

Like a maritime port, the Science Center's Port business incubators accommodate the arrival and departure of emerging companies.

The Port is a dedicated facility in which life science, physical science or IT startup companies take up residence right in the heart of the Science Center's vibrant campus, sharing a street address with established and well-known businesses and research institutions.

The Port's turn-key and flexible infrastructure options enable small businesses to focus on R&D, business development, fundraising, and growth.

More than 350 startup companies have called the Science Center home, many starting with just two or three employees. Graduates of the Science Center include Centocor (acquired by Johnson & Johnson), BioRexis (acquired by Pfizer), and Avid Radiopharmaceuticals (acquired by Eli Lilly).



Over the past five years, Port residents have raised more than \$80 million in investment, and more than \$12 million in federal funding.

Port Programming and Resource Highlights:

Scientific Advisory Committee

The Science Center's Scientific Advisory Committee, comprising senior research executives from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Drexel University, Temple University, NuPathe, and University of Pennsylvania, among others, connects Port companies with regional expertise and facilities.

Investor and Industry Networks

The Science Center is home to a number of early-stage investment organizations, and is connected through its board of directors to the region's major venture firms. The Science Center's network also includes major pharmaceutical and medical device companies, and cleantech and renewable energy consortia.

The Innovation Partnership

The Science Center is a core member of the Innovation Partnership, a consortium of economic development and business assistance organizations that help early-stage companies secure federal funding for product development.

University City Keystone Innovation Zone (UC KIZ)

Port companies may be eligible for a program, established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through which they can access up to \$100,000 in tax credits per year. These tax credits can be traded by non-revenue companies as an incentive to attract investment.

Global Soft Landing (GSL)

Working closely with federal, state, and city government organizations, the GSL Program provides a supportive environment for international companies breaking into the U.S. marketplace.

“The location, world-class infrastructure and connection to regional resources that the Port enabled for us was critical to our early business growth.”

— Daniel Skovronsky, CEO Avid Radiopharmaceuticals
(Incubator resident 2005 - 2009)



Successful incubation is about more than just affordable space. It's also about location and networks. Just ask our graduates.



Quorum

Quorum unifies the region's technology commercialization community and provides opportunities for ideas to grow into successful businesses. Our central gathering space on the Science Center campus and related programs enable idea generators to meet, share and learn, promoting the success of companies, individuals and the Philadelphia region.

Lunch for Hungry Minds (LFHM)

LFHM is a seminar series that gives Port companies the opportunity to learn about and network with the region's academic and industry communities. Topics range from life sciences to energy and materials science.

Smart Talk

Smart Talk is a quarterly program which gives startup and growing companies a look at best practices and business strategies from industry leaders in the region.

Special Workshops, Seminars, and Events

The Science Center frequently partners with industry, financing, and government organizations to offer workshops and seminars that provide information on special topics and access to experts in those fields. We also work directly with our residents to connect them to resources that meet their areas of need.



**From the days of Benjamin Franklin,
Philadelphia is a city built on innovation.**

Philadelphia has an incredible concentration of resources and infrastructure for supporting and growing companies. Home to numerous pharmaceutical and life sciences companies, 92 colleges and universities, non-profit research institutes, and research and teaching hospitals, our community has the infrastructure and highly qualified workforce growing companies need. With our high quality of life and a strategic location between New York City and Washington D.C., many companies have found Greater Philadelphia ideal for their business location.

Philadelphia's collection of museums, historical sites, and attractions cannot be matched in any other American city. Beginning with America's first museum, zoo and post office, a long list of notable and extraordinary institutions educate, entertain and inspire.

The Science Center is located in the University City neighborhood of Philadelphia. With its extensive dining options, theaters, galleries and unique spirit, University City is one of Philadelphia's most vibrant and diverse neighborhoods. Located on the west side of downtown Philadelphia, the area is a hotbed of education, science, medicine and research. This dynamic close-knit community is home to college students, artists, and families who coexist amid world-class universities, dining, nightlife and cultural offerings.*

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Port Facilities

The Port is a turn-key facility catering to the flexible leasing needs of startup companies. Residents may select from a combination of fully furnished offices, cubicles and wet and dry labs.

All-inclusive with the Port's easy-to-manage fee are:

- Rent and utilities
- Furniture and phone
- Internet connectivity and on-site IT support
- Individual laboratory suites furnished with benches, casework, chemical hood, and built-in safety features such as safety shower and eye-wash station
- Shared scientific equipment including autoclave, cold room, glassware washer, de-ionized water, centrifuges and other laboratory instruments
- Mail, copy and fax facilities
- Access to conference rooms and receptionist services
- Marketing and public relations assistance
- Connectivity with regional funding organizations and angel groups and venture capital firms
- Guidance in strategic partnership development
- Promotion to government agencies and policy makers

Port staff leverage established networks to identify area resources that can help Port companies to grow and flourish.



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