The Southeast XLerator Network is one of four IDeA State Regions to receive a National Institutes of Health STTR award to create a Regional Technology Transfer Accelerator Hub. The Southeast IDeA States region includes six states (KY, WV, SC, AR, MS, LA) plus Puerto Rico, and our XLerator Network includes 24 academic institutional partners across this whole region. XLerateHealth is the SBC recipient of this grant, and the University of Kentucky is the Lead Academic Partner.

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**GOALS**

- Increase the **identification** of “commercializable” ideas, inventions, and research as well as technologies patented
- Increase the amount of **SBIR/STTR** and **Angel/VC funding** to researchers & startup founders working to commercialize their technologies
- Increase the number of new **technologies commercialized**
- Increase the **density and engagement** of the regional and national ecosystem contact nodes (corporate partners, accelerators/incubators, subject matter experts/mentors, etc.)

**HUB RESOURCES**

**SUPPORTING RESEARCHERS, FACULTY, STUDENTS & ENTREPRENEURS**

- Interactive Resource Map
- Social Wall
- Subject Matter Experts
- Executives on Roster (XOR)
- Assessment & Roadmap
- Capital Access Tools
- Marketplace Tool
- Proposal Reviewer
- Onsite Programming
- Train-the-Trainer Programs

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HUB RESOURCES SUPPORTING RESEARCHERS & FOUNDERS

ASSESSMENT & ROAD MAP
A researcher focused Assessment Tool will yield a personalized Road Map of activities and curriculum with a goal of increased successful SBIR/STTR applications and ultimately more technologies commercialized.

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS
XLN is aggregating a national network of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to provide commercialization guidance and support. If you would like to apply to be a SME please apply here.

PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITY & CURRICULUM
XLN is building a robust set of curriculum to support the commercialization learning needs of researchers, students, entrepreneurs both online via the Hub as well as in the local ecosystems.

EXECUTIVES ON ROSTER
Executives on Roster (XOR) is a matchmaking platform to help university startups find executive management talent.

CAPITAL ACCESS TOOLS
XLN’s capital access tools will help educate and support researchers & entrepreneurs to learn about and successfully apply for SBIR/STTR grant funding. We are also creating a network of Angels and Venture Capitalists in the region and nationally.

RESEARCH MARKETPLACE
XLN’s Research Marketplace provides a searchable collection of resources specifically culled to assist with the commercialization of biomedical innovations.

INTERACTIVE RESOURCE MAP
The resource map identifies facilities and resources available throughout the XLerator Network. All resources are categorized for easy sorting. If you would like to view or add an object to the map, please visit us here.

PROPOSAL REVIEWER
A secure portal for launching and managing all aspects of a grant review process; from application submissions through review, scoring and reporting.

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM
XLN will provide training and support for partnering institutions and their ecosystem partners who would like to build capacity in their region by offering established programs offered via the Hub.

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