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## Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Guest arrival and hotel check in

Recommendation: Courtyard Ames; 311 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ames, IA 50010

Closest Airport: Des Moines Airport, approximately 45-minute drive to hotel, car rentals are recommended

**Not renting a car? Click [here](#) to view carpool options with other AURP attendees.**

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5:00 – 5:45 PM

**Check In**

*Courtyard Ames [311 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ames, IA 50010]*

ISU shuttle departs at 5:45 PM

6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Welcome Reception with ISU Athletics**

Program at 6:30 PM

Join us for hosted drinks and heavy appetizers and learn about CYTown

Jamie Pollard, ISU Athletics Director and Rick Sanders, ISU Research Park President

Presenting *Johnny's at Scheman [1805 Center Dr., Ames]*

*ISU shuttle van provided between hotel and reception*



8:00 PM – 9:30 PM

**Late Night Happy Hour**

*Dublin Bay [320 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Ames, IA 50010]*

*In back yard of Courtyard hotel; patio space reserved*

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## Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:30 – 7:45 AM

**Meet in Hotel Lobby**

7:50 – 7:55 AM

**Charter Bus Departs**

Transportation sponsored by Discover Ames



8:00 – 8:30 AM

**Networking Breakfast**

*ISU Economic Development Core Facility [1805 Collaboration Place, Ames]*

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM**      **ISU Economic Development & Industry Relations Overview**  
Join ISU VP of Economic Development, David Spalding and ISU Research Park President, Rick Sanders they give an overview of ISU’s approach to economic development and fulfilling our land-grant mission of serving the citizens of Iowa and the world.
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM**      **ISU Economic Development & Industry Relations Leadership Panel**  
Alison Doyle, ISU Research Park Associate Director, will lead a panel discussion with EDIR leadership about their statewide impact. There will be time for Q&A with the audience. Entities represented: America’s Small Business Development Centers, ISU Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, Center for Industrial Research & Service, and Office of Innovation Commercialization.
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**      **ISU Research Park Tenant Panel**  
Hear from several ISU Research Park tenants about their entrepreneurial journey and why they chose the research park to start and grow their companies. The panel will include a wide variety of companies from startups to mid-size to global publicly traded entities.  
Jeff Underwood, Kent Corporation  
Craig Rupp, Sabanto  
Chris Sievers, John Deere  
Clayton Mooney, Clayton Farms  
Nigel Ruehl, Zymosense, Skroot
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**      **Driving Tour of ISURP**  
After learning about the research park, we’ll drive around the 550-acre campus to see innovation in action. We’ll stop by John Deere See & Spray Lab, Vermeer Applied Technology Hub, and Pivot Bio for a brief tour.  
Tour Guide: Alison Doyle, ISU Research Park Associate Director
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**      **Networking Lunch**  
*Workiva [2900 University Ave, Ames – located in the heart of the ISU Research Park]*
- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM**      **Driving Tour to Main Campus**
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**      **Iowa State University Student Innovation Center Tour**  
*[606 Bissell Rd, Ames]*  
Tour Guide: Dr. Jim Oliver, Student Innovation Center Director
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**      **ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Tour**  
*[1937 Christensen Dr, Ames]*  
Tour Guide: Dr. Katie Woodard, Clinical Assistant Professor

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

**Social Hour – Visit Wrap Up**

**Refreshment provided**

Sponsored by Iowa State University Research Park

*Alliant Energy Agriculture Innovation Lab [3800 University Blvd, Ames]*



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**ResearchPARK**

5:30 PM

Guests on their own for dinner

7:30 PM

**Book of Morman at Stephens Auditorium, tickets available for purchase (link below)**

<https://www.center.iastate.edu/association-of-university-research-parks/>

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