

## JUNE 2016 RESEARCH PARK ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### UPCOMING RESEARCH PARK EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 14, 12PM-1PM**

**Event:** [Intern Professional Development Workshop Series: Professional Communication](#)

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks atrium

**About the Event:** Join interns from across Research Park for our intern summer workshop series. Darcy Sementi will guide interns through the Do's and Don't's of professional etiquette in the workplace. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. Lunch is first come, first served.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

**Thursday, June 16, 5-6:30PM**

**Event:** [Research Park Intern Mixer](#)

**Location:** Houlihans, 1902 S 1st St, Champaign

**About the Event:** Come on out to meet and network with interns from around Research Park! Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages on us. Hope to see you all there!

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

**Tuesday, June 21, 12PM-1PM**

**Event:** [Intern Professional Development Workshop Series: Leadership](#)

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks Atrium

**About the Event:** Join interns from across Research Park for our intern summer workshop series. Jeff Yacup will be speaking. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. Lunch is first come, first served.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

**Friday, June 24, 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. Check back regularly for event updates.

**Sponsor:** Fox/Atkins Development and Research Park

**Tuesday, June 28, 12PM-1PM**

**Event: [Intern Professional Development Workshop Series: Networking in Social Situations](#)**

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks Atrium

**About the Event:** Join interns from across Research Park for our intern summer workshop series. Elizabeth Chominski will share useful tips about networking and effectively building your personal brand. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. Lunch is first come, first served.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

**Thursday, June 30, 5PM-7PM**

**Event: [TechMix!](#)**

**Location:** Capital One Illinois Digital Campus Lab (at University of Illinois Research Park) 2100 S. Oak Street Champaign

**About the Event:** 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.

**Sponsor:** Capital One and Champaign County Economic Development Corporation

**Friday, July 8, 6:30PM**

**Event: [Outside at Research Park with Las Cafeteras and Bone Jugs](#)**

**Location:** Research Park (the big field between Caterpillar and Atkins Buildings)

**About the Event:** It's the concert event of the year! Join your colleagues and have a picnic. Food and drink will also be for sale. **6:30pm:** A local favorite, Bones Jugs kicks off the evening of great music. Bones, jug, xylophone, kazoos, resonator guitar, upright bass, trap kit, horns, and all sorts of noise makers. These are just some of the instruments Bones Jugs use to conjure up their eclectic acoustic sound. **7:30pm:** A remix of traditional Son Jarocho sounds, Las Cafeteras add Afro-Caribbean marimbol and cajón, poetry in English and Spanglish, and instruments like jarana, requinto, a donkey jawbone and a wooden platform called the Tarima.

Admission is free.

**Sponsor:** Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, Fox/Atkins Development, Research Park

**Tuesday, July 12, 12PM-1PM**

**Event: [Intern Professional Development Workshop Series: Professional Etiquette](#)**

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks Atrium

**About the Event:** Join interns from across Research Park for our intern summer workshop series. Patricia Simpson & Kathryn Kennealy will share tips about the appropriate attire, manners, presenting yourself, cultural awareness, etc. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. Lunch is first come, first served.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

**Thursday, July 14, 12PM-1PM**

**Event: [EIR Workshop: Business Idea Validation](#)**

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks Atrium

**About the Event:** Join us as Harlee Sorkin, EIR and instructor at our I-Corps Site, will provide an introduction to the business model canvas and how you can use it as a tool to define your business model. We'll discuss how to discover your unique value proposition and then pair it with a specific customer segment in order to define your product offering. In addition, we'll discuss practical strategies for customer engagement.

**Sponsor:** EnterpriseWorks

### **Tuesday, July 19, 12PM-1PM**

**Event:** [Intern Professional Development Workshop Series: Financial Literacy](#)

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks Atrium

**About the Event:** Join interns from across Research Park for our intern summer workshop series. Susan Toalson of the University of Illinois Community Credit Union will be speaking on financial literacy and credit scores. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. Lunch is first come, first served.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

### **Tuesday, July 26, 12PM-1PM**

**Event:** [Intern Professional Development Workshop Series: Negotiation](#)

**Location:** EnterpriseWorks Atrium

**About the Event:** Join Interns from across Research Park for our final Intern summer workshop series with Prof. Jeffrey Loewenstein from the College of Business. He will provide an in-depth look into tactics and methods for your next Negotiation. We will start serving lunch at 11:45am and will stop promptly at 12pm to start the program. Lunch is first come, first served.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

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

**Event:** [End of Summer Picnic and Intern Awards Presentation](#)

**Location:** Atkins Building Patio, 1800 S. Oak Street

**About the Event:** At the end of every summer, we celebrate with our annual **Research Park Outstanding Intern Recognition Awards** for student employees working for companies in the Research Park. We will honor 5 outstanding students with awards in the following categories: **Best Entrepreneurial Leadership in a Startup, Most Advanced Marketing/Business Development, Best Technological Innovation, Most Valuable Undergraduate, and Most Valuable Graduate student employee.** The nomination form is now live: <http://go.researchpark.illinois.edu/Nomination>.

**Sponsor:** Research Park and EnterpriseWorks

### **Friday, July 29, 5PM-7PM**

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

**Location:** 2100 S. Oak Street, Champaign

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### Nominate Your Outstanding Research Park Interns

The nomination form for the annual Research Park intern awards is now open, and will close on July 7. The End of Summer picnic will take place on Thursday, July 28. The form can be found at <http://go.researchpark.illinois.edu/Nomination>.

### Research Park Softball League Deadline Approaching

Join us for the annual Research Park Softball League! Anyone who works in the Research Park is eligible to play. Companies can sign up an entire team or individuals/groups can be placed on another team. The deadline is Tuesday June 7 to sign up, with games starting on Monday June 13.

<http://goo.gl/forms/IYGAC1VsHXU19R2d2> Thank you to Brandon Dohman of the Bud Lab for being our softball league coordinator for 2016. Contact Brandon at [Brandon.Dohman@ab-inbev.com](mailto:Brandon.Dohman@ab-inbev.com) for more information.

### Farmers Market In Research Park – Order by Monday, Pick up on Wednesday. EAT LOCAL!

CU Farmers, a multi-farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), is selling products to University of Illinois Research Park employees through an online ordering system. The local farms involved in the CSA include Blue Moon Farm, Bane Family Meats and Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery. Get fresh produce, cheese, and meats right outside your door!

How it works:

1. Visit [www.cufarmers.com](http://www.cufarmers.com)
2. Click the “Shop” button in the menu bar between Friday morning at 8am and Monday evening at 8am each week (the store is only visible during this time)
3. Select the items and quantities you would like
4. Click “Checkout” to review and submit your order
5. Pick up your order in the Ameren building (2100 S Oak Street) at Research Park the following Wednesday from 4-6pm
6. Pay for your order at pickup

For weekly reminders to visit the shop, sign up for the CU Farmers mailing list [here](#). For more information, visit [www.cufarmers.com](http://www.cufarmers.com). All questions should be directed to [bluemoonfarmurbana@gmail.com](mailto:bluemoonfarmurbana@gmail.com).

### Software and Data Analytics Programming Courses in Research Park

Research Park is partnering with [Computational Science and Engineering at NCSA](#) to have one-day format for software courses for skill development this summer. These courses are available on a first-come first-serve to Research Park employees and interns, but will require some pre-requisite skills for enrollment confirmation. Participants can enroll in these non-credit courses as one-day modules or for the 3 day series. All sessions will take place at EnterpriseWorks Conference Room 130 and will include lunch and refreshments. Participants must bring their own laptop. **June 8** will be [Software/Data Carpentry](#), a computational skills course for researchers without

coding backgrounds. **June 9** will be one-day course Introduction to [Python](#), a widely used high-level, dynamic programming language to develop enable clear programs. **June 10** will be a course Introduction to [R](#), a free programming software for statistical computing and graphics widely used by statisticians and data miners for data analysis. Registration is \$75 to attend a full day course or \$150 to attend all three days. Formal registration starts soon, Paul Wagner at the Research Park is coordinating, [pwagnr@uillinois.edu](mailto:pwagnr@uillinois.edu), please contact him with interest and questions.

### **Research Park Blood Drive Results, Mark Your Calendar for the Next Drive**

Thanks to the Research Park blood donors, Community Blood Services of Illinois was able to collect 23 pints of lifesaving blood. The drive exceeded its goal by 3 pints of blood, and many first time donors came out in support. Several people were unable to donate because of new restrictions regarding travel to areas where Zika is present. The next scheduled drive is Thursday, August 4, 2016. Summer blood drives are especially important since blood donations typically drop by 20% between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

### **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 for 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**

### **iVenture Accelerator Returning to Research Park**

The iVenture Accelerator, year-long program that gives student startups up to \$10,000 in funding, was recently cited in ChicagoInno. Read more [here](#).

### **Wired In Spotlight on Lucas Smith of BioAnalytics**

BioAnalytics Inc. is an affiliate of the EnterpriseWorks startup incubator. The CEO Lucas Smith was featured as a high-tech difference maker. Read more [here](#).

### **Wired In Spotlight on Tim Hoerr of Serra Ventures**

Serra Ventures is a Research Park tenant that offers professional advisory services in business strategy, capital formation, business development and organization development. The CEO Time Hoerr was features as a high-tech difference maker. Read more [here](#).

### **UIUC Research Park Hosts Young Entrepreneurship Program**

Illinois's Research Park hosted the YEP EXPO. The program provides students the chance to develop their own startup company. Read more [here](#).

### **Article on Immigrant Entrepreneurs References EnterpriseWorks Graduate**

ChicagoInno highlighted EnterpriseWorks graduate Zero Percent, and other new companies that are affected by the fluctuation US immigration policy. Read more [here](#).

### **Champaign-Urbana Named one of Top Cities for College Grads**

AIER ranked the top cities and towns in America based on attractiveness for young college graduates. Champaign-Urbana earned the #4 spot in terms of its size. Read more [here](#).

### **Serra Ventures Featured in Chicago Tribune**

Serra Ventures, a Research Park tenant, hopes to invest in 40-50 information technology, medical devices and agricultural tech companies. Read more [here](#).

### **EnterpriseWorks Graduate Rithmio Highlighted in ChicagoInno**

ChicagoInno announced the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign as the leading Big 10 school with the most entrepreneur-alums in Chicago. Adam Tilton, founder of Rithmio (an EnterpriseWorks graduate), was mentioned as a local founder. Rithmio is a platform for gesture recognition. Read more [here](#).

### **Wired In Spotlight on Robin Berthier of Network Perception**

Network Perception, affiliate of EnterpriseWorks startup incubator, designs and develops software solutions to automatically audit the security and compliance of critical networks. The president was featured as a high-tech difference maker. Read more [here](#).

### **ISTC Corporate Startup Challenge Press Conference and Program Report**

The Illinois Corporate-Startup Challenge creates a bridge between the major corporations to Illinois startup companies. Read the report on corporate startup matchmaking efforts from ISTC, which includes startups from EnterpriseWorks, including Veriflow working with ADM and Xerion work with Molex. Other Research Park corporate participation included Caterpillar, John Deere, State Farm, and ADM. [Report](#).

## **CAMPUS EVENTS OF INTEREST**

### **June 21-22, 2016, 9AM-6PM**

**Event:** **Storytelling with Data**

**Location:** Greg Hall Lab 31: 810 South Wright St., Urbana

**About the event:** This workshop is intended to **help industry professionals leverage data** in a way that informs their organization's audience, persuades readers, and gives them a leg up on the competition. The program utilizes keynotes, panels, and hands-on learning experiences to help professionals learn the necessary tools to analyze, clean, and shape data into a compelling story. For more information, click [here](#). For the registration link, click [here](#).

**Sponsor:** College of Media

### **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. See the link below for an attachment with the complete calendar and registration links.

**Sponsor:** Business Career Services

**October 6, 1:30-6PM**

**Event: ACES & Sciences Career Fair 2016**

**Location:** Activities and Recreation Center, 201 E Peabody, Champaign

**About the event:** Register today via I-Link at <https://i-link-illinois-csm.symphlicity.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](mailto:jdrasgow@illinois.edu) or Patricia Simpson at [plblum@illinois.edu](mailto:plblum@illinois.edu) or call [217-333-0981](tel:217-333-0981) or 217-33-1050.

**Sponsor:** College of ACES

## LOCAL/REGIONAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Follow the Farmstead, June 11, Urbana**

Join us for Follow the Farmstead on June 11 from 9am-2pm. The second annual event will connect consumers to the farms that sustain us—locally and nationally. Participating farms & facilities include: Agrible, Inc (right here in Research Park!), Autumn Berry Inspired and Green Island Farm Collective, Barnhart Prairie Restoration, Birkley's Farm Store, Pheasant Ridge Farms, and the University of Illinois Beef Farm. Admission is free. For more information, click [here](#).

**PTAC Services June hours, June 14 & 15, Champaign**

Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) are resources for small businesses looking to enter the world of government contracting. The centers provide one-on-one counseling, technical information, marketing assistance and training to existing businesses interested in selling their goods and services to local, state, and/or federal government agencies. The June hours include:

-Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: 11 am – 5 pm

-Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: 8 am – 1 pm

To make an appointment, email [ptac@cusbdc.org](mailto:ptac@cusbdc.org) or call [217-378-8535](tel:217-378-8535).

**Midwest Island Port Tour, June 15, Decatur**

You are invited to tour the 280-acre freight shipping and receiving facility at the ADM James R. Randall Research Center in Decatur. A bus will depart Champaign at 8:45AM and return at approximately 4PM. This event is free to attend and is sponsored by the Illinois Small Business Development Center. More info, or to RSVP, contact [carly@champaigncountyedc.org](mailto:carly@champaigncountyedc.org).

**“Start with Security” Conference, June 15, Chicago**

The FTC is hosting its next [Start with Security](#) conference at [Northwestern Pritzker School of Law](#). The event is co-sponsored by the law school. During this one-day event, the FTC will bring together experts who will provide businesses with practical tips and strategies for implementing effective data security. Panelists will include individuals who have helped build and run the security programs at large-scale enterprises and rapid-growth startups in Chicago, like McDonald's, United Airlines, Microsoft, Braintree, and Groupon. FTC Commissioner Maureen Ohlhausen will provide opening remarks. Check out the [agenda](#) and [press release](#). The event will be free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided by Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

### **Techweek Chicago, June 20-26**

The biggest tech conference of the year in Chicago. <http://techweek.com/chicago/>  
Compete in the startup competition, which provides great exposure, easy submission: <http://techweek.com/compete-in-our-startup-competition/>

### **TiE Midwest**

The Networking and Panel discussion event titled "Entrepreneurship in Chicago" will be held at 1871, on June 29th (6.00pm). They expect to have 75-80 entrepreneurs, VCs, and corporate executives.

Details are here <http://midwest.tie.org/event/entrepreneurship-in-chicago-gloom-doom-or-boom/>

### **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](#).

### **FUND Conference, September 27-29, Chicago**

The Midwest's Deal Conference, bringing thought leadership to Chicago to bridge the



gap between early stage investors and growing companies. For more information:  
<https://www.fundconference.com/>

## **LOCAL TECH MEETUPS**

### **CU Coffeeshop Coders**

Do you love to write code? Have a pet project that you've been itching to work on? Want to meet other programmers outside your normal environment? So do we! Whether you are a seasoned developer looking for a place to work on side projects, or diving into your first app, it doesn't matter. Bring your laptop, an open mind, and come have fun. This meetup repeats every week on Thursday. The next event is Coding Thursday, Thu Jun 9, 6:00 PM at Flying Machine Coffee in Urbana.

### **Py-CU**

We are a bunch of people who want to get together to learn, teach, share and discuss all things related to the Python programming language and other programming topics. We love Python but we also love coding languages in general. More info:  
<http://www.meetup.com/Python-CU/> next meetup is Saturday, June 11, 2016, Makerspace Urbana (in the basement of the Independent Media Center). For more events at that location, check <https://makerspaceurbana.org/>

### **Agile / Scrum Special Interest Group**

The Agile approach to product delivery and project management has become widespread. The amount of resources dedicated to the topic are virtually limitless. But there is, by definition, always room for refinement. It doesn't matter if you just have an interest, are a seasoned veteran or even have your name on the Agile Manifesto. For more information contact Wes Cravens at [wcravens@moxigen.com](mailto:wcravens@moxigen.com).

### **UX Book Club of Champaign**

Fostering knowledge sharing and networking among area designers and developers interested in user experience, information architecture, web design, mobile design, usability, content strategy, research, wire-framing, and prototyping.

<http://www.meetup.com/uxchambana/>. The next event is the UX Lunch Club on 7/21/16 at 12:00 PM at Digital Computer Lab L410, 1304 W. Springfield, Urbana.

## **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](#).

For information on open solicitations, visit <https://www.sbir.gov/solicitation-listing/open>.