UTAH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH (USTAR) INITIATIVE
USTAR is the State of Utah’s technology catalyst, expanding the innovation ecosystem from invention through product development. Guided by Utah’s economic clusters, USTAR supports technology entrepreneurs and innovators. Through competitive grants, incubation, the brokering of technology transfer and by addressing market gaps in the technology ecosystem USTAR is developing the Utah economy.

TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM
The Technology Acceleration Program (TAP) is one of USTAR’s competitive grant programs that support private sector technology development for Utah-based companies. While designed for start-ups and early stage companies, mature companies can apply to TAP for development of a new technology or product. Proposed work can include, but is not limited to, research and development, proof of concept, prototype development and product validation. TAP supports USTAR’s mission by providing early stage risk capital in support of Utah’s private-sector science and technology start-ups.

TAP is a competitive program open to Utah companies defined for this purpose as a for-profit business with a Utah business license and a significant presence in the state of Utah. Preference is given for technologies that align to one of Utah’s technology sectors, as defined by USTAR, and are at a technology readiness level (ustar.org/trl) of 3-5. Current technology sectors for TAP include Advanced Materials, Aerospace, Automation and Robotics/Internet of Things, Energy and Clean Technology, Big Data and Life Sciences.

TAP awardees may also receive non-material support, such as referral to USTAR’s partner networks, to assist in achieving technical and business milestones with the goal of commercial success.

For more information on TAP
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See our other programs at ustar.org
USTAR TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERVICES

USTAR supports the pipeline of innovative technology ideas to establish new products and companies across the state. USTAR's services provide resources at every step of the development pathway for university researchers and technology entrepreneurs.

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**TECH INCUBATORS**  
USTAR manages two tech incubators to assist start-up companies in maturing and commercializing their technology by providing access to specialized equipment to serve life science and aerospace/defense technology sectors. USTAR also supports access to the Utah NanoFab and USU Synthetic Bio-Manufacturing Facility. USTAR focuses on providing support to early stage startups in developing their minimum viable product, proof of concept, prototyping, and product validation.

**INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (IPP)**  
Promotes the development of technology to address technical gaps or challenges identified by industry partners. USTAR identifies research expertise from Utah's institutions of higher education to address identified gaps by Utah companies. The program is open to companies that have a substantial presence in Utah.

**REGIONAL OFFICES**  
USTAR’s Regional Outreach offices connect private investors to promising opportunities and maximize the economic impact of new technologies created in Utah.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY INITIATION GRANTS (STIG)**  
With the goal of increasing external research dollars to Utah’s universities, STIG provides funding to researchers to support development of data, conduct proof of concept or other precursor research activities required to pursue larger, commercially-oriented grants from a federal agency, grant making foundation or industry.

**TAP**  
TAP provides funding to Utah-based science and technology startups and early stage companies to accelerate the development of new technologies in key technology industries throughout the state.

**SBIR-STTR ASSISTANCE CENTER**  
Assists entrepreneurs and startup companies in preparing and submitting SBIR-STTR applications. The SBIR and STTR programs offer more than $2.5 billion dollars in federal funding annually. The Assistance Center helps technology oriented businesses gain access to this non-dilutive capital.