The IMPACTT Program

Project Overview

Evansville, Indiana's Circular Venture Lab and the University of Evansville's Center for Innovation and Change (CIC) have partnered to create a new regional entrepreneurship program, IMPACTT – Technology Transfer for Impact Ventures.

Program participants will identify, research, and critically analyze technology inventions and patents available for license through universities and U.S. federal agencies.

Students will be encouraged to explore building an impact venture using energy, climate, or environment-based technology components.

Though specifically focused on technology transfer, the early entrepreneurship program has significant roles in economic, community, and manufacturing workforce development.

Team Members

Circular Venture Lab
Logan Jenkins, Executive Director
10 years experience in the clean energy ecosystem, 3 years experience in energy-focused economic development, and an exit via acquisition in advanced materials.

University of Evansville CIC
Erin Lewis, Executive Director
CIC leader since 2015, responsible for UE's annual High School Changemaker Challenges, and oversees the University's extensive ChangeLab programs.

Key Partner:
Evansville Regional Economic Partnership

Evansville, IN

Our Region

Evansville, Indiana is the blue-collar heart of a blue-collar region, located along miles of the Ohio River.

Manufacturing in our region, with a metropolitan population of 300,000, accounts for one in five jobs and contributes $22 billion in annual GDP. This represents 41% of the area's total economic activity, compared to just 8% nationally.

Lewis and UE team led efforts in securing a $30m 2023 Evansville Promise Neighborhood grant through the US Department of Education and garnered $32m in additional matching funds.

Initial efforts of the IMPACTT program will focus on students in 12 Evansville Promise Neighborhood census tracts and additional Evansville disadvantaged and underserved communities. Expansion across Indiana is planned for early 2025.

Project Timeline

Identify Stakeholders
Develop Curriculum & Outcomes
Community Engagement

IDEATE
Sept-Dec 2023

Industry Outreach & Marketing
Host 3 Initial Workshops/Classes
Secure First Partnerships

LAUNCH
Jan-Aug 2024

Data Analysis
Manufacturing Partnerships
Additional Classes & Virtual Options

GROW
Sept-Dec 2024

Expansion Across Indiana
Additional Funding Sources
Buildout Emerging Tech Center

EXPAND
2025-Beyond