2015 Texas Business Incubators

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About this Directory

Texas has a strong entrepreneurial spirit that inspires innovative thinking and visionary action. Throughout the state, Texas business incubators provide entrepreneurs with inexpensive startup environments and a range of administrative, consulting, and networking services. These incubation programs come in many shapes and sizes and serve a variety of industry sectors. They are generally managed by economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, local governments, for-profit businesses, colleges, or universities. This directory relies on the National Business Incubation Association’s (NBIA) definition of business incubators, also referred to as accelerators, which are dedicated to serving entrepreneurs and startups. The U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) are not included in this definition, since they serve small businesses in all stages of development.

Of the 103 Texas incubators identified in this directory, 61 percent are focused on high tech fields, with specializations ranging from biotechnology, communications, energy, to information technology. Among these high tech incubators, thirteen are solely dedicated to biotechnology, while four others are wholly energy-focused. Many other incubators take a broader approach and work with clients across industries. These multiple-industry incubators account for 33 percent of all business incubators in Texas. By state region, Central Texas accounts for 31 percent of the directory’s incubators, followed by North Texas with 28 percent, West Texas with 20 percent, the Gulf Coast with 18 percent, South Texas with 11 percent, and East Texas with less than one percent.

In addition to this publication, information about business incubators and other business support services can be obtained from a range of sources, including local economic development entities, chambers of commerce, city and county government offices, institutions of higher education, and the U.S. SBA.

The Texas incubators/accelerators listings in this directory are representational, in large part because these entities are very dynamic: going in and out of existence and changing their names, points of contact, services, and focus.

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Business Incubator Profiles

3 Day Startup (3DS)

Location: Austin, College Station, Houston, San Antonio
Founded: 2008
Website: http://3daystartup.org/
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Provides rented workspace for an entire weekend, recruits student participants from a wide range of backgrounds, caters food and drinks, and brings in top-notch entrepreneurs and investors
- Participants pick the best ideas for startups during the Friday brainstorming session and deliver prototypes and investor pitches on Sunday night
- 3DS alumni receive a package of free/discounted services from information technology (IT) services companies and others

Additional Information: 3 Day Startup (3DS) was founded in 2008 at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin). Originally a student organization, 3DS is now a non-profit organization partnering with many academic institutions, including Rice, Texas A&M, Trinity University (in San Antonio), the University of Houston, UT Austin, Harvard, and MIT. 3DS’ goal is simple: to jumpstart all types of companies over the course of three days. The program has spread to other schools around the world and widened its focus from tech to all industries.

Abilene Laboratories (abLABS)

Location: Abilene
Founded: 2010
Website: http://abilenelaboratories.com/
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- 22,000 sq. ft. laboratory including a 2,000 sq. ft. clean room and available wet lab space
- Business services including market development, networks, and capital access
- State-of-the-art facility with the latest equipment run by world-class scientists and a neighboring mammalian genetics research unit
- Industry services including pre-clinical formulation, vaccine process, cell line, reagents, and assay development; imaging technology and experimental pathology; and antibody generation & screening

Additional Information: Formerly known as (FKA) Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator, Abilene Laboratories (abLABS) is now the home of the Texas Tech University - Health Science Center, School of Pharmacy’s Center for Immunotherapeutics Development. abLABS also operates a Proof-of-Concept Center that provides assistance to bring products and services to market, specializing in biologics, immunotherapeutics, immunodiagnostics, assay development, imaging technology, and animal models and formulation. Focused on leveraging technologies in immunotherapeutics and immunodiagnostics, abLABS and the surrounding Life Sciences Enterprise Zone offer space for companies seeking to expand their operations and work alongside some of the industry’s leading scientists.
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AccelerateH2O

Location: San Antonio
Founded: 2014
Website: www.accelerateh2o.org
Specialization: High Tech – Water Technologies

Services & Facilities:
- AccelerateH2O discovers, invests in, and promotes new and existing technologies that have potential to fill demands and needs in Texas' $9 billion water technology market by addressing critical water issues, barriers, and unique opportunities.

Additional Information: AccelerateH2O is a non-profit organization, born out of the Texas Research & Technology Foundation in 2014, that provides open research and resources for water technology startups. It plans to provide a database of technical papers and patents from Texas’s academic institutions and research organizations. Still in its early stage, the accelerator received a $500,000 grant from the Texas Research and Technology Foundation to initiate its first program focused on identifying critical water issues within the state. The organization will focus on investing and promoting new and existing technologies including direct water reuse, concentration management, and zero liquid discharge for difficult-to-treat wastewaters. Further accelerator program details TBD.

Accelerated Ventures at Baylor University

Location: Waco
Founded: N/A
Website: www.baylor.edu/business_new/entrepreneurship/index.php?id=89585
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Access to the facilities and resources of thInc Space, a Waco-Baylor incubator
- Led by Baylor faculty, alumni, and a board of veteran serial entrepreneurs
- Connections to the Waco entrepreneurial ecosystem

Additional Information: Accelerated Ventures (AV) is an innovative two semester course at Baylor University that enables students to create real companies, raise real funds, launch products and services, and generate sales. Course materials focus on Internet sales and entrepreneurship students experience the startup process first-hand, taking a company from its conceptualization phase to exit. AV compliments other organizations throughout Greater Waco that are working to support small business and startup activity. AV is headquartered at the Waco incubator, thInc Space, a Baylor University - Greater Waco Chamber partnership.
AccelerateNFC

Location: Richardson  
Founded: 2013  
Website: www.acceleratenfc.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Communications

Services & Facilities:
- Selected companies participate in an intensive 12 week mentoring program designed to provide access to resources normally beyond the reach of startup or early stage companies.
- Selected companies work one-on-one with industry-experienced and successful entrepreneurs, investors, and advisors for maximum commercialization and success.

Additional Information: The AccelerateNFC program is a mentor-driven, mentor-funded idea incubator/success accelerator for high potential companies. It focuses on near field communication (NFC) companies, matching the highest caliber talent, resources, and funding with companies that are ready to take their ideas and products to the next level. AccelerateNFC was launched by Dallas entrepreneur and investor, Robert Sabella, a principle at OTA Ventures and the founder of NFC Bootcamp.

The Accelerator at Texas Tech University

Location: Lubbock  
Founded: 2005  
Website: http://innovatetexastech.com/accelerator/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 4 month program for teams of students and entrepreneurs working alongside inventors and mentors to launch a new venture and present that venture at a demo day to an audience of venture capitalists, angel investors, and business leaders.
- Provides Texas Tech students with a real world entrepreneurial experience and the tools to launch and successfully operate a high tech startup.

Additional Information: The Accelerator (FKA the TECHcelerator) at Texas Tech University (TTU) launches startups based on disruptive technologies discovered and developed in university research labs. The program combines cutting-edge inventions discovered in research labs with entrepreneurs, students, inventors, experienced mentors, collaborative office space, and intensive curriculum based on the Lean Startup Methodology to launch new companies and move inventions from the lab to the market.
**The Alliance for Higher Education (AHE)**

**Locations:** Dallas and Sulphur Springs  
**Founded:** 2005  
**Website:** www.ntxrcic.org  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Mentoring, coaching, and introductions to capital, research, and academic resources, as well as business connections  
- Programs include C-level executive breakfast seminars, quarterly pitch days, and Tech Success, an annual technology showcase for all types of stakeholders  
- Sponsors/partners with area incubators; partners with area universities and their Technology Transfer offices  
- Dallas facility offers conference rooms, class rooms that seat up to 40, and open offices for day use  
- Satellite facility in Sulphur Springs offers similar facilities, plus long-term entrepreneurial leasing space

**Additional Information:** The Alliance for Higher Education (AHE) serves the North Texas entrepreneurial community by creating opportunities to raise capital for technology-based startup ventures and connecting companies and entrepreneurs with valuable resources to build scalable businesses. The AHE specializes in technology-based startups and functions as a one-stop shop, working with and connecting entrepreneurs, investors, universities, government, and businesses.

**AT&T Foundry - Plano**

**Location:** Plano  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** http://developer.att.com/developer/forward.jsp?passedItemId=5300164  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Communications and Information Technology

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Foundry services are available immediately to all Innovators who join the AT&T Developer Program and then register with the Foundry  
- AT&T design, technology, and business specialists work directly with participants at on-site facilities; Innovators can access the Foundry Community and its resources  
- Tools and staffing are specialized for developing Innovations for a Business customer

**Additional Information:** The AT&T Foundry facilitates innovation development through a diverse collaborative community supported by a network of strategic technology companies. This open environment enables a range of IT and communications-related innovation that includes applications, devices, cloud services, enabling technologies, and operational support.
**ATI Clean Energy Incubator at the University of Texas at Austin**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2001  
**Website:** [http://ati.utexas.edu/current-portfolio/clean-energy/](http://ati.utexas.edu/current-portfolio/clean-energy/)  
**Specialization:** Energy & Clean Tech – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Access to professional ATI staff members, contributing students and staff from UT Austin, and a community of advisors, mentors, and investors
- Access to public and private capital; assistance with the process of applying for Federal grants such as Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards

**Additional Information:** The Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) Clean Energy Incubator at UT Austin is one of the longest established energy and clean tech incubators in the U.S. The ATI Clean Energy Incubator is an offshoot of UT Austin’s ATI.

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**Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) at UT Austin**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 1989  
**Website:** [www.ati.utexas.edu](http://www.ati.utexas.edu)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Access to professional ATI staff members, contributing students and staff from UT Austin, and a community of advisors, mentors, and investors
- Access to public and private capital; assistance with the process of applying for Federal grants such as Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards

**Additional Information:** The Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) is a non-profit unit of the IC2 Institute of UT Austin, although there is no requirement for ATI companies to be UT Austin affiliated. The ATI is a startup incubator that harnesses business, government, and academic resources to provide strategic counsel, operational guidance, and infrastructure support to its member companies and helps them transition from early stage ventures to successful technology businesses. Its focus includes Bioscience, IT, Wireless Networking and Communications, and Clean Energy, spearheaded by the ATI Clean Energy Incubator (CEI). Since 2008, ATI graduates have raised over $270 million.
**BioHouston**

- **Location:** Houston
- **Founded:** 2001
- **Website:** www.biohouston.org
- **Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- Matchmaking services through one-on-one meetings between startups and established pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device companies
- Hosts the annual Texas Life Science Conference, the largest conference of its kind in Texas
- Partners with the Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

**Additional Information:** BioHouston, Inc. is a non-profit corporation founded by Houston area academic/research institutions. BioHouston, through its division, Texas BioAlliance, provides development and commercialization expertise to researchers and early-stage companies. Texas BioAlliance is able to support the development of life science technology by providing critical expert product development guidance and management of project activities for fledging companies not looking to hire full time employees. It also has a highly successful record of assisting companies with grant submissions, including the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and SBIR proposals. BioHouston companies may also incubate at the BCC.

**Biotech Manufacturing Center of Texas (BMC)**

- **Location:** Athens
- **Founded:** 2004
- **Website:** www.bmc-texas.org
- **Specialization:** Biotech – Medical Devices

**Services & Facilities:**
- Facility is registered with the FDA and ISO13485 certified
- Medical-grade machine and tooling, injection molding, extrusion and assembly capabilities, clean rooms, and more
- Incubator office space
- Expert assistance with specification R&D, development, engineering, prototypes, marketing, business planning, budgeting, manufacturing, packaging, and more

**Additional Information:** The Biotech Manufacturing Center of Texas (BMC) is the nation’s only full-scale manufacturing biotech incubator. It operates as a non-profit contract manufacturer of medical devices/components, as well as providing incubation and startup services for innovators wishing to enter the industry. The BMC has strategic alliances with Texas Manufacturing Assistance Centers, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and the Automation & Robotics Research Institute at the University of Texas at Arlington.
Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H)

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2009  
**Website:** https://www.uth.edu/otm/bcc-biotechnology-commercialization-center/  
**Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- 15,000 sq. ft. of combined laboratory, office, and shared space on three adjacent floors dedicated to startups
- Access to UTHSC-H core laboratory and animal services, as well as capital equipment
- Amenities include office and laboratory space, conference and meeting rooms, shared business services, and parking
- BioHouston’s science laboratory equipment, which has been relocated to the BCC

**Additional Information:** The BCC’s mission is to help commercialize and incubate UTHSC-H and Houston-based life science technologies, while increasing the number of Texas-based companies. The BCC operates in partnership with BioHouston and Texas BioAlliance. Located within the heart of the Texas Medical Center in Houston, the BCC provides valuable access to information, collaboration, and expertise.

Biz Owners Ed, Inc.

**Location:** Flower Mound  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** http://bizownersed.com/  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- A 10 week advanced entrepreneur program which includes presentations from world class leaders, mentoring, and assistance with everything from entity formation, financing, strategic planning, sales & marketing, to exit strategies
- A group of experienced mentors who have successfully overcome the challenges applicants are facing

**Additional Information:** Biz Owners Ed is a non-profit entrepreneurial program and community for business owners across industries, providing high-level guidance and assistance from experienced and proven business mentors. The program accepts applications from those with significant ownership in companies in existence less than seven years that are generating annual revenues exceeding $1 million with no less than five employees.
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### Bootstrap Dallas (BSD)

**Location:** Dallas  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** [http://bootstrapdallas.com/](http://bootstrapdallas.com/)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides resources, training, and introductions into the Dallas startup community
- Offers advisory services to those who want to make a leap into entrepreneurship, but don't know where to start
- Offers guidance for funding, marketing, sales, and partnerships to existing businesses

**Additional Information:** Bootstrap Dallas (BSD) helps Dallas area entrepreneurs bring ideas to life with a team of entrepreneurs, designers, and marketers. BSD specializes in Mobile Development, Application Development, Branding, and Social Media Marketing.

### The Brewery Incubator

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2012  
**Website:** [http://breweryincubator.com](http://breweryincubator.com)  
**Specialization:** Food and Beverage Industry

**Services & Facilities:**
- Fully-equipped commercial kitchens with commercial brewing equipment in a downtown Houston facility
- Hosts classes and workshops, tastings, tours, community brew-ins, and sponsors homebrew clubs and competitions
- Provides a pilot facility, tap room, support network, and access to potential customers/investors

**Additional Information:** The Brewery Incubator (BI) indicates it is the world’s first coworking brewer and incubator. Its goal is to foster the development of craft breweries by providing a pilot facility, tap room, support network, and audience accessible to all aspiring brewers. The BI is co-housed at the Kitchen Incubator. It is a collaborative business in which home brewers get access to commercial brewing equipment and a pub to sell their beer as a way to determine whether they're ready to launch their own breweries.
The Business Factory at the Concho Valley Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CVCED)

Location: San Angelo  
Founded: N/A  
Website: www.cvced.org  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers shared workspace and business infrastructure costs for phone, Internet services, etc.
- Offers seminars, exhibitions, and networking events
- Provides business assistance in conjunction with the Angelo State University’s Small Business Development Center

Additional Information: The Business Factory, provided by the CVCED, is an incubation program designed to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs in the San Angelo and the Concho Valley Area.

The Business Incubation Center (BIC) at the Bill J. Priest Campus of El Centro College

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 1990  
Website: www.elcentrocollege.edu/bjp/business-incubation-center  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- 30,000 sq. ft. facility that includes conference rooms, office rentals, and weekly cleaning services
- Access to business counselors who are knowledgeable in a wide range of business topics including business expansion, government contracting, intellectual property (IP) protection, loan requirements, management, marketing, and technological and manufacturing assistance
- Low-cost and no-cost seminars available year round for training on various aspects of business management

Additional Information: The Business Incubation Center (BIC) at the Bill J. Priest Institute of Economic Development of El Centro College houses small companies, leasing office space to these startups and providing business services to them for up to four years. BIC facilitators are experts in their fields, including bank loan officers, Certified Public Accountants, environmental compliance experts, international trade experts, attorneys, and other professionals.
Business Technology Center (BTC) at Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDI)

Location: Houston  
Founded: 1986  
Website: www.hbdinc.org/resources/business-technology-center/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ 160,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use business space
■ Access to Business Information Center and capital and management services through the HBDI and its resource partners
■ Office equipment, conference rooms, and bundled administrative support services; computer labs; free parking; P.O. box rentals; 24 hour security; conference/training rooms; on-site receptionist and notary; and voicemail/answering services
■ Workshops and seminars

Additional Information: The mission of the HBCI, a non-profit corporation established by the City of Houston, is to stimulate economic growth, support the expansion of small businesses, and foster opportunities for low-moderate income citizens. The HBDI offers an array of business support services, including the BTC and loan programs.

Capital Factory

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2009  
Website: www.capitalfactory.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Provides over $150,000 in seed funding, $200,000 in server hosting, and access to top local business and investment community members for 2% equity in participating startups
■ Includes access to 2 private desks for 3 months; access to Capital Factory events as well as speaker and education series; and eligibility for $100,000 in matching funds from Capital Factory’s AngelList Syndicate and to pitch at Capital Factory’s Demo Days
■ The educational curriculum through the Capital Factory University runs about six months, lead mentors work with startups for one years, and the coworking membership that comes with the program allows two founders to work at the Capital Factory for one year

Additional Information: Capital Factory’s mission is to identify and nurture capital-efficient technology startups in Austin, Texas. Capital Factory hosts and sponsors other incubators and programs, including Google for Entrepreneurs Tech Hub Network, CODE2040, and UT Austin’s The Food Lab and Longhorn Startup.
Catalyst Startup Program, from SoftLayer Technologies

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://www.softlayer.com/catalyst  
Specialization: High Tech – Internet-dependent products & services

Services & Facilities:  
- Startup Texas members can apply for membership in SoftLayer’s Catalyst startup program, which targets technology startups, and provides IT cloud infrastructure credits, executive mentoring, and engineering resources  
- Members have access to free SoftLayer servers or service up to $1,000/month, mentoring from the company’s industry veterans, and marketing resources  
- SoftLayer offers some coworking space for a fee  
- Startup and early stage companies from the U.S. and abroad may apply

Additional Information: Dallas-based cloud hosting provider SoftLayer Technologies’ Catalyst Startup Program provides support to member companies from Startup Texas, a branch of Startup America, through a partnership begun in 2013. Startup America is a national non-profit organization launched by the White House in 2011 that supports a national network of entrepreneurs and is affiliated with local Startup America chapters in 30 states, including Texas. Other Catalyst partners include Tech Wildcatters and TechStars, two Texas-based incubators.

Center for Business Excellence (CBE) of Central Texas

Location: Waco  
Founded: 2011  
Website: www.getbusinesssmart.com  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:  
- Free business and marketing counseling, seminars and workshops, business and legal information, and computers with business software  
- Professional office space rentals with full business services and equipment  
- Work space with Internet, Skype videoconferencing, fax services, and more  
- Training to support and strengthen small businesses  
- Office & computer services including business planning software, binding machine, Wi-Fi, wide format printer, etc.

Additional Information: The Center for Business Excellence (CBE) of Central Texas is an non-profit organization dedicated to offering entrepreneurs resources to grow and succeed in business. The CBE is a division of the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce and was established thanks to a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. CBE services include a Kitchen Entrepreneur Program, designed to train and support local food industry entrepreneurs and businesses.
**Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Trinity University**

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** http://new.trinity.edu/academics/departments/center-innovation-and-entrepreneurship  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries  

**Services & Facilities:**
- Special curriculum including different disciplines: science, international business, or engineering
- Opportunity to participate in Three-Day Startup pitch contests and compete for seed funding
- Participation in workshops and seminars on campus as well as social activities
- Participating freshmen students are housed together in a Trinity dorm
- Membership in Geekdom, a local business coworking space founded by Rackspace

**Additional Information:** The Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) is part of Trinity University’s entrepreneurial program and open to students in any major. In 2014, the CIE accepted 43 new students and had 90 total participants. The program has produced successful companies including Rackspace Hosting, Whole Foods Market Inc., and Denim Group. The CIE’s biggest success story is Rackspace, which is now a public company with 2014 revenues of $1.79 billion.

**Center for Innovation (CFI) at Arlington**

**Location:** Arlington  
**Founded:** 2001  
**Website:** www.thecenterforinnovation.org/center-innovation  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries  

**Services & Facilities:**
- Pro bono patent assistance
- Access to capital and talent from academia, industry, and government

**Additional Information:** The Center for Innovation (CFI) at Arlington, LLC was established by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and created to bring together technology, capital, and talent to match market needs with research capabilities of industry, academia, and government. The CFI has a network of “Affiliate Partners” comprised of corporations, universities, economic development organizations, trade associations, venture funds, municipalities, and government entities throughout the U.S. and world. Its partners include BASF, IBM, L-3 Link Simulation and Training, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, and the University of Texas at Arlington.
Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center (CBBIC)
at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

**Location:** Corpus Christi  
**Founded:** 2009  
**Website:** www.coastalbendinnovation.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provide professional PhD level business mentoring, student internship programs, coursework modeling and interaction, educational classes, and assistance in obtaining the financial stability necessary for company growth
- Access to rental space and flexible leases, shared basic business networks, services and equipment, along with technology support service
- Provides strategic guidance, mentoring and coaching, access to investors, business mentors, and a ready-made network of contacts
- Offers help in building the management team, specialized training, affordable space, and professional services at reduced rates

**Additional Information:** The CBBIC is a small business incubator that nurtures the development of innovative companies. It serves as a catalyst for ideas by providing business advice for the entrepreneurial process and supporting the creation of sustainable, successful Coastal Bend businesses at every level of development. The CBBIC also plays a major role in promoting cross-disciplinary academic and entrepreneurial programs within the university.

Collide Village Accelerator Program (CVAP)

**Location:** Addison  
**Founded:** 2014  
**Website:** www.collidevillage.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers each participant an initial seed fund of $25,000 and an optional convertible note of $50,000, in exchange for which CVAP takes 6-10% equity in the startup companies
- A four month program which includes free office space, go-to market strategy, branding, etc., culminating in investment presentations
- Access to an exclusive network of mentors, advisors, and investors
- Services including legal advice, hosting credits, discounts from local establishments, and other valuable resources

**Additional Information:** The CVAP is a milestone driven seed stage startup accelerator in the Dallas suburb of Addison. CVAP’s partners include the University of Texas at Dallas and the Dallas Entrepreneurs Center.
The Dallas Entrepreneur Center (DEC)

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://thedec.co/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ Offers fee-based membership levels for coworking space, dedicated office space, and incubator assistance  
■ Incubator services include customizable desk and office space, 24/7 key card access, high speed Internet, conference room scheduling and basic office services, unlimited coffee and stocked fridge, access to the DEC online member platform and all DEC coordinated events, dedicated incubation programming and mentors, and financial assistance programs  
■ Access to experts and thought leaders from major corporations, investment groups, academic institutions, and government entities

Additional Information: The Dallas Entrepreneur Center serves entrepreneurs in the Dallas area, providing a location for training, education, mentoring, promotion, and access to capital in order to encourage and equip the entrepreneurial community to start, build, and grow their businesses.

DFW Excellerator

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 2014  
Website: www.dfwexcellerator.com/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – International Markets Focus

Services & Facilities:  
■ At the time this directory was updated, the Excellerator’s website was in the process of being updated and offered no information about services, facilities, or programs

Additional Information: DFW Excellerator was launched by North Texas-based Chinese-American entrepreneurs to incubate startups in technology, media, and communications that are interested in international markets. Initially located in Richardson, the Excellerator is now in North Dallas.
Discovery Park Business Incubator at UNT

Location: Denton  
Founded: 2009  
Website: http://discoverypark.unt.edu/incubator  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 10,000 sq. ft. incubator with low-cost office facilities, business services and high speed Internet access, shared common areas, conference and meeting rooms, and 24 hour access to a secured building
- Access to advanced science and technology research laboratories and UNT’s Murphy Center for Entrepreneurship and Center for Economic Development and Research
- Provides business plan development, strategic planning, research and development assistance, product development assistance, international business assistance, IP-related assistance, a mentorship network program, and financing and funding resources

Additional Information: The University of North Texas’ (UNT) Discovery Park Business Incubator is designed to accelerate the successful development of entrepreneurial companies that are seeking to commercialize locally developed technologies or to work in partnership with UNT to turn scientific innovations into businesses. Discovery Park clients include community inventors, student teams, and university researchers.

DreamIt Ventures - Austin

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://dreamit.com/programs/dream-it-austin/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Mentorship from leading entrepreneurs access to free legal, accounting, and administration help; and a speakers series
- Introductions to local investors and venture capitalists and an opportunity to pitch to them
- Workspace with a community of entrepreneurial peers

Additional Information: DreamIt Ventures is a pre-seed stage accelerator with the goal of helping great people with all kinds of great ideas build great companies. DreamIt was launched in Philadelphia in 2008 by successful technology entrepreneurs who wanted to create the same type of opportunities for the next wave of entrepreneurs that they were fortunate to have had. Kicking off in 2013, DreamIt Austin is open to startups from all industries.
BUSINESS INCUBATORS

E-Cluster at the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA)

Location: Edinburg
Founded: N/A
Website: http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/coba_new_home/coba_departments/departments Mana/entrepreneurship_cluster
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- The E-Cluster Launch Program: identifies and develops UTPA students and recent graduates that want to start and grow businesses; participants receive advising by UTPA E-Cluster members and are introduced to the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Business Plan Contest: serves as the culmination of E-Education for the UTPA academic year; student teams’ business plans are judged and winners awarded prize money
- Entrepreneurship Lecture Series: outstanding entrepreneurs are tapped from regional businesses, etc.
- Club at Cimarron/UTPA Mentors Program: UTPA students are mentored by business and community leaders
- UT Horizon Fund Investment Competition: UTPA students and faculty compete for $100,000 to launch their technology ventures

Additional Information: UTPA’s Entrepreneurship Cluster (E-Cluster) operates out of UTPA’s Department of Management, but accepts all potential high-impact entrepreneurial students from all UTPA academic programs.

Economic Growth Business Incubator (EGBI)

Location: Austin
Founded: 2003
Website: www.egbi.org
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Low cost incubation and office leases available for up to six months, including free business services and access to conference rooms, WiFi, and more
- Free mentoring, bilingual (Spanish) support, business consulting, and counseling
- Advice on business incorporation, business plan development, banking, marketing, etc.

Additional Information: The EGBI is a non-profit organization that assists emerging and existing businesses led primarily by historically economically disadvantaged community members of the Greater Austin area. It provides the tools to establish and grow these businesses through education, business plan assistance, and consulting. The EGBI has a unique approach to entrepreneurial incubation – all-inclusive training, pre-launch education, post-launch support, Spanish support, and office space.
Eden Business Incubator (COEBI)

**Location:** Eden  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** www.edentexas.com/articles/view/incentives  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers reduced rent with flexible leases for furnished office space, Internet and computer network accessibility, free parking, and a conference/training room
- Provides just-in-time management counseling and referrals to other local business assistance providers and resources

**Additional Information:** The City of Eden Business Incubator (COEBI) is the only business incubator in Concho County. It is entrepreneur-centered and has strong relationships with local and area business resources to ensure the success of promising new ventures. The COEBI was created through a creative partnership with the USDA Relending Program.

Emergent Incubator

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2012  
**Website:** www.etibio.com  
**Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- 2,000 square feet of state-of-the-art wet lab space combined with office space, technology infrastructure, meeting/conference space, technology infrastructure, and IT support
- On-site team of proven experts to assist entrepreneurs with the steps of creating a laboratory, intellectual property expansion, commercialization strategy, business planning, licensing, partnering, marketing, and product development
- Free boot camps highlighting different aspects of growing startup companies

**Additional Information:** The Emergent Incubator, which launched in 2012, is designed to foster inventors and startup life science and technology companies by assisting with the steps of creating a laboratory, intellectual property expansion, and product development. Founded in 1989, Emergent Technologies is a life sciences venture firm which operates as an incubator, accelerator, and venture capital firm. To date, Emergent and its industry partners have invested in excess of $500 million in technologies within its 19 portfolio companies.
BUSINESS INCUBATORS

The Entrepreneur Center of Central Texas (TEC-CenTex)

Location: Temple
Founded: 2005
Website: www.tec-centex.com
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers business counseling, mentoring, incubation, training, and other services
- For those in the Business Coaching program TEC-CenTex offers the opportunity for affordable office space, providing a turnkey office with high speed Internet, professional phone services, and copying and mail service in a prestigious office building in downtown
- Business training and education opportunities are offered

Additional Information: The TEC-CenTex, FKA the Central Texas Entrepreneur Center and before that as the Temple Business Incubator, is a non-profit economic development program designed to assist businesses to succeed in the Central Texas region. It is a collaborative effort and sponsored by the City of Temple, Temple Economic Development Corporation, Temple Chamber of Commerce, Temple College, and Temple College Foundation.

Entrepreneurship & Commercialization Center (ECC) at the University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB)

Location: Brownsville
Founded: 2003
Website: www.utb.edu/edcs/iic
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers business incubation, commercialization assistance, professional consulting, and entrepreneurship education
- Offers virtual office space, use of address, controlled access, one-on-one consulting and priority access to professional development programs
- Includes nationally acclaimed entrepreneur UTB-Kauffman Certificate Programs FastTrac® NewVenture™ and FastTrac® GrowthVenture™, customizable corporate training, entrepreneurial education workshops, business technical assistance and more

Additional Information: The ECC at UTB is focused on assisting entrepreneurs in developing and expanding their businesses through education. The ECC serves as a real life entrepreneurial laboratory for the University and the Rio Grande Valley community where entrepreneurs inside and outside the University can collaborate to take advantage of opportunities and create value. It delivers its services through its memberships, professional development, and commercialization programs.
**The Food Lab (TFL) @ UT**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** www.utfoodlab.com  
**Specialization:** Food and Beverage Industry

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides support to UT Austin student-led food systems startups that leverage university research
- The lab holds public events, including webinars and symposiums
- Offers the Food Challenge Prize, an early stage business startup competition encouraging innovation in the global food system

**Additional Information:** The Food Lab (TFL) at UT Austin encourages and motivates students to engage in innovative food systems research and support startups that leverage university research. TFL’s goal is to be a catalyst for scientific and cultural exploration, experimentation, and innovation in the food system. Its partners include UT Austin’s Office of Technology Commercialization, UT Austin’s School of Human Ecology, UT Austin’s Capital Factory, Whole Foods Market, Freebirds World Burrito, and Beanitos.

**Greater Austin WEN Community**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** http://wenbiz.org/community/us/tx/austin/  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Attendance and basic membership are free to entrepreneurs, talent, and mentors
- Access to the global World Entrepreneurs Networks (WEN), with both in person and virtual meetings, speakers, tutorials, and more
- Local community support, including networking, collaboration, marketing and promotion, and special events

**Additional Information:** The Greater Austin WEN Community, FKA the Wilco Entrepreneurs Community, is a Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development-sponsored group whose goal is to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business in the Greater Austin area. As a hands-on group assisting new and young companies grow and connect with the established companies and resources, it is open to anyone interested in starting, buying, operating, selling or growing a business.
BUSINESS INCUBATORS

Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Incubator Program

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 1994  
Website: www.gdhcc.com/programs_and_resources/business_assistance_center.aspx  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Operates within Business Assistance Centers (BACs) in the City of Dallas
- Provides affordable office space and other amenities
- Provides counseling, tools and resources, training, seminars, and workshops

Additional Information: The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s (GDHCC) Incubator Program is part of the Chamber’s Business Assistance Center (BAC) Program. The GDHCC’s Incubator Program’s objective is to promote entrepreneurship by providing neighborhood businesses services and opportunities for business ownership, economic development, and job growth. It assists startup businesses across industries that are less than two years old and run by low-to-moderate income residents of the City of Dallas.

Health Wildcatters

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://healthwildcatters.com/  
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- A 12 week accelerator program runs in the fall, ending with a pitch day to investors
- Each company receives $30,000 and may receive up to $250,000 in follow-up funding; in exchange, participating companies provide 8% of their common founding stock
- Provides mentorship and a strong network of early stage investors in Dallas
- Addresses the specific challenges of selling into the healthcare market, dealing with regulatory constraints, and the slower pace of adoption

Additional Information: Health Wildcatters is a mentor-driven healthcare accelerator focused on a wide variety of early stage healthcare startups. The accelerator welcomes companies focused on digital health and health IT, as well as the more traditional medical devices, diagnostics, and pharmaceuticals. Health Wildcatters is a program based on Dallas-based Tech Wildcatters, which was founded in 2009.
Houston Arts Alliance (HAA)

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 1993  
**Website:** [www.houstonartsalliance.com](http://www.houstonartsalliance.com)  
**Specialization:** Artists and Arts Organizations

**Services & Facilities:**
- The 3 year Resident Incubator program builds organizational capacity for small/emerging organizations (with program budgets between $50,000 and $200,000) through management services, incubator residency, and capacity funding (of up to $15,000 per year); selected organizations receive in-depth training, diagnostics, planning, and resources.
- The Accelerator program strategically advances organizations from growth to maturity by investing in critical infrastructure; specifically, the program invests between $10,000 - $20,000 in growth organizations (total revenues of $100,000 to $750,000) through the creation of board adopted strategic plans and funding for strategic plan implementation.

**Additional Information:** Houston Arts Alliance (HAA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization that exists to enhance the quality of life and tourism in the Houston region by supporting and promoting the arts through programs, initiatives and alliances. HAA distributes over $3 million in grants to approximately 220 non-profit arts organizations and individual artists. In addition, HAA manages the city's civic art collection of 450 artworks, as well as new acquisitions. The HAA offers both an Accelerator program and a Resident Incubator program.

Houston Technology Center (HTC)

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 1999  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- 50,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of midtown Houston.
- Exposure to capital and an extensive network of sector-specific mentors who guide clients towards commercialization.
- Offers incubator and accelerator programs.

**Additional Information:** Houston Technology Center (HTC) indicates it is the largest technology business incubator and accelerator in Texas, advancing the commercialization of emerging technology companies in the greater Houston area. Supported by more than 300 of Houston’s leading corporations and academic institutions, as well as the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Medical Center, NASA-Johnson Space Center, and the City of Houston, the HTC has become Houston’s center of technology entrepreneurship by assisting companies within several key sectors: energy, information technology, life sciences, nanotechnology, and NASA-related technologies. The HTC serves as the Gulf Coast Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization (RCIC). It also operates a satellite facility at the Johnson Space Center to harness the facility’s technical know-how and provide business advice, incubation, and acceleration services.
The Hub of Human Innovation

Location: El Paso
Founded: 2011
Website: http://hubofhumaninnovation.org
Specialization: High Tech & Clean Energy – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Affordable office space rentals, including 24/7 secured access, business services, VOIP phone/Internet access, meeting space, a break room, a resource library, utilities and janitorial services, and a conference room
- One-on-one business support, mentoring, business analysis and plan assessment, management team and board development, investment capital/financing opportunities, business development tools/resources/contacts, seminars/workshops/conferences, and an intern pool to work on approved special client projects
- Offers programs for clean energy partners, manufacturing partners, and more
- Offers a clean energy incubator program called the Paseo del Norte Clean Energy Incubator Program (PDN CEI), in partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso and funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office

Additional Information: The Hub of Human Innovation (The Hub) is a technology incubator that nurtures the development of small high technology and clean energy-based businesses in the El Paso/Paseo del Norte region. The Hub’s regional goals are to increase jobs, grow and retain companies, accelerate growth in core industries, and enhance the entrepreneurial climate.

The Huntsville Area Technology and Business Complex (HA/tch)

Location: Huntsville
Founded: 2013
Website: www.hatchbusiness.com/
Specialization: High Tech – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers 24/7 secured access to the facility, professional building management, centralized professional administrative services, state-of-the-art conference and training rooms, Ethernet and wireless Internet, and more
- Assistance with product or service launch, coaching, mentors, and access to business planning, financial, and legal applications

Additional Information: The Huntsville Area Technology and Business Complex (HA/tch), an affiliate of Sam Houston State University (SHSU), is the Central East Texas Region’s premier business startup and entrepreneurial assistance program for high technology companies. At HA/tch, budding entrepreneurs can commercialize their innovative ideas, start new companies, and acquire the business skills and knowledge necessary for success in the marketplace.
IBM PartnerWorld - Austin & Dallas

Locations: Austin and Dallas  
Founded: N/A  
Website: www.ibm.com/partnerworld  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Offers online, remote, and face-to-face training, marketing, technical, and other assistance  
■ Exclusive local networking and mentoring events, free software, and technical support  
■ Collaborates with IBM and other Business Partners through its worldwide centers

Additional Information: Housed at IBM Innovation Centers in Austin and Dallas, the IBM PartnerWorld program helps entrepreneurs build, market, and sell high tech solutions. Entrepreneurs can use IBM’s centers to port and test solutions, close deals with clients, and collaborate with IBM, business partners, academic leaders, IT professionals, and entrepreneurs. IBM Partnerworld is a global program available to registered participants and across many industries, including banking, consumer products, insurance, energy, healthcare, life sciences, retail, and transportation. One notable area IBM’s Dallas Center focuses on is telecommunications, given its proximity to Richardson’s Telecom Corridor.

Idea Finishing School (IFS)

Location: San Antonio  
Founded: 2009  
Website: www.ideafinishingschool.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Office space and furniture; network connectivity; and legal, accounting, and banking services  
■ 3-6 month development programs including company technology reviews, working up business and marketing plans, and investor presentations  
■ Legal, accounting, marketing, and funding assistance  
■ Access to assistance from in-house accredited investors and advisors

Additional Information: The Idea Finishing School (IFS), located in the San Antonio Technology Center, is a Texas corporation made up of a unique combination of collaborators and investors, and functions primarily as a business accelerator. The IFS team of accredited investors also acts on the School’s Advisory Board. The IFS provides assistance to startups across technology-focused industries in exchange for company equity.
IDEA Works FW (Fort Worth)

Location: Fort Worth  
Founded: 2014  
Website: http://ideaworksfw.org/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Offers fee-based memberships for incubation, coworking, and affiliates
- Offers dedicated office space, shared facilities including a conference room and event room, high speed internet, copying services, and storage for incubator members
- Services include coaching, mentoring, an advisory council, and monthly Entrepreneur Roundtables
- Provides access to other entrepreneurs, capital, talent, and information
- Prior to graduating out of the incubator program, a professional transition team provides business assistance regarding real estate, IT, furniture, etc.

Additional Information: IDEA Works FW is a public-private partnership between the City of Fort Worth and the BAC Education Foundation. It is managed and funded by the foundation and housed in the same building complex as the Fort Worth Business Assistance Center and TECH Fort Worth. IDEA Works offers fee-based memberships for incubation.

InCube Labs - San Antonio

Location: San Antonio  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.incubelabs.com  
Specialization: Biotech – Medical Devices and Pharmaceuticals

Services & Facilities:
- 20,000 sq. ft. facility includes wet labs, a machine shop, and two Class 100 clean rooms
- Capabilities include electronics, mechanical engineering, material science, software/firmware, embedded systems, cell biology, pharmacology, physiology, protein and polymer chemistry, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, implantable devices, remote patient monitoring, as well as clinical development and manufacturing
- InCube Labs’ venture fund, InCube Ventures, has a diversified portfolio of early, mid, and late-stage life sciences companies

Additional Information: With operations in San Jose, California and San Antonio, Texas, InCube Labs LLC is a life sciences research lab focused on developing medical breakthroughs that dramatically improve patient outcomes. The company collaborates with universities and entrepreneurs in Texas and around the country to help identify promising innovations and bring them to market. In 2010, InCube Labs received $9.2 million through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund and moved three of its most promising startups from California to Texas: Fe3 Medical Inc., Corhythm Inc., and Neurolink Inc. In May 2013, InCube Labs launched two new life sciences companies in San Antonio - Theracle and iBridge Medical – to join the existing three companies.
Innovation Greenhouse at the University of North Texas (UNT)

Location: Denton
Founded: 2013
Website: http://innovation.unt.edu
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Programs and training from entrepreneurs, investors, and community leaders; support from UNT facility and access to UNT resources
- An annual Sherman/Barsanti Inspiration Awards Competition recognizes students with an innovative and original project, invention, and musical or literary composition or artwork

Additional Information: UNT’s Innovation Greenhouse is a resource to help university students bring ideas to life, apply what they learn in the classroom, and use knowledge gained through hands-on experience to succeed in the rapidly growing innovation field. UNT’s long-term goal is to have a separate building for Innovation Greenhouse.

Innovation Underground (IU)

Location: Bryan
Founded: 2011
Website: http://iu.adventgx.com/
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Services include assistance with business formation and planning, financial modeling, mentoring, strategy development, marketing and creative services, fundraising and technical support, business training and tools, personal and professional development, and the resources of a strong network to grow local businesses
- Offers networking events

Additional Information: Innovation Underground (IU), operated by Advent GX, is a privately-owned business incubator located in historic downtown Bryan, Texas. Advent GX, a private company located at the Texas A&M University Research Park in College Station, started IU to lend support for local, community-based economic development and historic preservation while encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation and to meet the need for business incubation at the community level by engaging experienced entrepreneurs in the process of supporting new startups.
Jon Brumley Texas Venture Labs (TVL) Accelerator at UT Austin

Location: Austin
Founded: 2010
Website: www.mccombs.utexas.edu/Centers/Texas-Venture-Labs.aspx
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Access to 250+ hours of graduate time and the TVL Alumni Network of successful entrepreneurs and former students
- Provides assistance in market validation, business model assessment, financial analysis, funding guidance, and competitive analysis
- The opportunity to present at UT Austin’s semi-annual Venture Expo, a showcase for “investor ready” startups

Additional Information: Jon Brumley Texas Venture Labs (TVL) Accelerator at UT Austin works primarily with startup companies that are based in Austin or affiliated with the UT System and is focused on life sciences and other technology and mobile industries. TVL is also home to the International Venture Labs Investment Competition (formerly Moot Corp), which has been dubbed the “Super Bowl of Investment Competitions.” Since 2010, the TVL has worked with over 100 startups and over 200 UT Austin graduate students. TVL companies have raised over $280 million.

Kitchen Incubator

Location: Houston
Founded: 2007
Websites: http://kitchenincubator.com
Specialization: Food and Beverage Industry

Services & Facilities:
- Fully-equipped commercial kitchens in a downtown Houston facility
- Comprehensive advisory and business development services, food business bootcamps, project launch guidance, feasibility studies, business planning, and financial projects
- Assistance with certification processes, forms, and contacts
- Mentoring, networking, and promotional events

Additional Information: Kitchen Incubator (KI) offers a full suite of business advisory services for the culinary startups. Its goal is to increase entrepreneurial success in the culinary industry, along with access to facilities and equipment in a coworking environment conducive to collaboration, networking, and mentorship. KI has helped launch dozens of concepts in food businesses and now co-houses another incubator, The Brewery Incubator.
Knowledge for Success (KFS)

Location: Fort Worth  
Founded: 2010  
Website: http://knowledgeforsuccess.org/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Specializes in Business Startup, Marketing, Small Business Development, Business Plans, Networking, Entrepreneurs, Home Based Businesses, and Social Media
- KFS' core 10 week business program, New Quest, provides startups and recent small business owners hands-on training in everything from market research, legal resources, to financing; one-on-one counseling; startup funding; and more

Additional Information: Knowledge for Success (KFS) is a non-profit organization that specializes in small business development, with a focus on small business startups and women entrepreneurs. KFS is owned and run by Toni Allison, an award-winning self-made woman and entrepreneur who has launched and run successful businesses in the hospitality and retail services and in the health industry.

LAUNCH Innovative Business Accelerator (IBA) at Baylor University

Location: Waco  
Founded: 2013  
Website: www.baylor.edu/launch/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- A variety of tools to speed a new product or business through the commercialization pipeline
- Company and entrepreneur coaching, networking and mentoring opportunities, funding assistance, and business experts
- Offers accelerated Commercialization Program and global market development programs

Additional Information: The LAUNCH Innovative Business Accelerator is housed in the 330,000 sq. ft. Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC). Its goal is to help startups and established technology companies grow their business more rapidly by taking advantage of the University's research and academic intellectual capital and its economic development partners in McLennan County.
McAllen Creative Incubator (McA2)

**Location:** McAllen  
**Founded:** 2004  
**Website:** www.mcallenart.com  
**Specialization:** Artists and Arts Organizations

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Low cost studios, managerial advice, as well as legal and technical support to qualified artisans with qualified projects  
- Training is provided, including business basics for entrepreneurs, financial reporting, marketing, and legal issues  
- Space for exhibitions, screenings, and performances

**Additional Information:** The McAllen Chamber of Commerce’s McA2 Creative Incubator (McA2) provides support and a home for local artists throughout the Rio Grande Valley. McA2, with the support of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, is uniquely positioned to actively connect the creative sector with the art, business, and creative communities. A thriving creative sector, including arts, culture and for-profit creative businesses, contributes to the economic prosperity and quality of life of McAllen and the Rio Grande Valley.

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**Longhorn Startup Lab (LSL at the University of Texas at Austin)**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** www.1semesterstartup.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**  
- LSL provides support to UT Austin student and professor-led ideas and fosters student startups through a semester-long class and an on-campus lab, culminating in a demo day  
- Provides successful entrepreneurs as mentors

**Additional Information:** Longhorn Startup Lab (LSL) is a collaboration of UT Austin’s Professor of Innovation, Bob Metcalfe, and Austin-based Capital Factory co-founder, Josh Baer. LSL provides support to UT Austin student and professor-led ideas and fosters student startups through a semester-long class and an on-campus lab.
Medical Innovation Labs

Location: Austin
Founded: 2014
Website: www.medicalinnovationlabs.com/
Specialization: Biotech – Medical Devices

Services & Facilities:
- Collaboration with a group of visionaries, including entrepreneurs, researchers, clinicians, and students
- Offers a speaker series
- Offers strategy and direction on regulatory and legal issues
- The Labs team includes two seasoned medical device industry veterans

Additional Information: Medical Innovation Labs was founded and is led by CEO Dr. Michael Patton, who founded Patton Surgical Corp., then sold it to Stryker Corp. in 2012. The incubator was created to work with the Dell Medical School, which is under construction, and currently operates virtually. The lab’s goal is to provide the resources to accelerate medical devices’ proof-of-concept through rapid prototyping, reduce the time to market, and ensure near-term impact on patient care.

MentorVault at The Garage

Location: Dallas
Founded: N/A
Website: http://workthegarage.com/
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- MentorVault is an annual 90 day bootcamp for startups
- The bootcamp’s primary focus is on product development, sales, and revenues; not investor pitching
- Mentors are available and committed to 18 months of work with a startup, not just 90 days

Additional Information: MentorVault is an internal Business Accelerator located within The Garage, a coworking space. The Garage assists all types of companies across industries, offering different membership levels which may include 24/7 access; email, phone, and vmail services; conference room access; free high speed Internet with Wi-Fi; business office services; free tea and coffee; business-related and networking presentations and events; etc. The Garage also offers events and activities, ranging from group emails and community lunches to monthly meetings with mentors and industry experts.
Microsoft Technology Center (MTC): Dallas & Houston

Location: Irving (Dallas) & Houston  
Founded: N/A  
Website: www.microsoft.com/en-us/mtc/default.aspx  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- The MTCs include a spectrum of purpose built environments to ensure world class learning and development experiences
- The MTCs have alliances with industry leaders to provide comprehensive resources, including hardware, software, and services, for the duration of a team’s engagement
- MTC staffers are experts in Microsoft technology solutions, work side by side with a team to rapidly find solutions to technology challenges, and their expertise and in-depth knowledge of Microsoft products and technologies ensure that entrepreneurs benefit from development best practices

Additional Information: Microsoft Technology Centers (MTCs) are collaborative environments that provide access to innovative technologies and world-class expertise, enabling participants to envision, design, and deploy solutions to meet their exact needs. MTCs focus on business needs, including application platform and business productivity optimization, cloud services, mobility, unified communications, and virtualization.

Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) Business Incubator

Location: Midland  
Founded: 2002  
Website: www.midlandhcc.com  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- The MHCC provides early stage or home-based businesses a support net where they can nurture and grow their businesses

Additional Information: The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) Business Incubator is one of the few non-profit in-house incubator programs in Texas and indicates it is the only one in the West Texas area.
MIT Enterprise Forum (MITEF) of Texas

Location: Houston
Founded: 1984
Website: www.miteftexas.org
Specialization: High Tech – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers 7 Flagship Programs, 7 New Venture Clinics, and 3 Networking Socials annually
- MITEF members are leaders in their industries who dedicate their time and talent to support the Houston community with world-class Flagship Programs, to support entrepreneurs, and to create great networking opportunities

Additional Information: The MIT Enterprise Forum of Texas (MITEF) is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and MIT Technology Review Magazine and is one of 27 worldwide chapters. The MITEF of Texas’ goal is to promote technology entrepreneurship in the Houston community by producing world-class educational and networking programs.

Mountain View College (MVC) Business Incubator Program

Location: Dallas
Founded: 2009
Website: www.mountainviewcollege.edu/business/econdev/Pages/businessincubator.aspx
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers individual offices, meeting/conference space, a computer lab, training classrooms, 24/7 security access and video surveillance, high speed Internet and telephone facilities, and ample nearby parking
- Rents 200-400 sq. ft. offices at $250-$450/month
- Access to Credit Courses and Continuation Education Training

Additional Information: The Mountain View College (MVC) Business Incubator Program (BIP) is overseen by the MVC’s Economic and Workforce Development Department and provides service and support to new and developing businesses within the southern sector of Dallas County. As the only Dallas County Community College District business incubator south of the Trinity River, the MVC BIP’s goal is to assist small business entrepreneurs in becoming healthy contributors to the economy and employment base of the community.
**Napkin Venture**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2012  
**Website:** http://napkinventure.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers startup services to assist with business model, market, and customer validation; business strategy; marketing; branding and identity services; and business documents, including intellectual property

**Additional Information:** Napkin Venture is run by a team of business specialists that can assist with everything from business legal documents to business consulting.

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**NextHIT**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2014  
**Website:** www.houstonhealthventures.com/acceleration/  
**Specialization:** Biotech – Health IT

**Services & Facilities:**
- 8 week program is held at the University of Houston’s (UH) new Innovation Center, offering need-specific mentors and other amenities, culminating in pitch and investment days  
- Participating startups receive $30,000 from Houston Health Ventures, $24,000 worth of services from cloud services provider, Rackspace, plus office space and amenities from UH

**Additional Information:** NextHIT, created by the University of Houston and Houston Health Ventures (HHV), is an accelerator program focused on health IT startups. HHV is a health care investment fund focused on health IT, medical devices, and diagnostics.
North Texas Enterprise Center for Technology (NTEC)

Location: Frisco
Founded: 2003
Website: www.ntec-inc.org
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Fee-based access to furnished offices, staffed reception, meeting rooms, kitchens, break rooms, printer center, business and janitorial services, 24/7 secured key access, video surveillance, ample parking, and more
- Offers a customized 90-day plan designed to address applicants needs and challenges; advice and support regarding business management, business plan development, operations, regulatory issues, funding, staffing, and more
- Access to reduced rate business services by pre-screened service providers
- Access to NTEC’s Board of Directors, Advisors, and the Frisco Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Additional Information: The North Texas Enterprise Center for Technology (NTEC) specializes in assisting startups in emerging technologies and provides a comprehensive suite of facilities and services to accelerate companies’ market entry and to attract investment capital. The NTEC business accelerator is one of the largest in Texas and supports a range of industries, from healthcare to legal services.

NSBRI Industry Forum

Location: Houston
Founded: N/A
Website: www.nsbriforum.org
Specialization: Biotech – Space Biomedical

Services & Facilities:
- Offers seed-stage opportunities and funding through SMARTCAP (Space Medical & Related Technologies Commercialization Assistance Program)
- Access to scientific and technology commercialization-related NSBRI workshops, seminars, and other events
- Provides market analysis reporting to NSBRI-funded investigators, match-making with potential partners, and funding for proof-of-concept studies to bring the technologies to a point where they can attract investors

Additional Information: The NSBRI (National Space Biomedical Research Institute) Industry Forum is a non-profit organization affiliated with the NSBRI. NSBRI, established by NASA in 1997, consists of over 70 agencies, universities, and institutions led by the Baylor College of Medicine, with a mission to develop health-related solutions to support long-duration human space exploration. The NSBRI Industry Forum’s goal is to commercialize private sector biomedical and NSBRI-funded technology.
**OwlSpark at Rice University**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** http://owlspark.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Features a 90-day summer accelerator experience for up to ten startup teams
- Provides a robust curriculum, collaborative coworking space, a monthly living stipend, and relevant industry mentorship
- At the end of the three months, OwlSpark hosts a showcase event with successful entrepreneurs, business leaders, mentors, and investors in attendance

**Additional Information:** OwlSpark is an accelerator program founded by Rice University students to ignite entrepreneurship at Rice University by providing Rice-affiliated startup teams with the resources, funding, and space required to launch companies and commercialize technologies. The program focuses on Rice students, staff, and recent alumni who are trying to start a business.

**Rapid Response Manufacturing Center (RRMC) at UTPA**

**Location:** Edinburg  
**Founded:** 2008  
**Website:** http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/cose_home/rrmc_home  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Training and implementation of advanced manufacturing tools such as Lean Manufacturing, Six Sigma, Quality Systems and Logistics Management; programs are customized to the needs of the customer
- Development of customized innovation processes to quickly take ideas from inception to commercialization
- Offers rapid prototype development and technical issues analysis

**Additional Information:** The Rapid Response Manufacturing Center (RRMC) at the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) integrates technologies, management, and systems that significantly improve the speed to market of new and refreshed products, speed in response to customer needs, and demand for customized products at mass produced prices and quick delivery time. The RRMC's goal is to help establish South Texas as a major North American manufacturing hub by providing advance manufacturing technologies, processes and tools, and a skilled labor force to rapidly commercialize new products/processes and drive world class operational excellence and sustained growth.
### RED Labs at the University of Houston (UH)

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** [http://redlabs.bauer.uh.edu/](http://redlabs.bauer.uh.edu/)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides space on UH campus; access to mentors and resources in the startup community; and assistance with idea validation, business modeling, and product building
- 12 week program ending with the Bayou Startup Showcase, hosted jointly with Rice University’s OwlSpark accelerator, with investors and startup community members in attendance
- Access-controlled campus coworking space includes unlimited coffee and ramen, 3D printer, and more

**Additional Information:** RED Labs is a coworking space and technology startups accelerator at the University of Houston’s (UH) Bauer College of Business. At least one member of applicant startup teams must be an actively enrolled UH graduate or undergraduate student. The accelerator accepts up to 10 companies each summer and has launched 11 companies since 2013. RED Labs does not offer startup funding or equity sharing.

### Research Valley Innovation Center (RVIC)

**Location:** Bryan/College Station  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** [www.rvic.org](http://www.rvic.org)  
**Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- Marketing, business strategy, and intellectual property assistance; SBIR and pre-incubation guidance; management team coaching; and team development and mentoring
- Investment networking and support, including the Aggie Angel Network, SBIR/STTR, and other venture funding sources
- Office and wet lab space leasing and hoteling, online project management system, and online market research
- RVIC’s BioCenter program focuses on human and animal health, therapeutics, diagnostics, medical devices, bioinformatics, data analytics, and research technology

**Additional Information:** Research Valley Innovation Center (RVIC) is a non-profit corporation formed by the Research Valley Partnership for the advancement of science, education, entrepreneurship, and innovation in the Research Valley of Texas. It is located at the Texas A&M Institute for Preclinical Studies (TIPS) in the Research Valley’s One Health Plus Biocorridor. The RVIC’s mission is to harness regional (community-university) and state innovation ecosystem resources to provide education, training advisory services, operational guidance, and infrastructure support to its member companies, thus creating jobs and business opportunities for the region.
Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2000  
**Website:** www.alliance.rice.edu  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Rice Alliance Technology Venture Forum programs and Rice Alliance Digest Newsletter  
- Rice University Business Plan Competition, the world’s richest and largest, which provides the opportunity for promising entrepreneurs to obtain funding, mentoring, and advice

**Additional Information:** The Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship (Rice Alliance) is Rice University’s nationally-recognized initiative devoted to the support of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship education, and the launch of technology companies. It was formed as a strategic alliance of three schools: the George R. Brown School of Engineering, the Wiess School of Natural Sciences, and the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business, in collaboration with the Vice Provost and the Office of Research. Its mission is to support the creation of technology-based companies and the commercialization of new technologies in the Houston community and the Southwest.

REVTECH (FKA VentureSpur Dallas)

**Location:** Dallas  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** www.revtechaccelerator.com  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Retail Industry

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Offers a 16 week accelerator program including free office space, a range of free or discounted services, experienced mentors, workshops, and pitch practices, culminating in a Pitch Day.  
- Provides participating startups a seed investment of $40,000, while accepting 6% of the startup’s equity in the form of founders’ shares.

**Additional Information:** In early 2014, REVTECH relocated to Dallas, rebranded, and refocused exclusively on new technologies in the retail industry. Dallas was selected because it has the largest concentration of national restaurant and retail chain headquarters in the U.S. REVTECH assists startups that are developing innovative products or services in the retail marketplace. REVTECH lists six startups for its debut 2014 retail-focused class. Previously, REVTECH was a general high tech accelerator.
**Rice Launch at Rice University**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** http://rcel.rice.edu/ricelaunch  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Offers three categories: Venture Series: to learn about becoming an entrepreneur by attending workshops and brainstorming with students and mentors to develop a business from the ground up; Competition Series: startup company teams are formed, compete, and are judged while later stage companies can pitch to potential investors; and Exhibition Series: participants’ products and services are displayed to potential investors and others

**Additional Information:** Rice Launch’s mission is to connect, energize, and enable Rice undergraduates, graduates, and MBAs to initiate and capably pursue their own entrepreneurial ventures. The organization is the result of the merging of three separate entrepreneurial groups on campus: OwlSquad, Rice Business Collaborative-Entrepreneurship, and Rice Sprout.

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**Roadrunner Incubator at UTSA**

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** http://business.utsa.edu/cite/cite_rrincubator.aspx  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Industry Partnership Program with UTSA researchers, core facilities, specialized equipment, and labs  
- Access to UTSA IP and joint commercialization efforts  
- Strategic business plans from UTSA’s Management of Technology and MBA students  
- Mentoring and training programs, Entrepreneur Boot Camp, office and lab space, market research assistance, and advice about/access to private and government funding resources

**Additional Information:** The Roadrunner Incubator, located at UT at San Antonio’s (UTSA)’s Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship (CITE), is an incubator for early-stage UTSA student companies. The incubator hosts and nurtures new UTSA technology ventures while connecting them to the broader San Antonio Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. Successful new companies launched in the Incubator will quickly transition out into the broader technology-based regional business ecosystem.
San Antonio Clean Energy Incubator (SACEI)

Location: San Antonio
Founded: 2011
Website: http://texasenergy.utsa.edu/research/san-antonio-clean-energy-incubator
Specialization: Energy-Related Technology

Services & Facilities:
- Business planning and mentoring, support in conducting business and research, and fundraising assistance
- Access to lab and office facilities, capital sources including investors and government, and business development opportunities
- Experienced staff and extensive networking with private and public partners and business leaders

Additional Information: The San Antonio Clean Energy Incubator (SACEI) is a collaborative partnership between UTSA’s Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute (TSERI), the Texas State Energy Conservation Office, UTSA’s Institute for Economic Development, the San Antonio Clean Tech Forum, the Mission Verde Alliance, and UT’s Austin Technology Incubator. SACEI’s mission is to develop new companies and foster new business activity related to clean technology in San Antonio in ways that can be expanded to Texas, the nation, and the world, in order to promote socioeconomic prosperity.

Seed Sumo

Location: Bryan/College Station
Founded: 2014
Website: www.seedsumo.com
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Offers a three month program beginning each spring including free hosting, world-class branding services, finance/legal counseling, a great place to work, intensive top-notch mentoring, and an extensive network of connections
- Programs culminate in a demo day with a large investor audience
- Selected companies receive $50,000 in seed funding in exchange for around 10% equity
- Perks include some free or discounted services, scholarships, and credits from companies including SoftLayer, Google, Microsoft Bizpark, PayPal, Rackspace, Facebook, SurveyMonkey, and Adobe.

Additional Information: Seed Sumo is a mentorship-driven accelerator and member of the Global Accelerator Network, located near Texas A&M’s main campus, that assists young entrepreneurs turn early-stage startups into successful businesses.
Shell GameChanger

**Location:** Houston and elsewhere  
**Founded:** 1996  
**Specialization:** Energy-Related Technology

**Services & Facilities:**
- A team of Shell professionals review proposals and those selected receive funding, often over several years
- Funded applicants work with Shell professionals to develop strategies and monitor progress
- If proof-of-concept is reached, IP may be externally licensed, funneled into Shell’s internal R&D pipeline, or a new company may be set up

**Additional Information:** The Shell GameChanger program identifies and nurtures unproven ideas that have the potential to drastically impact the future of energy. Shell, a multinational energy company headquartered in the Netherlands, is looking for early-stage innovations related to what it calls “extreme recovery” energy, or where it’s hard-to-reach, and future energy technology to aid in processes like storage and transportation of energy. To date, GameChanger has worked with over 1,700 innovators and turned more than 100 ideas into reality.

Silsbee EDC (SEDC) Business Incubator Program

**Location:** Silsbee  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** [www.silsbeeedc.com/incubator.html](http://www.silsbeeedc.com/incubator.html)  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Low cost leases on professional office space, including access to Internet services, a conference table, office equipment, and a kitchen
- Access to business consultants with accounting, business plan preparation, and legal backgrounds
- Network connections for business expansion, retention, and financing
- Mentoring and support from the local SBA and network connections for business expansion, retention, and financing

**Additional Information:** The Silsbee Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Business Incubator Program was the first business incubator in Hardin County. The incubator’s success stories include supporting the expansion efforts of the Christian Women Job Corps and a Farmers Insurance agent. Both businesses benefited from access to business consultants and mentoring offered through the SEDC Business Incubator Program.
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**STAR Park at Texas State University**

*Location:* San Marcos  
*Founded:* 2010  
*Website:* [www.txstate.edu/ocir/STAR-Park.html](http://www.txstate.edu/ocir/STAR-Park.html)  
*Specialization:* High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- 20,000 sq. ft. building including wet labs, instrumentation lab, office space, and a conference room
- Mentoring and access to capital equipment

**Additional Information:** The Texas State University (Texas State)-San Marcos STAR (Science, Technology, and Advanced Research) Park is a 38-acre site which hosts Texas State’s first building, STAR One, dedicated to the university’s research and commercialization efforts. Officially opening in November 2012, STAR One serves as a technology accelerator for startup and early-stage businesses. The facility is particularly focused on the development of spin-offs from research conducted and IP generated by Texas State faculty and spin-ins from companies outside the state that want to strategically work with the university.

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**SKU (FKA Incubation Station)**

*Location:* Austin  
*Founded:* 2011  
*Website:* [www.sku.is](http://www.sku.is)  
*Specialization:* Consumer products – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- SKU’s team, mentors, and partners work with selected Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) startups on every aspect of their businesses
- Provides wraparound infrastructure of seasoned entrepreneurial mentors, customized educational content, advanced operations support, and privileged access to funding
- Companies admitted into the SKU program receive $12,000 from SKU and up to $200,000 in convertible notes from SKU mentors, as well as other attractive perks and exclusive deals, in exchange for equity stakes

**Additional Information:** SKU (FKA Incubation Station) is a startup accelerator program specially designed for early-stage consumer product companies. SKU is a retail industry acronym that stands for Stock Keeping Unit.
**Startup Aggieland at Texas A&M University**

**Location:** College Station  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** [http://startupaggie.tamu.edu/](http://startupaggie.tamu.edu/)  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers free guidance, training, business resources, networking events, and 24-7 access to office and coworking space, coffee, and web hosting
- Mentoring provided by Texas A&M University (TAMU) faculty/researchers and alumni, experienced entrepreneurs, and business leaders
- Assistance from the Brazos Valley Small Business Development Center, the local Chamber of Commerce, Aggie Angel Network, and the TEEX Product Development Center
- Instruction and assistance in multiple disciplines, including finance, marketing, and engineering

**Additional Information:** Startup Aggieland, located at TAMU Research Park II, is a student business incubator, accelerator, and coworking space that helps all TAMU students of any area of study with their entrepreneurial endeavors. TAMU does not take equity stakes in student startups, making students’ IP theirs to keep if developed at the accelerator.

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**Startup Weekend**

**Location:** Austin, Dallas, Houston  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** [http://startupweekend.org/](http://startupweekend.org/)  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Over a weekend, participating teams pitch their business ideas, then selected teams receive advice from professional mentors, build proof-of-concept or even products, and present/demo on the last day before judges
- Professional mentors and coaches are provided
- Sponsors include local and national businesses and educational institutions

**Additional Information:** Startup Weekend is a non-profit organization that holds events to jumpstart entrepreneurship in cities across the nation and world. The organization’s revenues come primarily from global and regional sponsors and grants, led by The Kauffman Foundation. Registered participants attend scheduled 54 hour weekend events that are part meet-up, part entrepreneurial education, part demo day, and for some, the start of a new viable business. All types of businesses are welcome, although roughly 50% are technical (developers, coders, designers) and 50% are business-related (marketing, finance, law). Business teams are encouraged; however, sole entrepreneurs can register for limited participation.
**SURGE Accelerator**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** www.surgeaccelerator.com  
**Specialization:** Energy-Related Technology

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers $30,000 in seed funding in exchange for 8% in common equity, and may receive additional funding from investors
- Provides a four month program including $100,000 in cloud hosting credits, office space, business and sales assistance, legal and financial advice, experienced mentors and entrepreneurs, and more

**Additional Information:** SURGE validates companies innovating and exploiting the massive shifts in technology, policy, and expertise in the energy industry. Its location in Houston, “The Energy Capital of the World,” ensures that SURGE participants have access to investors, entrepreneurs, customers, suppliers, and executives from many of the world's largest and technology savvy energy companies.

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**SXSW Accelerator**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2009  
**Website:** http://sxsw.com/interactive/accelerator  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Annual showcase designed to connect companies with web-based innovations to industry experts, early adapters, and representatives from the global venture capital community
- Industry connections at SXSW Interactive, a major conference and networking event

**Additional Information:** The SXSW Accelerator event takes place during the annual SXSW Interactive Festival every March. To participate in the pitch competition, the startups selected from the U.S. and around the world must have products or services in specified categories, which include Enterprise and Big Data Technologies; Entertainment and Content Technologies (music, gaming, publishing, film, television, etc.); Health Technologies; Social Technologies; Wearable Technologies; and Innovative World Technologies.
T3D3 Business Accelerator

Location: San Antonio
Founded: 2009
Website: http://t3dc.org/t3dc/accelerator/t3dc-accelerator-description-and-location
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 4,000 sq. ft. facility that includes laboratories, a conference room, offices, and cubicles
- Access to capital, strategic business planning, venture development assistance, seminars, and coaching; business services such as marketing research, business accounting, legal, and personnel recruitment; laboratory, engineering, other technical assets; and the San Antonio entrepreneurial community

Additional Information: The T3D3 Business Accelerator is located at the Texas Technology Development Center (T3D3). T3DC provides startup support to new bioscience and technology ventures and offers entrepreneurs an environment to fast-track their venture to market. T3D3 has many San Antonio partners, including area universities and colleges, local governments and EDCs, BioMed SA, the Texas Research & Technology Foundation, and Texas Biomedical Research Institute.

TECH Fort Worth

Location: Fort Worth
Founded: 1998
Website: http://techfortworth.org
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Assists university researchers, inventors, and early stage companies attain community visibility, create a business infrastructure, develop a management team, recruit external advisors, access funding, and obtain lease space of one of TECH Fort Worth’s facilities
- Offers programs to take potential entrepreneurs from pursuing ideas (ThinkLab), launching a company (SmartStart), to post-launch company growth (FastForward), plus a few Texas Christian University student programs
- TECH Nest: A year-round program offering monthly luncheon workshops and quarterly networking events
- SATOP (the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program): a cooperative program between the states of Texas, Florida, New Mexico, and New York providing free space technology technical assistance to small businesses
- Cowtown Angels: a program connecting high-performance technology-based startups with local investors

Additional Information: TECH Fort Worth is a non-profit partnership of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, UT Arlington, the City of Fort Worth, and other the North Texas business community members. The business incubator helps technology-focused entrepreneurs bring innovative technologies to market and aims to produce successful companies. In February 2015, TECH Fort Worth hosted its first Latin American incubator program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.
**Tech Ranch Austin**

- **Location:** Austin  
- **Founded:** 2008  
- **Website:** www.techranchaustin.com  
- **Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers office space and common areas, including rental space
- Technical training classes and signature development programs including its flagship training program, an 8 week boot camp called *Venture Forth*, designed to take companies from idea to revenue, as well as a 26 week program called *Venture Builder* to land the strategy partnership to take startups to the next level
- Mentorship from successful entrepreneurs
- Connections to the entrepreneurial ecosystem

**Additional Information:** Tech Ranch Austin is a technology incubator that provides pre-seed and seed stage tech startups with the instruction, training, and guidance needed to drive business success. The Tech Ranch Austin community is made up of entrepreneurs, advisors, investors, and subject matter experts that find and offer solutions in a collaborative, coworking environment that supports an entrepreneurial ecosystem. More than 300 companies have been impacted by the organization’s services to date.

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**Tech Wildcatters**

- **Location:** Dallas  
- **Founded:** 2010  
- **Website:** www.techwildcatters.com  
- **Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- 3 month accelerator program in which each company receives seed funding, top-notch mentoring, and the opportunity to pitch to potential investors at the end of program
- Offers *Emerge*, a 3 month seed accelerator for consumer wearable technology with first responder applications, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Center for Innovative Technology

**Additional Information:** Tech Wildcatters is a mentor-driven seed fund and technology startup accelerator with a focus on B2B technology. In 2012, it was recognized as one of Forbes top 10 seed accelerators. Dallas-based Health Wildcatters, founded in 2013, is based on Tech Wildcatters’s model.
**Technology Business Accelerator (TechBA) Austin**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2005  
**Website:** [www.ic2.utexas.edu/global/programs/techba/](http://www.ic2.utexas.edu/global/programs/techba/)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Pre-Acceleration Program: on-site and remote training on “Doing Business in the U.S.,” development of a business plan to enter the U.S. market, and networking/expo event at the end of the program (TechBA Expo)
- Acceleration Program: Mexican companies move to Austin to develop marketing support and sales in their specific niches; as they develop traction, the program emphasizes management and personnel growth and access to capital
- Operating in partnership with UT Austin’s IC² Institute-Global Commercialization Group, TechBA provides a team of seasoned U.S. business people to mentor and coach Mexican entrepreneurs in Austin, Texas
- Offers office space with support services

**Additional Information:** Technology Business Accelerator (TechBA - AKA the GCG Technology Business Accelerator) is a joint program supported by the Mexican Secretary of the Economy and sponsored by the US-Mexico Foundation for Science (FUMEC) to bring Mexico technology-based companies to the global market.

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**Technology Incubator West Houston (TIWH)**

**Location:** Katy  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** [www.TIWH.net](http://www.TIWH.net)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers inexpensive office and co-location space leases to client companies, as well as a place to meet
- Fee-based mentoring, business, and financial planning assistance, as well as follow-up referrals to financing, marketing support, legal and accounting organizations
- Experienced advisory board, access to networks of investors, industry experts, and deep community resources

**Additional Information:** Technology Incubator West Houston (TIWH) is a non-profit business incubator focused on early stage companies in the high tech industries and serving greater West Houston and Katy area/the Energy Corridor. Its experienced entrepreneurs and business development approach can help entrepreneurs successfully launch and provide sustainable growth in early stage companies, as well as in established companies that desire to grow further and rapidly.
**TechStars**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2006  
**Website:** [www.techstars.com/program/locations/austin](http://www.techstars.com/program/locations/austin)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Each company receives $118,000 in funding, with $18,000 in seed funding in exchange for a 7% to 10% stake  
- Provides office and meeting space, Internet services, mentoring, educational sessions, networking opportunities, and more

**Additional Information:** TechStars LLC is a global startup accelerator based in Boulder, Colorado. Thousands of companies apply to TechStars each year and approximately ten companies are selected per program location. TechStars is backed by many venture capital firms and angel investors.

**TechStudios**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2003  
**Website:** [www.techstudios.net](http://www.techstudios.net)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Offers business and marketing plan development and management team members on a lease basis  
- Provides business incubation services in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, and Germany

**Additional Information:** TechStudios, LLC is an engineering, IT, and business services company that offers many solutions, including business development and incubation to support the creation of technology-supported companies and the commercialization of new technologies, with an emphasis on web services and online business models. The company’s mission is to support the creation of technology-supported companies and the commercialization of new technologies, including Clean Tech - Environmental Engineering Software, Hospitality Services - Designer Solutions, Phone IP - First to Market, Digital Signage, and Supply Chain Competitor - Special Purpose Entity.
Texas A&M Bioscience Business Accelerator

Location: College Station  
Founded: N/A  
Website: http://vpr.tamu.edu/resources/researchpark/businessaccelerator  
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- Offers leases for furnished office space adjacent to wet lab space; shared infrastructure and services including training facilities, conference room, utilities, and janitorial and mail services; university amenities including IT and lab services and parking; secured key access
- Provides access to advisory services from the Research Valley Innovation Center

Additional Information: The Texas A&M Bioscience Business Accelerator facility is designed to: encourage the growth of startup companies in the bioscience sector; allow biomedical device companies to optimize their capital and obtain maximal value for research dollars; train and meet the needs of scientists, technicians, and other professionals in the biosciences; and serve as a key resource for industry personnel seeking innovation and collaborative research opportunities with strategic partners.

Texas Medical Center Accelerator (TMCx)

Location: Houston  
Founded: 2014  
Website: www.tmc-x.org  
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- A six month program with seed funding, no equity requirements, unprecedented clinical access to Texas Medical Center’s (TMC) 50+ institutions, an all-star network of advisors, legal counsel, and office space
- Housed in 100,000 sq. ft. facility with 24/7 secured access, 10 conference rooms, three kitchens, Keurigs, kegerators, high-speed internet, foosball, and a ping pong table
- Offers a tactical curriculum with emphasis on HIPAA and FCA

Additional Information: The TMCx provides a gateway to the facilities, resources, and network of the world’s largest medical center. Comprised of 21 world class hospitals, 7,000 patient beds, and over 7.2 million patient visits per year, the TMC is uniquely positioned to accelerate healthcare innovation by connecting startups with potential customers and partners. From ideation to commercialization, the TCMx works closely with life science and digital health startups to transform scientific innovations into tangible tools that save lives, manage disease, and improve quality of life. TMCx is focused on startups in health IT, medical devices, diagnostics, and bio-pharma.
thInc Space

Location: Waco  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://thincspacewaco.com/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Office and community space
- Professional support and networking opportunities
- Access to Baylor University research, academic, and entrepreneurial support resources

Additional Information: The Greater Waco Chamber partnered with Baylor University to launch thInc Space, an incubator for creative startups. The combined incubator, community gathering place, and professional support network is also the new headquarters for the Baylor University’s Accelerated Ventures program and its related businesses. thInc Space compliments other organizations throughout Greater Waco that are working to support small business and startup activity.

Thinktiv

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2007  
Website: http://thinktiv.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Assists in co-founding companies and raising capital; may or may act as a strategic advisor or board member
- Takes equity in exchange for discounted services
- Assists with positioning companies for M&A exits

Additional Information: Thinktiv’s goal is to quickly, successfully build and launch businesses into the marketplace. It has helped hundreds of entrepreneurs and companies since its founding and works with a range of companies, from startups to late stage opportunities.
**Tyler Area Business Incubator (TABI)**

**Location:** Tyler  
**Founded:** 1999  
**Website:** www.tjc.edu/continuingstudies/businessIncubator  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Access to technical training at the Tyler Junior College West Campus, where the incubator is located  
- Support from the Small Business Development Center, housed in same building  
- Provides a professional environment, knowledgeable assistance and advice, shared resources, and low overhead

**Additional Information:** The Tyler Area Business Incubator (TABI) is a creative consortium which includes the Tyler Junior College (TJC), City of Tyler, and Tyler Economic Development Council; all united to make Tyler a center for biotechnology, medical and surgical technology, and other high tech innovation. TABI encourages the development of technology-based products and services which broaden the economic base of the area served by the college. Thirteen to sixteen client businesses operate at the incubator throughout the year.

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**Tigua Business Center (TBC) Incubator**

**Location:** El Paso  
**Founded:** 2012  
**Website:** www.ysletadelsurpueblo.org/news_detail.sstg?id=127  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Support services and a physical location to qualified businesses  
- Coaching, mentoring, networking, management development services, and financial capital referrals

**Additional Information:** The Tigua Business Center (TBC) Incubator provides incubator services to businesses at which at least one of the principals is an Yselta Del Sur Pueblo (YDSP) Tribal Member or YDSP Tribal Descendant with a 51% or more ownership position. The TBC Incubator is part of the YDSP Economic Development Department, which was established to explore, develop, and expand tribal economic development and enterprises in order to strengthen the tribe’s self-sufficiency. The YDSP, also known as the Tigua Pueblo or Tribe, is a U.S. federally recognized Native American tribe and sovereign nation. The Tribe has over 1,600 citizens enrolled and a significant presence in the El Paso region.

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UnLtd USA

Location: Austin
Founded: 2014
Website: www.unltdusa.org
Specialization: Socially Conscious Entrepreneurship

Services & Facilities:
- Twice annually, UnLtd USA selects startups then offers them seed funding for critical startup costs; if successful, the startups pay forward that funding three years later to fund future UnLtd USA startups
- A skilled team and group of mentors provide customized coaching and training for a full year
- UnLtd USA’s mentors serve on participating startups’ Advisory Boards for a full year
- Provides access to the community’s industry experts, potential partners, funders, and talent

Additional Information: UnLtd USA is a non-profit group operating an incubator program for Austin-based socially conscious entrepreneurs working to solve pressing social, environmental, or civic challenges. The non-profit is housed in an East Austin coworking space. UnLtd USA is modeled on UnLtd, a UK registered charity which launched incubator services for social entrepreneurs in 2003 and, to date, has supported over 20,000 social entrepreneurs in the UK. UnLtd USA’s inaugural 2014 class had six startups.

The UTSA New Venture Incubator (NVI)

Location: San Antonio
Founded: 2010
Website: http://research.utsa.edu/commercialization/nvi.php
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Industry Partnership Program with UTSA researchers, core facilities, specialized equipment, and two wet labs
- Access to UTSA IP and joint commercialization efforts
- Strategic business plans from UTSA Management of Technology and MBA students
- Provides office space with business services, a conference room, library access, business consulting, and advice about/access to private and government funding resources

Additional Information: The UTSA New Venture Incubator (NVI), located at UTSA’s Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship (CITE), is focused on supporting the translation of research into products and services from target companies that are licensing/commercializing UTSA IP, collaborating with UTSA researchers on sponsored research programs, and UTSA student/faculty startups operating in San Antonio. Successful ventures graduate from the NVI into the broader technology-based regional business ecosystem.
The Venture Development Center (VDC) at UT Dallas (UTD)

**Location:** Richardson  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** http://utdallas.edu/vdc  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- 12,700 sq. ft. facility including offices and cubicles, wet rooms, dry labs, conference rooms, and more
- Services include mentoring; strategic marketing and financing planning; entrepreneurial education; accounting; showcase opportunities; and access to investors and professional service providers
- VDC staff and its Advisory Board of experienced entrepreneurs and investors work with UTD’s Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Office of Technology Commercialization

**Additional Information:** The VDC at UT Dallas (UTD), housed within the UTD Research and Operations Center, is a dedicated space for spinoff companies that are affiliated with UTD. The VDC provides a vital link between UTD faculty labs and the marketplace by converting the ideas and technologies developed by UTD students and faculty into novel products and services that have a positive impact on society. The VDC will also be home to the Naveen Jindal School of Management's Venture Launch initiative, a discovery-based learning environment for student entrepreneurs.

The WERX (FKA Collide Center)

**Location:** McKinney  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** www.mckinneywerx.com/#home  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers fee-based shared workspace and private offices with amenities including free parking, Wi-Fi, conference room, kitchen, phones, and free coffee and snacks
- Services include education and mentoring by seasoned entrepreneurs and investors, hosted workshops and programming, pitch sessions, and meetings with investors and other business leaders

**Additional Information:** The WERX, FKA Collide Center, is a community center for startups and entrepreneurs that offers shared workspace and resources. Focused primarily around emerging technology companies, The WERX is partnered with the McKinney EDC and aims to build grow and support small business in McKinney.
**West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center**

**Location:** Amarillo  
**Founded:** 2001  
**Website:** www.incubationworks.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides pre-incubation as well as incubation services
- Client leasing space is offered at below market rates
- 31,000 sq. ft. facility with easy dock-high delivery access, state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, first class office and production facilities, a coworking area, conference and training rooms, and more
- Offers consultation, coaching, coworking, business, and educational services; connects clients to programs, funding opportunities, and potential business partners; and provides entrepreneurial resources and research support

**Additional Information:** The West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center is a multi-use business incubator with a focus on cultivating a diverse mix of entrepreneurs, including those in the food, clean tech, manufacturing, and distribution industries. The mission of the WTAMU Enterprise Center is to apply the principles of business incubation as a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurial development in order to foster economic growth for Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle region.
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