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**The History of Texas' Startup Ecosystem**

In collaboration with Hungarian-American Chamber of Commerce in Texas: [hacctx.org](http://hacctx.org)

# Austin

**Austin Technology Incubator** is the deep tech incubator affiliated with The University of Texas at Austin and its mission is and has been, for over 30 years, to empower university entrepreneurs through a customized approach to effectively commercialize their breakthrough innovations and compete in the global marketplace.

<https://ati.utexas.edu/>

**Tech Ranch** works with entrepreneurs to create global bridges that help entrepreneurs bridge the gap and bring their technology to new markets.

<https://techranchaustin.com/>

**IC2 Institute** was established at The University of Texas at Austin in 1977, as a think-and-do tank to explore the broad economic, technological, and human factors that drive economic development in regions.

<https://ic2.utexas.edu/>

**Thinktiv** is a value-creation consulting firm. As trusted partners to leading startup founders, established businesses, and their boards, they transform organizations to maximize their value.

<https://www.thinktiv.com>

**SKU** is the consumer products accelerator. SKU surrounds stellar startups with a powerful ecosystem that provides the tools and skills necessary to scale.

<https://sku.is/>

**Capital Factory:** Meet the best entrepreneurs in Texas and introduce them to their first investors, employees, mentors, and customers. Capital Factory provides startups with coworking space, hosting credits, a company advocate, and access to 150+ mentor network.

<https://www.capitalfactory.com/>



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**Founder Institute** is the world's largest pre-seed startup accelerator. Since 2009, they have helped over 4,000 entrepreneurs get the focus and support needed to build a business that matters. Their mission is to empower communities of talented and motivated people to build impactful technology companies worldwide.

<https://fi.co>

**DivInc** transforms the existing entrepreneur tech ecosystem into a more authentically inclusive environment. Their mission is to bridge the gap between underrepresented entrepreneurs and the resources they need to build profitable, high-growth companies.

<https://www.divinc.org>

**Galvanize** campuses are home to tech companies of all shapes, sizes, and stages. These companies need different resources including knowledge, mentors, and introductions, based on the current stage of their company.

<https://www.galvanize.com/coworking-space>

**Sputnik ATX** funds maker-founders, and helps people reach their full potential by creating an ecosystem to attract hard-working nerds, connect them with investors, and train them for success. Austin based investor and accelerator that funds early stage maker-founders who solve real problems. They combine capital with training and experience to help startups reach their full potential.

<https://www.sputnikatx.com>

**Techstars** connect with other entrepreneurs, experts, mentors, alumni, investors, community leaders, and corporate partners who will help their companies grow. From aspiring founders to early stage entrepreneurs, Techstars can scale your vision into a thriving business.

<https://www.techstars.com/startups>

**Texas Venture Labs** accelerator provides an opportunity for startups to take their ventures to the next level with the unique benefit of leveraging UT Austin resources and talent. TVL also provides a venue for investors to engage with research and startups from The University of Texas at Austin.

<https://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/Centers/Texas-Venture-Labs>

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# Houston

**Pumps and Pipes** is an association of medical, energy, aerospace, academic and community professionals and leaders. Provide a platform to bring together professional groups who may not otherwise have the opportunity to interact for the transfer of knowledge and technology knowhow.

<https://pumpsandpipes.com>

**Houston Exponential** is a non-profit organization created to accelerate the growth of Houston's innovation ecosystem. As the digital front door to Houston's vibrant innovation ecosystem, they are aggregating and networking with all engaged startups, investors, and needed resources.

<https://houstonexponential.org>

**Station Houston** exists to help entrepreneurs build better tech startups by making their journey as seamless as possible, less lonely, and a lot more fun

<https://www.stationhouston.com>

**Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship** is Rice University's nationally-recognized initiative devoted to support of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship education, and the launch of technology companies. To be a catalyst for launching successful tech ventures through entrepreneurship education, mentoring and networking connections.

<https://alliance.rice.edu/>

**Technology Collaboration Center** is an independent non-profit formed as a partnership between the NASA Johnson Space Center, industry and universities, solving challenging technology problems through innovative solutions by connecting collaboration partners from across technology sectors.

<https://techcollaboration.center/>

**The Cannon** community helps entrepreneurs connect to the resources they need. Gain access to meetings with expert advisers, connections to potential investors, events, and programming all designed to help your business grow.

<https://thecannon.com>



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**Cannon Ventures** is an investor network and venture studio program that helps raise money and grow startups. Once selected into the program, startups will have the opportunity to raise money through the Cannon Ventures investor network and receive hands-on operational and strategic support from the venture studio.

<https://cannonventureshouston.com>

**Texas HALO Fund** is an investment company that specializes in investing in early stage businesses with promising growth prospects and exceptional management teams. Our investment approach identifies compelling businesses from multiple sources and without regard to industry or geographic location.

<http://www.texashalofund.com>

**University of Houston:** The Office of Technology Transfer acts as industry's gateway to innovation at the University of Houston, uniting UH with start-ups, midsize companies. Red Labs University of Houston's startup accelerator and technology entrepreneurship program.

<http://redlabs.uh.edu>

**Houston Angel Network** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the innovation ecosystem in Houston, Texas by supporting founders and startups with financial resources and mentorship.

<https://www.houstonangelnetwork.org>

**Goose Capital** is an exclusive group of Fortune 500 executives, entrepreneurs, industry titans, and global super-connectors investing in deep tech and tough tech startups. They come with the broad expertise required to help companies get these products to market.

<https://www.goose.capital>

**Texas Medical Center** - the largest medical city in the world - is home to the brightest minds in medicine, nurtures cross-institutional collaboration, creativity and innovation together. The TMC Innovation Institute is a unique environment aimed at impacting the health care industry through the collaboration of medicine and cutting-edge technology from around the world.

<https://www.tmc.edu/innovation/>



# Houston

**BBL Venture** is a venture capital fund designed to address the unique needs of early-stage startups in the energy, industrial, and natural resource industries. They provide support and deep industry expertise across the product development, strategy, business model, and financing stages.

<https://www.bblventures.com/startups>

**Plug and Play** is the ultimate innovation platform, bringing together the best startups and the world's largest corporations. They are accelerating startups, matchmaking them with corporate clients, and investing in them.

<https://www.pluginandplaytechcenter.com/startups/>

**MassChallenge** strengthens the global innovation ecosystem by accelerating high-potential startups across all industries, from anywhere in the world.

<https://masschallenge.org/startups>

**JLABS** is a global network of open innovation ecosystems, enabling and empowering innovators across a broad healthcare spectrum including pharmaceutical, medical device, consumer and health tech sectors to create and accelerate the delivery of life-saving, life-enhancing health and wellness solutions to patients around the world.

<https://jlabs.jnjinnovation.com/locations/jlabs-tmc>

**The Ion** inspires people to accelerate innovative and tech-forward solutions for the challenges facing the world. The Ion is a nucleus for innovation in Houston, fostering a community and culture where entrepreneurs and corporations come together to solve some of the world's greatest problems.

<https://ionhouston.com>



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**Collide Village** start-up platform transforms ideas into successful companies. They build, educate and invest in people to create ventures that provide solutions to real business problems and create value for our investors.

<https://collidevillage.com>

**AccelerateNFC** program is a mentor-driven, mentor-funded idea incubator/success accelerator for high potential companies. They focuses on near field communication (NFC) companies, matching the highest caliber talent, resources and funding with those companies who are ready to take their ideas and products to the next level.

<http://www.acceleratenfc.com>

**TechFW** is a non-profit organization that has been helping entrepreneurs launch and grow emerging technology companies since 1998. They identify entrepreneurs and startup companies with technologies that have a high potential for success in the marketplace and mentor, coach, and relentlessly push them toward success.

<https://www.techfortworth.org>

**Launchpad City** is a platform that interconnects a curated set of entrepreneurs, corporations, investors and the community to inspire, build and nurture innovation, opportunity and commerce.

<http://launchpadcity.com>

**Tech Wildcatters** is a stage seed accelerator that utilizes over 10 years of proprietary knowledge.

<https://www.techwildcatters.com>

**Dallas Entrepreneur Center** is a non-profit organization driving innovation and economic impact by helping entrepreneurs start, build and grow their businesses. They have been launching physical hubs and education programs for startups, accelerating connections for founders, and collaborating with investors, corporations and public institutions.

<https://thedec.co>

**DALLAS** REGION IS EXPLODING WITH STARTUP AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY IT'S THE PASSIONATE ENERGY FROM THE ENTREPRENEURS AND REMARKABLE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL SPIRIT OF OUR REGION'S VIBRANT ECONOMY.

AS THE NINTH-LARGEST CITY AND PART OF THE FOURTH-LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE US, DALLAS COVERS APPROXIMATELY 343 SQUARE MILES AND HAS A POPULATION OF 1,241,162.

DALLAS-FORT WORTH IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY GO-TO CITIES FOR FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES. DALLAS-FORT WORTH CONTAINS THE HEADQUARTERS TO 20 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES, AND 5 GLOBAL FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES.

INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMPANIES THAT HAVE HEADQUARTERS IN DALLAS-FORT WORTH INCLUDE TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, AT&T, SPRINT, CISCO SYSTEMS, EXXONMOBILE, RADIOSHACK, AMERICAN AIRLINES, AND 7-ELEVEN.



# Upcoming events

**IMPORTANT! Many events have been canceled, postponed or moved online or may be out of date due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Confirm details with event organizers.**

## Station Houston

<https://www.stationhouston.com/events-list/>

**3DS Global Roundup 2020:** July 10-12, 2020 Austin, TX

<https://globalroundup.3daystartup.org>

**SpaceCom:** Global Commercial Space Conference and Exposition  
Nov 17-19, 2020 Houston, TX

<https://spacecomexpo.com>

**Pumps & Pipes 14: 20|20 Vision** Monday, December 7, 2020

Houston Methodist Research Institute

<https://pumpsandpipes.com>

**The South by Southwest (SXSW) Conferences** provides an opportunity for global professionals at every level to participate, network, and advance their careers.

<https://www.sxsw.com/conference/>

**Techspo Houston** is a 2-day technology expo, brings together developers, brands, marketers, technology providers, designers, innovators and evangelists looking to set the place in our advanced world of technology: May 20-21, 2020, Houston

<https://techspohouston.com/>

**Tech Ranch events** Austin, TX - Tech Ranch® equips entrepreneurs and ecosystems with insights, proven techniques, tools and processes that develop both the community and the entrepreneur.

<https://techranchaustin.com/events/>

## Capital Factory events

<https://www.capitalfactory.com/events/>



Dallas





**NASA** - NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION IS A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO AIR AND SPACE.

NASA OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON OCT. 1, 1958. THE AGENCY WAS CREATED TO OVERSEE U.S. SPACE EXPLORATION AND AERONAUTICS RESEARCH.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, MOST US SPACE EXPLORATION EFFORTS HAVE BEEN LED BY NASA, INCLUDING THE APOLLO MOON LANDING MISSIONS, THE SKYLAB SPACE STATION, AND LATER THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

NASA IS SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION AND IS OVERSEEING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORION MULTI-PURPOSE CREW VEHICLE, THE SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM AND COMMERCIAL CREW VEHICLES.

THE AGENCY IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LAUNCH SERVICES PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES OVERSIGHT OF LAUNCH OPERATIONS AND COUNTDOWN MANAGEMENT FOR UNCREWED NASA LAUNCHES.

**NASA Technology Transfer Program** ensures that innovations developed for exploration and discovery are broadly available to the public, maximizing the benefit to the Nation. Whether you're looking to start a new company, enhance an existing product, or create a new product line, you can gain a competitive edge in the marketplace by putting NASA technology to work for you.

<https://technology.nasa.gov/startup>

**NASA Early Stage Innovations program** is to accelerate the development of groundbreaking, high-risk/high-payoff space technologies to support the future space science and exploration needs of NASA, other government agencies, and the commercial space sector.

<https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/strg/early-stage-innovations-esi>

**NASA Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs** merge the overarching potential of small firms with the legendary intellect of NASA.

[https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/sbir\\_sttr/index.html#.VQb6MkJzyE](https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/sbir_sttr/index.html#.VQb6MkJzyE)

**NASA iTech** identifies and searches for cutting-edge technologies being developed outside of NASA that solve problems here on Earth but also have the potential to address the challenges facing exploration of the Moon and Mars.

<https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/itech>

**NASA Center Innovation Fund** stimulates and encourages creativity and innovation at NASA centers while addressing technology needs of NASA and the nation. There are two components to this program.

[https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/innovation\\_fund/index.html#.VQb6gUjZyE](https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/innovation_fund/index.html#.VQb6gUjZyE)

**NASA Game Changing Development Program** seeks to identify and rapidly mature high-impact capabilities and technologies, and to investigate innovative ideas and approaches that have the potential to revolutionize future space missions.

[https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/game\\_changing\\_development/index.html](https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/game_changing_development/index.html)