

In addition to traditional intellectual property protection and licensing services, the C4C proactively provides innovative translational and commercialization development services, including:

- The **Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR)** program that brings business people who have been involved in a successful startup, and who have specific technical expertise, passion for starting companies, and access to capital, into the Center's research labs to collaborate with researchers on the possible creation of new technology-based companies, particularly focusing on near term and medium term company spinouts.
- The **New Ventures Entrepreneur Advisers** program provides a pool of seasoned industry professionals who are available to provide business mentoring to Center researchers who are considering forming a company. EIRs and Advisors will provide matchmaking between Center researchers and local entrepreneurs, to support commercialization opportunities for Center research.
- The **Gap Funding Resource** program provides grant writing, sourcing, and proposal development services for entrepreneurial researchers with technologies that are beyond the research grant funding stage but not yet ready for angel or venture funding, primarily for SBIR/STTR grants.
- The **Commercialization Gap Fund (CGF)** provides researchers with a competitive funding mechanism to help "bridge the gap" to transform academic research-based innovations into proof-of-concept data or prototypes that are ready for commercialization or licensing.
- The specialized **Intellectual Property Management Group**, which is directed by a patent attorney, and includes **in-house patent agents**, provides expertise in patent filing and prosecution, as well as prior art searching and intellectual property landscape analyses available to investigators.
- Coordinated **Industry Relations Program** across campus, in the process of hiring an individual dedicated to the College of Engineering, to provide investigators with industry contacts and coordinated industry outreach events.
- **Commercialization Training Seminars** provide academics with tools and techniques to think entrepreneurially, and help small businesses think strategically about new opportunities.
- **Commercialization Post Doctoral Fellowships** – a competitive program providing funding for post-docs performing translational research activities towards a start-up company.