

JULY/AUGUST 2016 RESEARCH PARK ANNOUNCEMENTS

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UPCOMING RESEARCH PARK EVENTS

Wednesday, July 27, 4:30PM

Event: [Table Tennis Tournament](#)

Location: EnterpriseWorks

About the Event: Research Park employee/interns are invited to compete in one of three levels of players: beginner, intermediate, and experienced. Prizes will be awarded to winners of each category, and the winner will receive the Circulating Golden Paddle. Dinner will be provided only for participants. Spectators are more than welcome to join.

Sponsors: EnterpriseWorks, Research Park, Yahoo, John Deere Technology Innovation Center, Grainger Innovation Center, Fox/Atkins Development

Thursday, July 28, 4:30PM-6PM

Event: [Summer Picnic](#)

Location: Atkins Building Patio, 1800 S. Oak Street

About the Event: Join us for the Summer Picnic as we wrap up our summer together to celebrate the successful work of our Research Park interns. All Research Park employees and interns are encouraged to attend. Food and entertainment will be provided. We will present 5 outstanding students with awards at this event, and finalists will be honored as well.

Sponsor: Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

Friday, July 29, 5PM-7PM

Event: [Fire at Five Bonfire and Happy Hour](#)

Location: 2100 S. Oak Street, Champaign

About the Event: Help us celebrate the kickoff of the Summer 2016 Olympics in Rio. Bring the family to cool off with shaved ice from Kona Ice and participate in Olympic-themed relay races. Drinks will be provided.

Sponsor: Jump Labs, Fox/Atkins Development and Research Park

Tuesday, August 2, 4PM-6PM

Event: [iVenture Accelerator Campus Demo Event](#)

Location: EnterpriseWorks Atrium

About the Event: Come see our second cohort of University of Illinois student startups share their venture progress and impact — and provide your advice and connections. Presentations are followed by a reception and networking session.

Sponsor: Research Park, iVenture Accelerator, Entrepreneurship at Illinois

Thursday, August 4, 9:30AM-1PM

Event: [Research Park August Blood Drive](#)

Location: EnterpriseWorks Conference Room 130

About the Event: Reservations will be honored; walk-ins will be taken as space is available. Please reserve your time slot here:

<http://go.researchpark.illinois.edu/BloodDrive>

Why you should donate:

- More than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
- There is no substitute for human blood.
- Someone needs blood every two seconds.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate.

Sponsor: Research Park and Blood Services of Illinois

Friday, August 5, 12-1PM

Event: [Campus Research IT Update with John Towns](#)

Location: EnterpriseWorks Atrium

About the Event: John Towns, Deputy CIO for Research IT at the University of Illinois, will provide an update about campus IT infrastructure for Research Park companies. Companies are encouraged to attend to provide feedback and inquire about areas for improvement and further capabilities such as enhanced networking, access to clusters for computing, software agreements, testing new telecom networks or others. Scott Wilkin of NCSA will be on hand to provide examples of collaborations between companies at the Research Park and NCSA. Lunch will be served.

Sponsor: Research Park and NSCA

Friday, August 9, 5:30-7:30PM

Event: [CEO Roundtable](#)

Location: Big Grove Tavern

About the Event:

The University of Illinois Research Park hosts a CEO Roundtable for Champaign Urbana technology firms. This event is designed for local technology firm company leaders to network to discuss the development of their small businesses. The event features a networking dinner to exchange information, learn best practices, and discuss opportunities. It serves as a quarterly forum as an opportunity for peer-to-peer business dialogue among technology business leaders in Champaign County. The event is targeted for CEOs of Champaign-Urbana based high-tech companies with proprietary and scientific technologies. This event will take place on August 9. If you would like to join the group, please contact Laura Frerichs at lfrerich@illinois.edu.

Sponsor: Research Park

Thursday, August 18, 12-1PM

Event: [Wellness Series - Pet a Puppy](#)

Location: Outside of EnterpriseWorks entrance

About the Event: Tough day at the office? Come hang out with some awesome pups and let your stress melt away!

Sponsor: Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

Friday, August 19, 4:00AM-4:45PM

Event: [Wellness Series - Yoga at the Pond](#)

Location: 2100 South Oak Patio

About the event: Join us for a FREE yoga class for all levels. The class will be lead by certified yoga instructor, Jodi Adams. Jodi has been practicing yoga since 1991. No matter one's age or flexibility, she offers a practice to awaken strength, balance, and a mind/body connection. She recommends bringing your own yoga mat, as she will only have a few extras.

Sponsor: Research Park

Sunday, August 21, 12 – 4 PM

Event: [Research Park at Quad Day](#)

Location: University of Illinois Main Quad

About the Event: Research Park will once again have a booth at Quad Day! Come out to the University of Illinois Quad on August 21 between noon and 4pm to receive freebies and learn about internships, entrepreneurship, work opportunities, and resources offered. If your company would like to participate, please contact Dana (dfcohen2@illinois.edu).

Sponsor: Research Park

Thursday, August 25, 12PM-1PM

Event: [EIR Workshop: Diversity](#)

Location: EnterpriseWorks Conference Room 130

About the Event: Lori Patterson will be speaking about Diversity in the workplace, and why it matters – and not just for the reasons you think. Lunch will be served.

Sponsor: EnterpriseWorks

Friday, August 26, 5PM-7PM

Event: [Fire at Five Bonfire and Happy Hour](#)

Location: 2100 S. Oak Street, Champaign

About the Event: Join us for our Fire at Five Bonfire and Happy Hour summer event series. Drinks will be provided, and activities will be available for the whole family.

Sponsor: Fox/Atkins Development and Research Park

Wednesday, August 31, 11:30AM-1:30PM

Event: [AWARE Lunch Demo Day](#)

Location: EnterpriseWorks Atrium

About the event: Recipients of AWARE Seed Grants will be presenting their projects. All are welcome. AWARE encourages the participation of more women and underrepresented groups in the science and tech entrepreneurial ecosystem at UIUC.

Sponsor: Research Park and the TEC

Thursday, September 1, 5-7PM

Event: [TechMix!](#)

Location: Atkins Atrium

About the event: At this TechMix! event, you'll have the opportunity to tour the spaces of both the Caterpillar Data Innovation Lab & Grainger, Inc. TechMix! events are organized by the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation as a networking opportunity for local technology professionals and companies to meet each other. These events are targeted for engineers, scientists, and entrepreneurs working in the tech sector to learn more about other companies in the industry locally. Free to attend. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

Sponsors: Caterpillar Data Innovation Lab & Grainger, Inc.

SAVE THE DATE

[Big Data Summit](#)

The fourth annual Big Data Summit will take place on November 10, 2016 at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. Subscribe to our Big Data 2016 [mailing list](#) to stay up to date on speakers, panel subjects and more. Registration coming soon. If you are interested in speaking at the Big Data Summit, please contact Laura Bleill at lwbleill@illinois.edu.

[Student Open House](#)

On October 20, Research Park will host a technology open house for students at the University of Illinois to meet companies and see demonstrations of the technology that is being developed. If you are interested in participating as one of the locations students visit, please contact Dana Cohen at dfcohen2@illinois.edu.

[Research Park Coffee Booth](#)

Calling all CS and ECE students: Come visit the Research Park Booth in the Siebel Center Atrium, grab some coffee, pastries and learn how to jump start your career in tech at the Research Park. This event will take place at the Siebel Center on September 15 from 10am-12pm.

RESEARCH PARK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Research Park Employment Rises

Thank you to all the companies that participated in our recent census. We are pleased to announce that as of July 1, there are now 1,711 employees working in the University of Illinois Research Park, including 594 student interns. That is a nearly six percent increase over July 2016. Of the students working in the park, 57 percent are undergraduates and 43 percent are graduate students. There are now more than 100 companies located in the Research Park.

Research Park Wellness Series

Did you know that 80% of employees at companies with health and wellness programs feel engaged and cared for by their employers? We at Research Park want you to know that we care about you. Therefore we are implementing our own Wellness program series which kicked off with Yoga at the Pond which will continue every third Friday of the month at the patio of 2100 S. Oak St. We are continuing the trend with our Pet-a-Puppy event on Thursday, Aug. 18 at EnterpriseWorks where you can spend some time with certified Therapy dogs. As we brainstorm more programs for this series we want to know what will help you destress, re-energize and connect with others. Please contact Event Coordinator, Dana Cohen at dfcohen2@illinois.edu with any ideas you may have.

CU Farmers Continues

CU Farmers, a multi-farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), is selling products to University of Illinois Research Park members through an online ordering system. The local farms involved in the CSA include Blue Moon Farm, Bane Family Meats and Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery. Visit www.cufarmers.com to shop online between Friday morning and Monday morning, then pick up your order the following Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. For weekly reminders to visit the shop, sign up for the CU Farmers mailing list [here](#). For more information, visit www.cufarmers.com. All questions should be directed to bluemoonfarmurbana@gmail.com.

Food Trucks at Research Park

Multiple food trucks are serving in various Research Park lots throughout the week. For the updated schedule, check [here](#) regularly.

RESEARCH PARK JOB BOARD

Interested in working at the Research Park? Check out our [Job Board](#) for available full-time, part-time, and internship positions. New openings are added regularly.

RESEARCH PARK IN THE NEWS

Wired In Spotlight on Julian Sanchez from John Deere Technology Innovation Center

The [News Gazette](#) highlighted Julian Sanchez of John Deere in the Wired In column this week. Julian helped develop the MowerPlus smartphone app that records your mow, your path and your speed. Sanchez and his colleagues were inspired by Fitbit's ability to track data for personal health. He attributes much of the success to his student interns, saying "The students bring energy, creativity and sometimes a useful naive perspective. They haven't been trained yet to see complexity. They're able to solve problems for you very quickly early on."

Amber Agriculture Student Startup Featured on Big Ten Network Website

The Big Ten Network highlighted the work and progress made by Amber Ag, a participant in the [I-Venture Accelerator Program](#). Amber Ag was the 2016 [Cozad](#) Grand Prize winner and brought home over \$30,000 in award funds. To read the full story, visit [BTN.com](#).

Fox News Champaign Features the iVenture Accelerator Program

Fox News (WCCU) took some time this past week to sit down with students participating in the [I-Venture Accelerator Program](#). The student teams, who are a select few (only 12 teams of the 44 applicants are accepted), discussed how they are doing it to make a difference in the world, not just to improve their resumés. Watch the Fox News feature [here](#).

Adam Tilton Named to Crain's Chicago Business #Tech50

[Crain's Chicago Business](#) recently announced their sixth iteration of their Tech 50 list, and Adam Tilton is one of them. Adam Tilton is the co-founder and CEO of [Rithmio](#). Started here at the University of Illinois, Rithmio is an EnterpriseWorks graduate.

Wired In Spotlight on Stephen Cheng of ExoWear

Stephen Cheng, co-founder of [ExoWear](#), was featured as a high-tech difference maker. ExoWear is part of the iVenture program. Read more [here](#)

City of Champaign Shows Support for Mixed Use Project

The Champaign City Council has agreed to give preliminary approval to at an additional \$500,000 to an incentive agreement now up to \$3.5 million. The incentives to Research Park are in the form of tax breaks over a 15 year period. The new [mixed use project](#) by Fox/Atkins Development will be located between the I-Hotel Conference Center and the Yahoo! Building.

Veriflow Systems Raises \$8.2 Million

Veriflow Systems, an EnterpriseWorks tenant, has announced that [they have raised \\$8.2 million](#) in Series A funding. The fundraising effort was led by Menlo Ventures, and follows the nearly \$3 million effort in April.

IntelliWheels' Josh George Named to 2016 Rio-bound Team USA

On Sunday, July 3, [Josh George](#) was named as one of the Paralympians to represent Team USA in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Josh George is the Product Manager for [IntelliWheels](#), an EnterpriseWorks tenant.

iVenture Startup Tweetsense Featured on WCIA

WCIA's *The Morning Show* on June 30 called [Tweetsense](#) the 'app that "knows" what social media users think.' In a [four minute segment](#), the two Illinois undergraduate students explain what the app is, what it does, and the innovation it brings to the table.

AbbVie Innovation Center Participate in "Week of Possibilities"

More than 5,500 AbbVie employees in over 50 countries participated in their company's "Week of Possibilities." The AbbVie Innovation Center here at Research Park volunteered at the Champaign I.D.E.A. Store.

Agrible's Sustainability Efforts Praised in ChicagoInno Article

[Agrible](#), Research Park's fastest growing company, was featured in [ChicagoInno](#) for their successful [Sustainable Sourcing Yield Program](#).

Wired In Spotlight on Bill Boulanger of Obiter Research

Bill Boulanger, founder of [Obiter Research](#), was featured as a high-tech difference maker. Obiter Research is an early EnterpriseWorks graduate. Read more [here](#).

Research Park and Affiliates Named Best of Tech in Smile Politely

Research Park, EnterpriseWorks graduate [Agrible](#), EIR [Lori Patterson](#), and EnterpriseWorks affiliate [SNOOZ](#) were highlighted in [Smile Politely's BEST Tech 2016 article](#).

Zero Percent Wins Best Social Impact Startup

[Zero Percent](#), a startup graduate from EnterpriseWorks, won the [2016 Moxie Award](#) as Best Social Impact Startup on June 16. Awards are presented to 14 of Chicago's most innovative digital tech companies.

Quicket Solutions Develops Faster Ticket Technology

[Quicket Solutions](#), an EnterpriseWorks tenant, has created a new technology to improve ticket writing for police officers by writing and transmitting the tickets electronically through an application. Read more [here](#).

PhotoniCare featured in MedReps

PhotoniCare, an EnterpriseWorks tenant, was featured as a medical device company that needs to be known after winning the 2016 Center for Integration of Medicine & Innovative Technology CRAASH prize for Excellence in Innovation. Read more [here](#).

Wired In Spotlight on Lucas Frye of Amber Agriculture

Lucas Frye, CEO of [Amber Agriculture](#), was spotlighted by the News Gazette as a high tech difference maker. Amber Agriculture, a company that helps farmers better manage their crops post-harvest, is the winner of the 2016 Cozad New Venture Challenge. Read more [here](#).

Tiesta Tea's Impressive Growth Featured in Crain's Chicago Business

[Tiesta Tea](#), a 2011 EnterpriseWorks graduate, was featured in Crain's Chicago Business telling the story of the company's journey. Read more [here](#).

Serra Ventures and TrackBill Deal Featured in Several News Outlets

Of the nearly \$1.4 million raised by [TrackBill](#), [Serra Ventures](#) has contributed \$400,000. Both companies are EnterpriseWorks graduates. Read more [here](#).

Wired In Spotlight on Alexander Scheeline of SpectroClick

Alexander Scheeline, President of [SpectroClick, Inc.](#), was spotlighted by the News Gazette as a high tech difference maker. SpectroClick is a tenant of the EnterpriseWorks that makes educational tools and a handheld instrument that identifies different chemicals. Read more [here](#).

Steve Wolfram Toured EnterpriseWorks

Steven Wolfram, founder and CEO of [Wolfram Research](#), toured the EnterpriseWorks building on June 10. Wolfram's story is also a prominent example of taking an idea, creating a startup, and growing it into a world-class company.

Soil Diagnostics Featured on Will's "The 21st"

[SoIL Diagnostics, Inc.](#), an EnterpriseWorks affiliate, was featured on WILL-AM's "The 21st" with Niala Boodhoo on June 10. The program included a panel discussion on solving nitrate runoff issues in soil, a problem which SoIL Diagnostics, Inc. is helping solve. Read more [here](#).

Pixo CEO Highlights Time as Research Park EIR

Lori Gold Patterson, the CEO of [Pixo](#), was honored as Parkland College's Entrepreneur of the Year. Patterson serves as an EIR at Research Park - a role she believes is one of her favorites - a role where she can make an impact on future leaders. Read more [here](#).

EnterpriseWorks startups featured at Illinois Entrepreneur Showcase

Network Perception, AE Machines, and Embedor Technologies participated in the Illinois Entrepreneur Showcase: Innovation & Technology on June 14 in Chicago. The event, hosted by State of Illinois Chief Information Officer Hardik Bhatt in coordination with 1871 provides a forum for up-and-coming companies to pitch to an all-star panel of leaders in business and technology. Read more [here](#).

CAMPUS EVENTS OF INTEREST

August-December

Event: Illinois Business Career Services

Location: Champaign, IL

About the Event: ILLINOIS Business Career Services is now accepting registrations for Fall 2016 Student Engagement Opportunities. This includes the career fair, on-campus interviews, skills development programs, etc.

Sponsor: Business Career Services

Wednesday & Thursday, September 7-8, 12-6PM

Event: [Engineering Career Fair](#)

Location: Activities and Recreation Center (ARC)

About the event: See <http://ecs.engineering.illinois.edu/recruiting-students/career-fairs/> for information.

Sponsor: Engineering Career Services

Thursday, October 6, 1:30-6PM

Event: ACES & Sciences Career Fair 2016

Location: Activities and Recreation Center, 201 E Peabody, Champaign, IL 61821

About the Event: Register today via I-Link at <https://i-link-illinois-csm.symlicity.com/employers> (click on 'Events' and then 'Career Fairs')

Please check out ACES & Sciences Fall 2016 Career Fair details at <http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/content/aces-and-sciences-career-fair>

Questions regarding the ACES & Sciences Career Fair, please email Jean Drasgow at jdrasgow@illinois.edu or Patricia Simpson at plblum@illinois.edu or call [217-333-0981](tel:217-333-0981) or 217-33-1050.

Sponsor: College of ACES & Sciences

LOCAL/REGIONAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

3rd Annual Health Care Engineering Systems Symposium September 9

Friday, September 9, 2016, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center, Auditorium B

1306 N Berkeley Ave. Peoria, IL. 61603

- Opportunity for Life Science Researchers, Engineers, and Clinicians to meet and form collaborative alliances.
- Opportunity to tour Jump Simulation and Education Center and the new ARCHES premises.
- Transportation will be provided from Champaign to Peoria and back.

[REGISTER](#) to participate by July 31, 2016

Info Ag Conference, August 2-4, St. Louis

For more than 20 years, InfoAg has been the leading event in precision agriculture. In 2016, InfoAg and will be held in conjunction with the 13th International Conference on Precision Agriculture. ICPA focuses on science and research in precision agriculture and is attended primarily by academics and scientists from all around the world. In holding both conferences together we hope to bring together both audiences to gain a new perspective on precision agriculture. For more information, click [here](#).

UASCI Presents UAS Tech Forum September 7-8, Oklahoma City

This event will be a convergence of entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, tech transfer professionals, economic development officials and other service providers in the Unmanned Aerial Systems industry and will feature tech presentations, valuable networking with attendees and exhibitors, potential investment opportunities, thought-provoking panel discussions and relevant keynote speakers.

Ag Innovation Showcase, September 12-14, St. Louis

Since 2009, the Ag Innovation Showcase has engaged an international audience of the most influential Ag industry executives, investors, innovators and policy makers in an effort to unearth solutions to global issues in food safety and security. The Showcase encourages the convergence of diverse technology solutions around platforms that help

bring the industry to the next level of productivity and sustainability. For more information, click [here](#).

Strange Loop, Sept. 15-17, St. Louis

Strange Loop is a multi-disciplinary conference that brings together the developers and thinkers building tomorrow's technology in fields such as emerging languages, alternative databases, concurrency, distributed systems, security, and the web. For more information, click [here](#).

Pygmalion Tech, September 16-24, Champaign

The Pygmalion Festival is an independently produced, multi-faceted, week-long celebration of culture. From its humble beginnings in 2005, and over the span of a decade plus, the festival has always remained true to its mission: showcase the best of what's out there, alongside the best of what's here. Join us for the second year of Pygmalion Tech. More information will be available [here](#).

Sensors Midwest, Sept. 27-28, Chicago

Join thousands of engineers, engineering professionals, and scientists for Sensors Midwest, a 2-day event, taking place September 27-28, 2016 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL, that will feature education, networking, and a packed Expo Floor with an anticipated 65+ exhibitors showcasing their latest sensing technology and products. More information click [here](#).

IoT Summit, November 9-10, Chicago

In its fourth year, the IoT Summit Chicago, brought to you by ITA, and featuring the First Analysis Capital Conference, is a convergence of IoT thought leadership and investor engagement. This year's summit aims to explore some of the most timely issues, such as data ownership, governance and nuances found in vertical IoT markets, while simultaneously showcasing local IoT companies, attracting investors and capital to the region. For more information, click [here](#).

SBIR and STTR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Experienced SBIR professionals have all been contracted by EnterpriseWorks to assist companies with SBIR and STTR applications with free consulting services to East Central Illinois applicants. Request technical assistance [here](#). The following agencies have open solicitations:

USDA SBIR 2017: Release date 07/14/2016, Due date 10/06/2016

HHS Funding Opportunities are ongoing. Click [here](#).

The following agencies have upcoming releases of solicitations:

NASA SBIR: Release date 11/08/2016, Due Date 01/16/2017