



April 29-30, 2025

Ames, Iowa

(As of 1.8.25)

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Guest arrival and hotel check in

Recommendation: Courtyard Ames; 311 S. 17th St., Ames, IA 50010

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

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Check In

Courtyard Ames [311 S. 17th St., Ames, IA 50010]

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Welcome Reception with ISU Athletics

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

Scheman Building, Benton Auditorium [1805 Center Dr., Ames]

Transportation Provided between hotel and reception

8:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Social Hour

Dublin Bay [320 S. 16th St., Ames, IA 50010]

In back yard of Courtyard hotel; patio space reserved

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:30 AM – 7:45 AM

Meet in Hotel Lobby

7:50 AM – 7:55 AM

ISU Bus Departs

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Networking Breakfast

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

- 8:30 AM – 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 – 10:30 AM** **ISU Research Park Founders 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.
- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM** **Break**
- 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 a few of the buildings to take a peek inside.
Tour Guide: Alison Doyle, ISU Research Park Associate Director
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** **Networking Lunch**
Provisions Lot F, Patio [2400 N Loop Dr, 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** **Student Innovation Center Tour**
Iowa State University Student Innovation Center [606 Bissell Rd, Ames]
Speaker: Dr. Jim Oliver, Student Innovation Center Director
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** **Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Tour**
[1937 Christensen Dr, Ames]
Speaker: Dr. Rodger Main, VDL Director
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM** **Social Hour**
Alliant Energy Agriculture Innovation Lab
- 6:30 PM** **Guests on their own**
Optional Downtown Ames Progressive Dinner (will schedule based upon interest)