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**AURP Awards of Excellence
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OUTSTANDING RESEARCH PARK AWARD

2024 Tech Port San Antonio
2023 Nebraska Innovation Campus
2022 University of South Florida Research Park
2021 Oklahoma City Innovation District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2020 University of Utah Research Park, Salt Lake City, Utah
2018 Genopole, Évry, France
2017 University of Maryland BioPark, Baltimore, Maryland
2016 Western Research Parks, London, Ontario Canada
2015 University of Maryland Research Park, College Park, Maryland
2014 Technology Square-Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
2013 University of Oklahoma University Research Campus, Norman, Oklahoma
2012 Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Buffalo, New York
2011 Research Park at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois
2010 Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Blacksburg, Virginia
2009 Innovation Place, Saskatchewan, Canada
2008 Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2007 Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina
2006 The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2005 Delaware Technology Park Inc., Newark, Delaware
2004 Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Indiana
2003 The University of New Orleans Research & Technology Park, New Orleans, Louisiana
2002 Discovery Parks, Vancouver, British Columbia
2001 University of Arizona Science and Technology Park, Tucson, Arizona
2000 Rensselaer Technology Park, Troy, New York
1999 Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
1998 Massachusetts Biotechnology Research Park, Worcester, Massachusetts
1997 Cummings Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama
1996 University Research Park, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

EMERGING RESEARCH PARK AWARD

2023 Wichita State University Innovation Campus, Wichita, Kansas
2021 Van Camp Incubator, Michigan State University Foundation, East Lansing, Michigan
2019 Capital City Innovation, Austin, Texas
2018 Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
2017 Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska
2016 University of Wollongong Innovation Campus, Wollongong, Australia
2015 McMaster University Innovation Park, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
2014 University Technology Park at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
2013 Louisiana State University Innovation Park, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2012 King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) Science Town, Thuwal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2011 The City of Agrifood, Veterinary and Agroenvironment Biotechnology in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada
2010 Science+Technology Park at Johns Hopkins and New Eastside Community, Baltimore, Maryland
2009 Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), Greenville, South Carolina
2008 University of South Florida Research Park, Tampa Bay, Florida
2007 University of Maryland, Baltimore, BioPark, Baltimore, Maryland



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INNOVATION AWARD

2024 Blue Halo – LOCUST Laser Weapon System
2024 Dreamscape Learn
2023 BULB–Building an Understanding of Lab Basics at University City Science Center
2022 Tritan Renew from Eastman Chemical at Centennial Campus at NC State University
2021 IonQ at the University of Maryland Discovery District
2020 EarthSense, Inc. at the University of Illinois Research Park
2019 Emagine Solutions Technology at Tech Parks Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
2019 Sempulse at STAR Park, San Marcos, Texas
2018 HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, Huntsville, Alabama
2017 Paratus Diagnostics at STAR Park, San Marcos, Texas
2016 NOMADD of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2016 The Emerge Center at the Louisiana State University Innovation Park, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2015 Pindrop Security at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
2015 SMARTERSHADE at University Technology Park, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
2014 Modernizing Medicine at the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
2013 Multi-junction Solar Cells, EMCORE Corporation, Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2012 Stratatech Strata Graft Skin Substitute, University Research Park at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
2011 TEAM Technologies, Inc., Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2010 Fraunhofer USA, Plymouth, Michigan
2009 Medipacs, The University of Arizona Science & Technology Park, Tucson, Arizona
2008 Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Piedmont Triad Research Park, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
2007 bwtech@UMBC, Baltimore, Maryland

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2024 Dan Berglund, President & CEO, State Science and Technology Institute
2023 Jane Shaab, UM BioPark Executive Director, Associate Vice President, Economic Development
2022 Dan Duncan, AURP's Immediate Past President and Executive Director, Nebraska Innovation Campus
2019 Scott Levitan, CEO and President, Research Triangle Park Foundation, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
2018 Charles D'Agostino, Executive Director, LSU Innovation Park and Louisiana Business and Technology Center
2018 Dr. Ilse Treurnicht, Retired CEO, MaRS Discovery District, Toronto, Canada
2018 Thomas Hall, III, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, The University Financing Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia
2017 Brian Darmody, Associate Vice President, Corporate and Foundation Relations, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
2016 David Baker, Vice President of External Affairs, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois
2015 Greg Hyer, University Research Park, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
2014 Dr. Joe Meredith, Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Blacksburg, Virginia
2013 Gregory W. Deason, Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Indiana
2012 Austin Beggs, (formerly with Innovation Place) Saskatoon, Sask., Canada
2011 Dr. Nancy E. Kossan, University of California, San Diego Science Research Park, San Diego, California
2010 Jackie Kerby Moore, Sandia Science & Technology Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2009 J. Michael Bowman, Delaware Technology Park, Newark, Delaware
2008 Norma Grace (formerly with New Orleans Research & Technology Park)
2007 Bruce Wright, University of Arizona Science and Tech Park, Tucson, Arizona
2006 Brian Donnelly, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois
2005 William M. Dean (formerly with !dealliance/Piedmont Triad Research Park)
2004 Richard D. Finholt (formerly with University of Missouri System-Missouri Research Park)
2003 Charles (Chuck) Henderson (formerly with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln)



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2002 Claude McKinney (formerly with Centennial Campus)
2001 Charles Dilks (formerly with University City Science Center)
2000 James O. Roberson (formerly with Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina)
1999 Wayne McGown (formerly with University of Wisconsin-Madison Research Park)
1998 Ronald Kysiak (formerly with Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park, Inc.)
1997 Michael Wacholder Rensselaer Technology Park, Troy, New York
1996 Dr. Mark L. Money (formerly with Texas A&M University and University of Utah)

LEADERSHIP AWARD

2024 The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation
2023 Randy Woodson, PhD, Chancellor, North Carolina State University
2022 Dr. Scott Mabury and Josh Mitchell, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
2019 Mayor Darryl Steinberg, City of Sacramento, California
2019 Chancellor Gary May, University of California, Davis
2018 Stephen Tang, PhD, MBA, President & Chief Executive Officer, The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2018 Honorable Steny Hoyer, United States Representative, Maryland
2017 His Excellency David Johnston, 28th Governor General of Canada
2016 Dennis Kekas, Associate Vice-Chancellor at Centennial Campus, North Carolina State University
2015 Dr. Jaime Parada-Avila, PIIT/Institute of Innovation and Technology Transfer Nuevo León, Monterey, Mexico
2014 Governor James Baxter Hunt, State of North Carolina
2013 Wexford Science & Technology, LLC, a BioMed Realty Company, Baltimore, Maryland
2012 Chancellor Emeritus Irving Shain, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
2011 Honorable Dave Heineman, Governor, State of Nebraska
2010 Dr. Frank B. Cerra, University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2009 David J. Ramsay, University of Maryland BioPark, Baltimore, Maryland
2008 Sherman McCorkle, Science & Technology Park Development Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2007 Rasesh Thakkar, Senior Managing Director, Tavistock Group, Orlando, Florida
2006 Dr. Eugene P. Trani, President, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
2005 Dr. Raymond D. Smoot, Chief Operating Officer, VirginiaTech Foundation, Blacksburg, Virginia
2003 Dr. Manuel T. Pacheco, President Emeritus, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
2002 Louisiana Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., New Orleans, Louisiana

DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF INNOVATION AWARD

2018 The Research Triangle Park, Triangle Park, North Carolina
2017 Cummings Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama
2013 The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2011 Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Indiana

RISING STARS: A NEW GENERATION OF INNOVATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

2023 Jonathan Hunt, McMaster Innovation Park, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
2022 Mary Mumper, Aggie Square with the University of California, Davis
2021 Keisha Demps, Centennial Campus Partnership Office at NC State University



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2020 Merry Hunter Caudle, Georgia Institute of Technology 2020 Eric Smith, University of Arizona Center of Innovation
2019 Kate Engel, Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska

Honorable: Stephanie Miller, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; Victoria O'Dell, Capital City Innovation

VISION AWARD

2024 Peter Pellerito, Senior Policy Advisor Federal/State Economic Development & Technology Transfer Lead, Biotechnology Innovation Organization
2023 Daisy Magnus-Aryitey, Code the Dream, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
2022 Jim Berens, Wexford Science & Technology, Baltimore, Maryland
2021 Vickie Palmer, AURP, Tucson, Arizona
2019 Kevin Byrne, The University Financing Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia
2018 Honorable Jerry Moran, United States Senator, Kansas
2016 Eileen Walker, MIM/MBA, Former Chief Executive Officer at AURP
2015 Honorable Christopher Coons, United States Senator, Delaware
2014 Robert T. Geolas, The Research Triangle Foundation, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
2013 J. Michael Bowman, Delaware Technology Park, Newark, Delaware

Honorable Jeff Bingaman, United States Senator, New Mexico

EXCALIBUR AWARD

2020 NIIMBL
2020 Biotechnology Innovation Organization
2020 Nebraska Innovation Campus
2020 National Governors Association
2012 John Fernandez, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
2011 Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas
2006 Louisiana Business Technology Center, Louisiana State University, South Campus Research Park

Charles D'Agostino, Executive Director, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

APPRECIATION AWARD

2022 Stephen Frayser, Former AURP Board of Directors Member and Executive Director of STAR Park
2021 Joe Meredith, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center 2021 Charles Dilks, Former AURP President and President of Dilks Consulting, Inc.
2019 State Science and Technology Institute, Westerville, Ohio
2016 Steve Hanssen, Former Director of Development, Wexford Science & Technology, Baltimore, Maryland 2009 Eva Klein, Eva Klein & Associates, Ltd., St. Louis, Missouri
2008 Vernon George (Retired), George, Henry, George Partners, Virginia



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FOUNDERS AWARD

2021 Research Triangle Park, accepted by Scott Levitan, CEO & President, Research Triangle Foundation
2021 Arizona State University, accepted by Kelly Sandin, Senior Manager, Econ Dev and Innovation Zone