business owners through the Incubator.

**WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES**
Faculty members offer workshops for students and community members.

**MEET-UP DESTINATION**
You, your students, and community members are invited to take advantage of the Incubator’s co-working space, Wi-Fi, workshops, business model planning assistance, coaching and referrals.

Thanks to funding from the C.S. Mott Foundation, the Innovation Incubator is open to faculty, students and the community free of charge.