



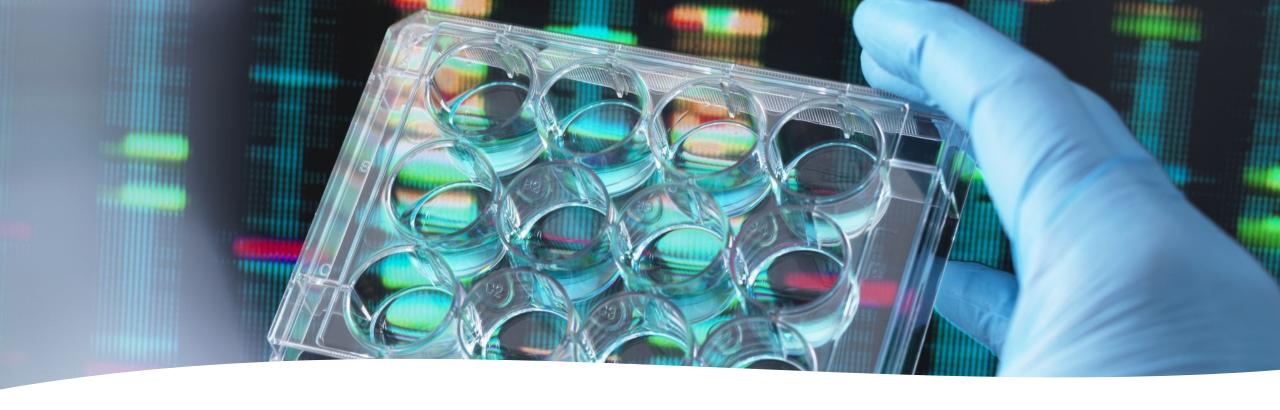
Transforming Communities through SMART Partnerships Academia & Research Institutions





Strategic Partnerships

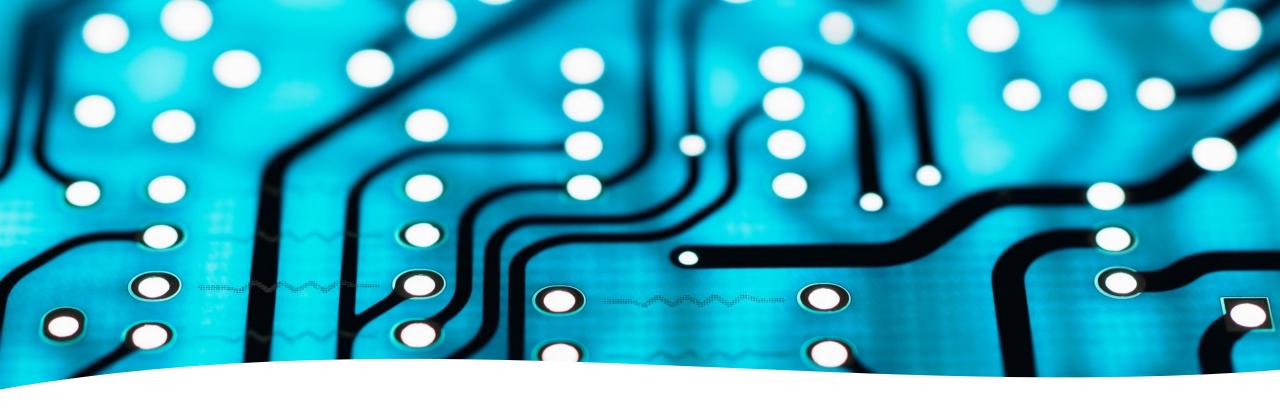
- Co-creating Smart, Resilient, and Future-Ready Communities and Workforce
- Empower students as drivers of smart innovation
- Operationalize emerging technologies with real-world impact
- Align academic excellence with local, state, federal, global priorities





Why This Matters

- Rising demand for intelligent infrastructure and immersive learning
- Workforce gaps in smart infrastructure, energy, agriculture, resilience, more
- Opportunities to engage underserved communities and strategic partners
- Strong alignment with smart platforms





SMART Collaboration Areas

Academic-Civic Co-Innovation in:

- Smart technologies
- Smart Workforce
- AI/XR/IA-Powered Learning
- Smart Ecosystem Development
- Smarter Resilience





Student Engagement Strategy

- Experiential Learning & International Practicums
- Capstone projects rooted in real-world deployments
- AI-powered and XR-enabled immersive modules
- Community-based tech transfer & digital literacy
- Global immersion tracks & innovation fellowships





Global Opportunities

- Smart International Practicums
- Multinational collaboration
- Placements with international hubs and innovation ecosystems
- Cultural-technical exchange to build globally competent talent





Workforce Development Framework

- Joint curriculum creation for stackable credentials
- Industry faculty-student mentoring networks
- Regional workforce hubs supported by Council and university resources
- Integration with local and national workforce goals & smart platform criteria





Next Steps

- Convene partnership working group
- Identify funding streams & pilot sites
- Co-design implementation roadmap
- Explore joint proposal submission(s)





Why Your Institution?

- Leadership in applied research and sustainability
- Culture of student innovation and global engagement
- Strong alignment with civic, local, regional, national strategic goals
- Readiness to pioneer smart tech deployment





Let's Co-Innovate

Let's empower students and communities and shape the future of smart innovation—together.