LAND-GRAnt MISSION MEETS INNOVATION AGE
As UGA's campus of the future, the Innovation District will include an integrated set of facilities offering a broad range of spaces and amenities designed to inspire collaboration, discovery, innovation, and entrepreneurship, ultimately making the University a more powerful driver of economic development in Georgia.

The District will be a hub for University startups and research commercialization, a place where bright ideas become new products and business ventures that benefit communities across the state. The District will also make it easier for industry partners to collaborate with our talented faculty and students to solve business problems and foster innovation in areas such as biotechnology, new materials, and precision agriculture.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
The District will encompass multiple parcels of University land at the interface of historic North Campus and Downtown Athens, on and around Broad and Oconee Streets. This location will anchor the District within the technology-based economy and creative culture of Athens, while promoting a vibrant live/work/learn/play environment.

BEST-IN-CLASS INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE
Over time, the fully developed District will provide:
• customized office space for industry tenants who want deeper collaboration with UGA
• startup space for faculty, student, and alumni entrepreneurs
• coworking space to promote collaboration and big-sky thinking
• flexible space for entrepreneurship training and education, pitch competitions, hackathons, and community events
• multi-use greenspace for outdoor events and activities

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
As the first phase of the District, a building on West Broad Street is under renovation to support the University’s booming student entrepreneurship program. This space will open in March 2019.

The next phase will feature a startup incubator for faculty and alumni entrepreneurs as well as offices for industry partners who want deeper collaboration with UGA faculty and students. A building on Spring and South streets is being studied for renovation to activate this phase.

A process is underway to develop a 15-year, phased masterplan for the long-term development of the District. The plan, which is expected to be completed by fall 2019, will provide a strategic framework for financing, operating, and developing the next phases of the District.

“...The future success of this institution—and of all public land-grant universities, for that matter—lies in its ability to find solutions to pressing challenges; to develop new ways of thinking and doing; and to support the jobs, companies and industries of the 21st century...”

—Jere W. Morehead, President

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