



Lab-Embedded Entrepreneurship Program (LEEP)

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Science is the bedrock on which innovations will deliver a more sustainable, prosperous, and equitable nation and world.

Annual cohorts in clean energy, climate tech, and critical industries of the future

Two-year fellowship enables innovator to focus on tech and business development

Research funding supports technical work at Argonne to de-risk startup technology

LEEP opens national labs' doors to entrepreneurs of tomorrow



“CRI has given us the flexibility to make these pivots and rapidly iterate the manufacturing process and product.” - Justin

“CRI also gave us a safe place to explore and to fail and to learn and to test the water on how we could succeed in business. We were able to develop business skills, and it rounded us out as business professionals.” - Tyler

CRI innovators Tyler Huggins and Justin Whiteley worked with Argonne researcher Meltem Urgan-Demirtas to perfect their product market fit.

Resources for LEEP innovators

- Mentoring by national lab scientists
- Use of existing facilities, unlock tremendous public assets of national labs
- Access to regional innovation ecosystems

Flexibility

Open science environment provides time and space for pivots

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

Address systemic barriers to who can be or who self-identifies as a STEM entrepreneur