Fiscal Year 2026

Northwestern Innovation Impact

Catalyzing the translation of Northwestern innovations to benefit the public and promote economic growth

309 Inventions Disclosed

A steady stream of new ideas

581 Patents Filed & 219 Patents Granted

Robust pipeline and strengthened IP portfolio.

286 Agreements

Translating innovation into commercial success.

18 Startups Launched with NU IP

Record year for startup formation at Northwestern.

$7.5M Licensing Revenue

Reinvesting in research, faculty and IP.

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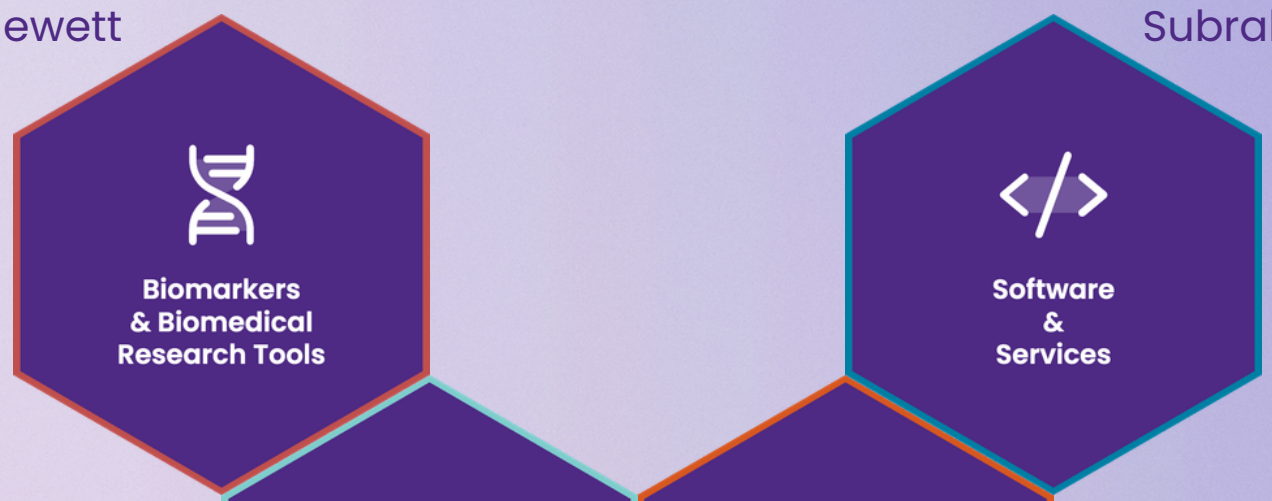
Record Year for Northwestern Startups

18 New Startups in Fiscal Year 2026

Atrellx
Prof. Teresa Woodruff

Decycle Biosystems
Prof. Michael Jewett

Strelos AI
Prof. V.S. Subrahmanian



Airway Optix
Prof. Claus-Peter Richter

AtomoAI
Prof. Mohamed Abazeed

3DMagnetics
Prof. David Dunand

7 Therapeutics
Prof. Irina Balyasnikova

Amino Cosmetic Peptides
Prof. Samuel Stupp

Combination Bio
Prof. Karl Scheidt

Epitope
Prof. Nathan Gianneschi

Evina Biosciences
Prof. Ping Yin

Gateway Therapeutics
Prof. Paul DeCaen

MicroMGx
Prof. Neil Kelleher

ElectroCeption
Prof. Matthew Grayson

Godwit Quantum Navigation
Profs. George Winstone & Selim Shahriar

INRTL LABS
Prof. Karan Ahuja

LeviSens
Prof. Andrew Geraci

Mineralize
Prof. Alessandro Rotta Loria

Fiscal Year 2026

A Year at INVO

MOMENTS THAT MOVED NORTHWESTERN'S INNOVATION FORWARD

FUNDING MILESTONE

Sibel Health Extends Series to $39M

Co-founded on research by Prof. John Rogers (McCormick) and Dr. Steve Xu (Feinberg), Sibel Health added strategic investors Maruho and Samsung Next to grow its clinical-grade wearable monitoring platform.
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ACQUISITION

NuCrypt Acquired by Quantum Computing Inc.

Co-founded by Prof. Prem Kumar (McCormick), NuCrypt was an early developer of commercial quantum communications technology. Its systems and patents now help anchor QCi's quantum communications business.
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DEFENSE CONTRACT

Numat Wins $23.7M Defense Contract

Built on metal-organic framework research by Prof. Omar Farha (Weinberg), Numat will deliver self-detoxifying chemical and biological protective suits to U.S. Special Operations Forces.
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PARTNERSHIP

Epicore and Gatorade Team Up at the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Built on research by Prof. John Rogers (McCormick), Epicore Biosystems deployed its wearable hydration technology with Gatorade at the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
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ACQUISITION

FalconX Acquires bloXroute

Founded on research from Prof. Aleksandar Kuzmanovic (McCormick), bloXroute was acquired by FalconX, a leading digital asset prime brokerage serving institutional investors.
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LICENSING DEAL

Biogen Licenses Vanqua Bio Drug in Deal Worth over $1B

Built on Dr. Dimitri Krainc's (Feinberg) research, Vanqua Bio granted Biogen worldwide rights to an oral drug candidate targeting inflammation, with $70M upfront and up to $990M in potential milestones.
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FUNDING MILESTONE

COUR Pharma Closes $50M Series B

Built on the work of Prof. Stephen Miller (Feinberg), COUR is developing nanoparticle therapies that retrain the immune system, starting with a Phase 2 trial in people recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.
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FEDERAL AWARD

Lilac Selected for $100M DOE Award

Founded by former Northwestern PhD student David Snydacker, Lilac will build its first commercial lithium facility on Utah's Great Salt Lake, returning brine to the lake without lowering water levels.
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SEED FUNDING

Amphix Bio Raises $12.5M in Seed Funding

Built on Prof. Samuel Stupp's (Weinberg) supramolecular therapeutic peptides, Amphix Bio will advance its experimental paralysis-reversing drug toward human trials.
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The Querrey InQbation Lab

NORTHWESTERN'S HUB FOR TRANSLATING RESEARCH-DRIVEN INNOVATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC

25 Startups at The Q

Accelerating breakthroughs to society.

160 Jobs Created by Q Companies

A springboard to catalyze economic growth and community opportunities.

$85.6M Raised by Q Startups

Funding focused on commercialization.

21 Unique Programs >1,000 Event Registrants

Seminars, workshops, conferences & showcases growing the Northwestern ecosystem.

$1.3M Proof of Concept Funds Awarded

Cross-campus collaboration with Northwestern Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Kellogg School of Management, Trienens Institute of Sustainability and Energy, and Farley Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

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