

FACTS



Creating Communities of Innovation

The Association of University Research Parks (AURP) is a 22-year-old professional association of university related research and science parks. AURP's mission is to promote and support the development of university research and science parks worldwide.

AURP's membership includes planned and operating parks, many of which contain technology incubators. A variety of university, governmental, not-for-profit and private companies interested in the development and operation of high technology economic development projects comprise AURP's membership.

WHAT IS A RESEARCH PARK?

AURP defines a university research park as a property-based venture, which has:

- Existing or planned land and buildings designed primarily for private and public research and development facilities, high technology and science based companies, and support services
- A contractual and/or formal ownership or operational relationship with one or more universities or other institutions of higher education and science research
- A role in promoting research and development by the university in partnership with industry, assisting in the growth of new venture, and promoting economic development
- A role in aiding the transfer of technology and business skills between the university and industry teams.
- A role in promoting technology-led economic development for the community or region.

ABOUT RESEARCH PARKS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA:

- University research parks in the United States and Canada encompass more than 47,000 acres and include 124 million square feet of space
- At full build out, these research parks will include 275 million square feet of space
- More than 300,000 workers in North America work in a university research park
- Every core job in a research park generates an average of 2.57 jobs in the economy

UPCOMING 2009 AURP EVENTS:

AURP 2009 Washington Summit Meeting February 26 in Washington, D.C.

BioParks 2009 May 16 in Atlanta, Georgia

2009 Annual Conference October 21-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia

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