

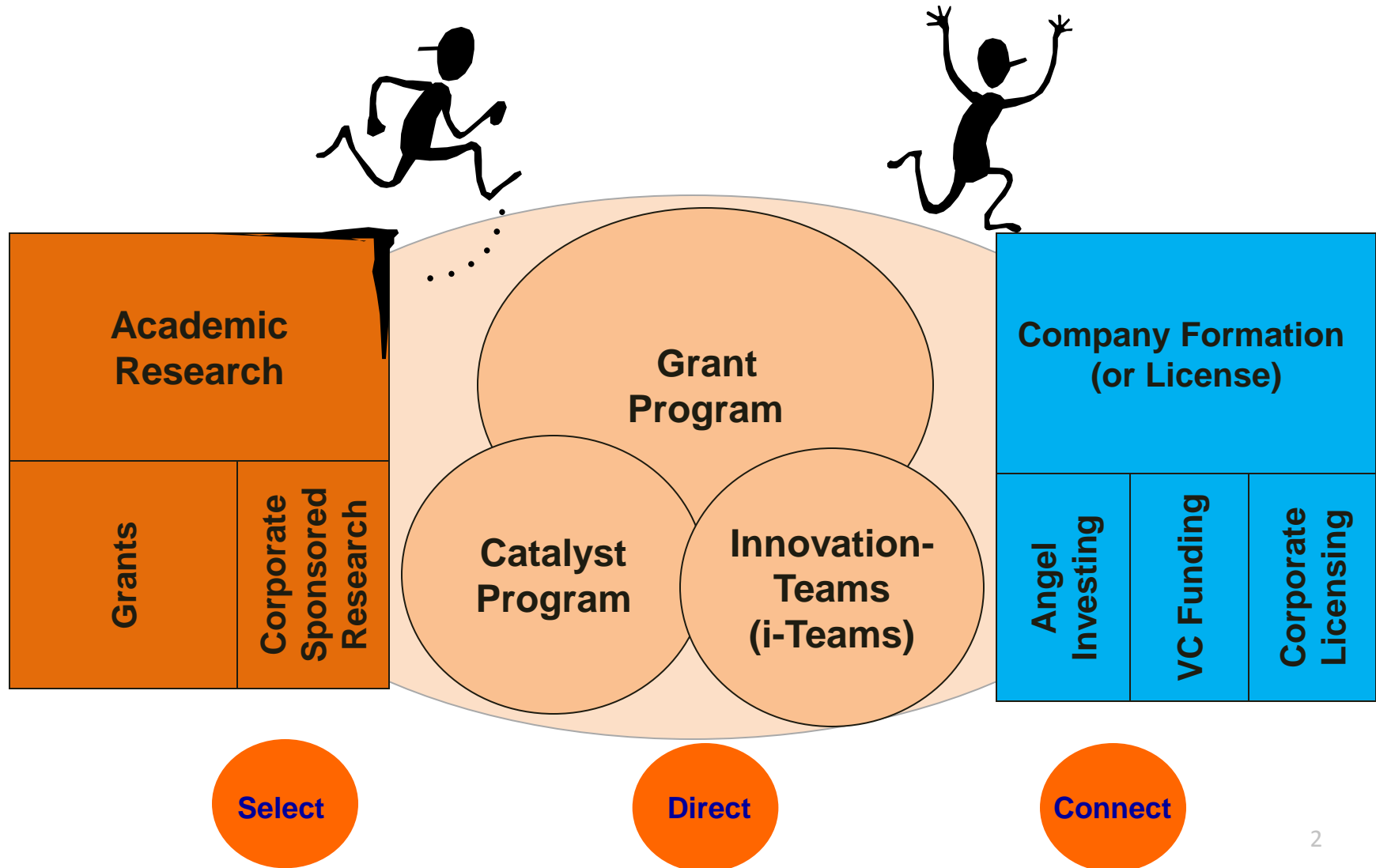
Build an Innovation Centre modeled after the Deshpande Center at MIT, but modified to suit the existing Singapore ecosystem

SMART Innovation Centre is:

Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology

- A user-friendly environment to promote faculty entrepreneurship
- Promotes product development from laboratory towards the marketplace
 - De-risk technology
 - Go-to-market strategy

Bridging The “Innovation Gap”: How We Address it...The “MIT-Deshpande” Way



Innovation Grant

The Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology

Innovation Grants



- Up to S\$250,000 Innovation Grant
- Up to S\$50,000 Ignition Grant

Call for Proposal

The Innovation Grant and support from the Innovation Centre will assist faculty and their research team to move their discovery from the laboratory toward the marketplace. The funding can be used to:

- (1) de-risk the technology by developing prototypes or conducting proof-of-concept experiments; and
- (2) determine a go-to-market strategy for the products or services being developed.

The end point of the grant funding should be a well defined business opportunity attractive to start-up company formation or licensing to a commercial firm. The primary Grant will be the Innovation Grant of up to S\$250,000. However, for projects deemed too early, where the go-to-market strategy is not clearly understood or the technology is very early, an Ignition Grant of up to S\$50,000 will be rewarded.

Submission Process

The proposal must be submitted electronically to innovationgrants@smart.mit.edu by 30 October 09, 5 pm, Singapore time. Grant application form is available at <http://web.mit.edu/smart/innovationgrants>. For inquiries about the grant program, contact Howard Califano at howard.califano@smart.mit.edu or visit us at <http://web.mit.edu/smart/innovationcentre> for more information.



Eligibility

- MIT faculty involved with SMART
- Researchers who are employees of SMART
- NUS, NTU and other researchers from Singapore institutions who collaborate on SMART programs.

Important Dates

15 Sep 2009 Grant Begins
30 Oct 2009 Grant Closes, 5 pm
30 Jan 2010 Award Grant



Innovation Centre
Inspired by the Deshpande Center at MIT

Student Explorer Grant

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APPLY
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- Turn your ideas into a business venture
- Receive up to \$50,000 funding

Do you have an exciting game or web application? Do you want to be an entrepreneur? The Explorer Grant will assist individual students or groups of students explore further development and commercialization of innovative games and web applications originated by them. The Explorer Grant will provide up to \$50,000 in funding to develop commercial prototypes, evaluate go-to-market strategies so that your game or web application can be licensed to an existing company or form the basis of a start-up company. The Explorer Grant recipients will also be provided with business expertise, guidance on intellectual property, and networking opportunities with the Singapore and international venture capital community.

Eligibility

- ☑ Full time undergraduate or graduate students at:
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Nanyang Technological University
 - National University of Singapore
 - Singapore Management University
 - Nanyang Polytechnic
 - Ngee Ann Polytechnic
 - Republic Polytechnic
 - Singapore Polytechnic
 - Temasek Polytechnic
- in some instances other Singapore Institutes and recent graduates can be considered.
- ☑ You must identify a faculty member at your institute to act as a Faculty Mentor.
- ☑ You can work in a student team or as an individual. If working as a team, a team leader must be identified. Teams from multiple universities can be formed.

Important Dates

14 September 2009	Grant Submission
30 October 2009	Grant Closes, 5 pm
30 January 2010	Award Grant

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SMART Catalyst Program

- Catalysts are selected from the local Singapore and international business community who have expertise working with emerging technology companies
- They are volunteers and involved in one or at most two Projects and will help the team develop a go-to-market strategy for the particular project
- You may wish to volunteer as a Catalyst. We have a selection process to match qualified catalysts with projects. Email your area of interest to howard.califano@smart.mit.edu.

Entrepreneur Education Programs

- i-Teams
 - Joint i-Team projects with one or more local partners (INSEAD, SMU, NUS). Each i-Team(s) will be assigned a project and will develop a “go-to-market” strategy
- Courses
 - Will develop educational programs to teach innovation and entrepreneurship to a broader community of faculty and students

Networking

- SMART Innovation Centre with links to Deshpande Center, provides excellent networking opportunities for inventors, researchers and entrepreneurs with the global entrepreneurial community
- Featured in Deshpande “IdeaStream Event” and “Open-House” in Boston in April and November each year
- Networking of selected Boston VC community with Singapore VC community to assure robust funding options for the potential companies spun out by the Innovation Centre
- “Convening Power” – The SMART Innovation Centre will build strong linkages with INSEAD, SMU, NUS, NTU, SIM to enhance the Singapore entrepreneurial environment

Join Our Community



Innovation Centre

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About us

The Innovation Centre operates under the Singapore MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART) and is funded by the National Research Foundation (NRF). Its programs and grants are available to all Universities and research centers in Singapore (including NUS, NTU, SMU, SMART Center, Polytechnics, etc).

Similar to the highly successful Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation at MIT, the SMART Innovation Centre identifies and nurtures a broad range of emerging technologies including but not limited to biotechnology, biomedical devices, information technology, new materials, tiny tech, and energy innovations) and will act as a catalyst to create a fertile environment for faculty and student entrepreneurship to grow; accelerate product development from the laboratory to the marketplace; increase connectivity between the Singapore and international entrepreneurial communities (including MIT Cambridge) to build global venture investment opportunities; and to provide entrepreneurial learning and mentoring initiatives.

Mission

Our mission is to nurture scientists and engineers so that their innovations can be accelerated to commercialization.

Programs

Visit us at <http://web.mit.edu/smart/innovationcentre/index.html>

Thank You



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