Southwest I-Corps is offering a regional NSF I-Corps program to facilitate the commercial evaluation of academic research and innovation, and develop eligible teams for the national NSF I-Corps program and a $50,000 I-Corps team grant. During the program, teams will be introduced to the fundamental I-Corps principles, helping teams explore the potential value of their research or innovation, and quickly and effectively validate their commercialization strategy.

ABOUT I-CORPS
NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps) enables teams of scientists, researchers and engineers to explore the commercial potential of their research or innovation. By learning how to assess commercialization opportunities, teams gain a better understanding of their market, customers, competitors and industry.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION
» Develop entrepreneurial skills
» Improve odds for commercial success
» Validate your business model
» Establish product-market fit
» Achieve eligibility to apply for $50,000 I-Corps team grant

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN
Teams will be introduced to the I-Corps approach, and learn about business model development and the customer development process. Teams will also spend time outside the building, talking to customers, partners and competitors, and testing hypotheses. At the conclusion of the program, teams will present their findings from the customer development process and receive real-time feedback from the I-Corps teaching team.

WHEN & WHERE
08.30 · Pre-Launch Workshop @ TBD
09.06 · Opening Workshop @ UNT’s Inspire Park (full day)
09.11 – 09.18 · Midterm Check-In & Office Hours (virtual)
09.27 · Closing Workshop @ UNT’s Inspire Park (full day)

All team members are expected to attend in-person classes and virtual office hours, and be working virtually on the dates in between (there are no in-person classes or webinars on those dates not listed above).

TEAM COMPOSITION
Students, faculty and staff interested in translating their innovation and research into commercial ventures are encouraged to apply.

Interested teams must meet the following criteria:
» At least two founding members per team
» Technical proficiency of research or innovation
» Right to practice intellectual property

LEARN MORE & APPLY
Interested teams must complete the online application at bit.ly/2yHZUGw. For more information, contact Weston Waldo at weston.waldo@ttu.edu.