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Accelerator

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| Florida-Israel Business Accelerator | The Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA) is a business development program designed to establish and grow successful, high-growth tech ventures in Florida. | view website |
| Rally | Rally is an international hub for social entrepreneurs to access the required knowledge, resources, and people to transform their early-stage work into sustainable ventures that create positive social change. | view website |
| StarterStudio | StarterStudio is a nonprofit tech accelerator. | view website |
| Tampa Bay Wave | Tampa Bay Wave is a nationally recognized accelerator program that helps build, launch and grow businesses. | view website |

Corporate Innovation

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| Duke Energy Corporation | Duke Energy is a leading energy company focused on electric power and gas distribution operations. | view website |

Economic Development

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation | Bradenton Area EDC works to create high-wage jobs and connect established businesses to resources. | view website |
| Central Florida Development Council (CFDC) | CFDC focuses on domestic and international business recruitment and expansion, business advocacy, facilitating collaborative partnerships and advancing strategic initiatives in Polk County. | view website |
| City of Orlando | The economic development team provides assistance to business owners and companies looking to locate in Orlando. | view website |
| Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast | The EDC of Florida's Space Coast is the official economic development organization for Brevard County. | view website |
| Elevate Lake, Lake County Economic Development | Elevate Lake is on a mission is to aggressively retain, attract and grow jobs in Lake County. | view website |
| Florida Chamber Foundation | The Florida Chamber Foundation leads Florida in future-focused research and continues to be a catalyst for positive change. But we need your help to secure Florida's future. | view website |
| Florida Economic Development Council | FEDC educates, advocates for, and connects Florida's economic development stakeholders. | view website |
| Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic Development Council | This Council initiates and assists with efforts to create a business atmosphere that is conducive to the continuation and expansion of agricultural businesses within Hillsborough County. | view website |
| Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando (HCCMO) | HCCMO is the largest business-related organization representing the Hispanic community in Central Florida. | view website |
| Ocala Chamber + Economic Partnership | OCEP seeks to provide a positive return on investment for our partners by creating and retaining jobs and by being the one-stop shop and voice of the business community. | view website |
| Orange County Government Economic Development | The Economic Development department fosters a vibrant economy where creativity and innovation flourish. | view website |
| Orlando Economic Partnership, Orlando Tech Community | OTC is a group that collaborates with the singular focus of organizing and aligning our region's resources to accelerate progress towards an innovation-based economy. | view website |

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| Osceola County | Osceola County's NeoCity initiative is poised to serve as catalyst for high-tech innovation and creation, including jobs and capital investment. | view website |
| Pasco Economic Development Council (Pasco EDC) | Pasco EDC fosters economic vitality and business development opportunities in Pasco County. | view website |
| Pinellas County Economic Development (PCED) | PCED encourages business expansion and seeks to attract new companies with high-wage careers. | view website |
| Seminole County Office of Economic Development | The economic development team helps businesses locate and grow in the county. | view website |
| Tampa Bay Economic Development Council (EDC) | The Tampa Bay EDC is the lead designated economic development agency for Hillsborough County and nearby cities. | view website |
| Team Volusia EDC | Team Volusia markets and recruits businesses from outside the area to Volusia County. | view website |
| Volusia County Economic Development | The Division of Economic Development assists business owners and works collaboratively with local stakeholders. | view website |

Funding + Capital

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| Deepwork Capital | Engaging with each of our investments as a team, supporting founders through a wide array of challenges and strategic objectives. | view website |
| Florida Venture Forum | FVF is Florida's largest statewide support and networking organization for venture capitalists and entrepreneurs. | view website |
| PS27 Ventures | PS27 Ventures is a venture capital firm helping early-stage entrepreneurs with seed funding and guidance. | view website |

Incubator

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| Groundswell Startups | Groundswell is a nonprofit incubator serving Space Coast tech founders and innovators. | view website |
| UCF Business Incubation Program | The program provides business development and operational support to early-stage, innovative businesses. | view website |
| USF CONNECT | USF CONNECT facilitates access to programming, business mentors, university talent and research for startups. | view website |

Innovation Center

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| Central Florida Tech Grove | Tech Grove is the nation's only innovation center specifically created to foster collaboration and the acceleration of novel, non-traditional, Modeling, Simulation, Training & Human Performance solutions to our national defense partners at Team Orlando. | view website |
| Florida Power & Light 35 Mules Innovation Hub | 35 Mules is Florida Power & Light's innovation hub for early-stage startups. | view website |

Industry Group

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| BioFlorida | BioFlorida is a statewide association with seven member-led chapters that connect life science communities across Florida. | view website |
| BRIDG | BRIDG is nonprofit microelectronics fabrication facility with 200mm (8-inch) wafer fab capabilities. | view website |
| FloridaMakes | FloridaMakes improves the competitiveness, productivity and technological performance of Florida's manufacturers. | view website |
| Florida Photonics Cluster | The FPC supports the growth and profitability of the photonics industry through the strength of a unified voice. | view website |
| National Center for Simulation | NCS is a national nonprofit with government, academic and industry members operating as an open consortium. | view website |
| Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division | NAWCTSD is the principal Navy center for R&D, test and evaluation, acquisition and product support of training systems. | view website |
| Space Florida | Space Florida strengthens Florida's position as a leader in aerospace research, investment, exploration and commerce. | view website |
| Tampa Bay Tech | Tampa Bay Tech provides annual programming, networking and initiatives to support the local tech ecosystem. | view website |
| Team Orlando | Team Orlando supports partnerships that bring ingenuity to the forefront of military training and simulation. | view website |

Startup + Entrepreneurial Support

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| Cenfluence | Cenfluence works with local organizations to leverage synergies within the cluster community, existing regional strengths and a well-established global network to address the specific needs of Central Florida businesses. | view website |
| Economic Development Innovation Initiative (EDI2) of Hillsborough County | EDI2 provides grant funding and support for events and opportunities that help entrepreneurs succeed. | view website |
| Embarc Collective | Embarc Collective is a nonprofit hub that provides individualized support to Tampa Bay startups. | view website |
| Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) | The SBDC at USF offers support for small business owners in the Tampa Bay region. | view website |
| GrowFL | GrowFL is Florida's only organization dedicated to supporting and accelerating the growth of second-stage companies. | view website |
| InLab@HCC | InLab@HCC is the central hub for innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and social venturing at Hillsborough Community College. | view website |
| National Entrepreneur Center | An innovative one-stop shop to support small businesses. | view website |
| St. Pete Innovation District (SPID) | SPID helps generate, sharpen and accelerate the advancement of ideas in the region. | view website |
| startGNV | startGNV is a nonprofit dedicated to growing the innovation ecosystem of Greater Gainesville. | view website |
| Synapse Florida | Synapse helps entrepreneurs easily find what they need and share what they have to accelerate their success. | view website |
| The Mainframe | A Tampa-based nonprofit pioneering breakthrough interaction among Black tech entrepreneurs and tech talent. | view website |
| UCF Small Business Development Center (SBDC) | The SBDC at UCF offers support for small business owners in eight surrounding counties. | view website |

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| UF Collaboratory for Inclusive Entrepreneurship | The Collaboratory inspires, educates and empowers underrepresented entrepreneurs. | view website |
| Veteran's Entrepreneurship Initiative (VEI) | VEI empowers and supports veteran entrepreneurs through business guidance, education, and mentorship. | view website |
| weVENTURE at the Florida Institute of Technology | weVENTURE ignites the economic power of women and entrepreneurs. | view website |

STEM + STE(A)M + Invention

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention | The Cade Museum offers interactive educational programs and events to spark and celebrate innovation. | view website |
| Florida Inventors Hall of Fame | The FIHOF supports a culture of creativity to fuel innovation, drive economic growth and encourage investment. | view website |
| Foundation for Community Driven Innovation (FCDI) | FCDI supports academic achievement, economic development and the spirit of innovation through active learning projects. | view website |
| National Academy of Inventors | The NAI encourages inventors in academia, following the model of the National Academies of the United States. | view website |
| Orlando Science Center | Orlando Science Center is Central Florida's award-winning, hands-on science museum. | view website |
| SpaceKids Global | SpaceKids Global is on a mission to Inspire students in STEAM+ education and introduce them to the diverse careers in space exploration and technology. | view website |
| The AI Education Project | The AI Education Project provides curriculum and programming to help students explore tech-enabled careers. | view website |

Talent + Career Development

| Organization | Description | Website |
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| CareerSource Brevard | CareerSource Brevard delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers. | view website |
| CareerSource Central Florida | CareerSource Central Florida delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers. | view website |
| CareerSource Flagler/Volusia | CareerSource Flagler/Volusia delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers. | view website |
| CareerSource Tampa Bay | CareerSource Tampa Bay delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers. | view website |
| Daytona State College | DSC offers over 100 certificate and degree programs in healthcare, engineering, computer science and more. | view website |
| SCF Coding Academy | The SCF Coding Academy provides industry-driven training from leading professionals, equipping motivated individuals with the essential technical skills to succeed in a digital world. | view website |
| Valencia State College | Valencia is recognized as one of the best colleges in the nation, offering quality, affordable education. | view website |

University Research + Innovation

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| Cyber Florida | Cyber Florida positions Florida as a national leader in cybersecurity through education, research and outreach. | view website |
| Embry-Riddle Research Park | The Embry-Riddle Research Park provides a nexus between the university's intellectual and technological resources, and the partner enterprises that benefit from unprecedented support. | view website |
| Florida Institute of Technology | Florida Tech is a tier-one ranked university with programs in science, engineering, aeronautics and more. | view website |
| Florida Polytechnic University | Florida Poly is the nation's leading institution of change, pushing the boundaries of education in STEM. | view website |

University Research + Innovation

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| Florida Space Institute | FSI supports space research, development and education activities within UCF and member institutions in Florida. | view website |
| Gulf Coast Research and Education Center | The GCREC offers working research fields and state-of-the-art clean housing and laboratory facilities. | view website |
| University of Central Florida | UCF is a metropolitan research university built to make a better future for our students and society. We solve tomorrow's greatest challenges through a commitment to academic, inclusive and operational excellence. | view website |
| University of Central Florida, Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center (AMPAC) | AMPAC is an interdisciplinary research and education center for materials science and engineering at UCF. | view website |
| University of Central Florida, CREOL, The College of Optics and Photonics | The College of Optics and Photonics is a world leader in education, research and industrial partnership. | view website |
| University of Central Florida, Institute for Simulation and Training | IST provides cutting-edge, human-centered simulation research and a transdisciplinary graduate program. | view website |
| University of Central Florida, NanoScience Technology Center | The center conducts cutting-edge research in materials and nanotechnology to solve real-world challenges. | view website |
| University of Florida | UF drives future-making education, eye-opening discoveries, life-saving health care, and community-building collaboration for our state, our nation, and our world. | view website |
| University of Florida, FLEXStation | FLEX drives economic and workforce development and strengthens Florida's role in the global innovation economy. | view website |
| University of Florida, UF Innovate | UF Innovate houses four programs that move research discoveries from the laboratory to the market. | view website |
| University of South Florida | A preeminent research university in Tampa, USF empowers students to maximize their potential for lifelong success. | view website |
| University of South Florida, Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS) | CAMLS is one of the world's largest, free-standing simulation facilities for training healthcare professionals. | view website |
| University of South Florida, Institute of Applied Engineering (IAE) | The IAE at USF delivers hardware-and-software-based applied research, advanced technology development, prototypes and technical services. | view website |