

SCIENCE CENTER

2025 Impact Report

2025 was a year of momentum—the kind that compounds into lasting impact.



At the Science Center, progress doesn't stay contained. One breakthrough in medtech fuels another in diagnostics. A single new job becomes the spark for dozens more. Innovation here doesn't just happen—it moves purposefully toward impact.

That same sense of forward motion inspired the launch of the Science Center Translation Project™ in August—an operating system designed to accelerate the path from discovery to real-world application. It ensures that evidence-based innovations reach the health systems, clinicians, and partners best equipped to scale them and deliver measurable impact.

Because growth, by nature, is contagious. When one idea takes root, it creates the conditions for others to thrive. Our work multiplies impact—turning ideas into action, and action into momentum. In doing so, it attracts capital, talent, and opportunity; builds STEM career pathways; and expands equitable access so that the rewards of innovation reach more people, across more communities.

2025 underscored the power of alignment: when breakthroughs, expertise, and opportunity converge, the result is scalable impact that resonates far beyond a single company or discovery.

Here's to sustaining that momentum—together.



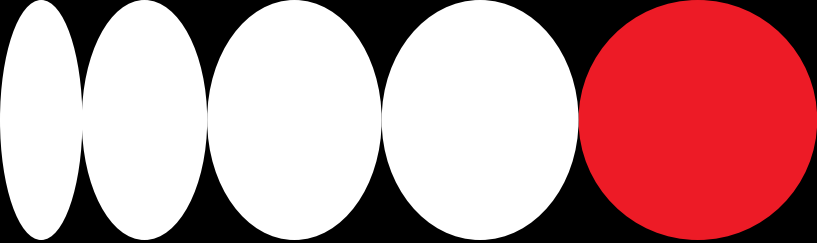
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TRANSLATING INNOVATION

In 2025 we transformed innovation into impact by aligning founders, evidence, capital, and partners—moving breakthrough ideas toward real world outcomes.



Runway Compression: Proving More with Less

We help founders shorten the path from idea to enterprise through disciplined support, resources, and mentorship that cut iteration cycles and accelerate measurable impact.



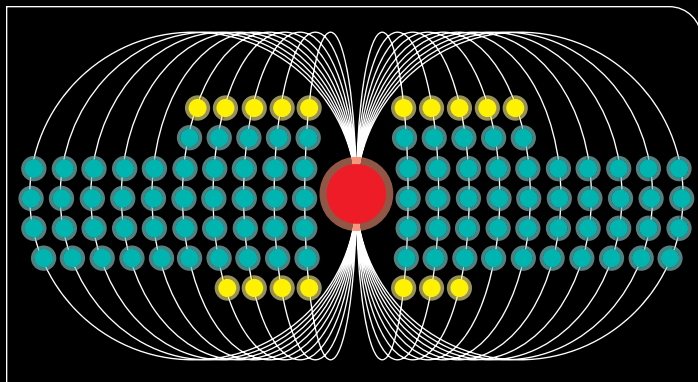
Evidence Expectations: Building Proof Earlier

We help innovators meet rising demands for comparative and economic data—embedding evidence generation early to strengthen value and accelerate market adoption.

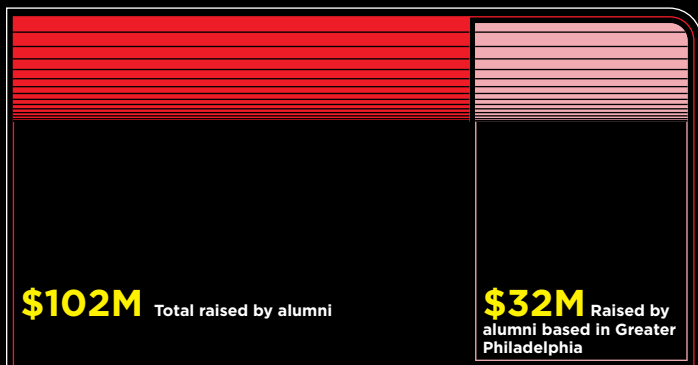


The Regional Advantage

With world-class research institutions, a diverse patient population, and legacy of innovation, medtech innovators can design, test, and scale solutions that truly reflect the people they serve.



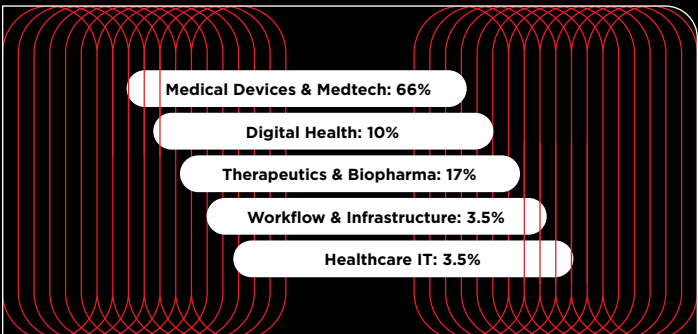
● **90** Startups supported ● **17** investors engaged representing **\$1.35B** in venture capital



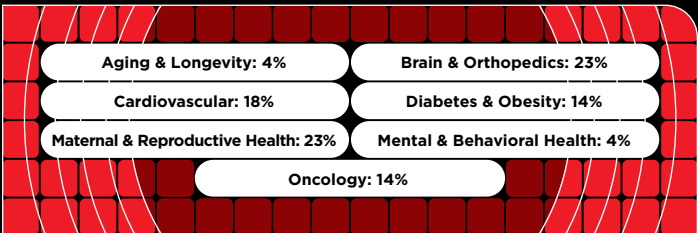
Funds raised by Capital Readiness alumni

122 Jobs created *(via Capital Readiness alumni)*

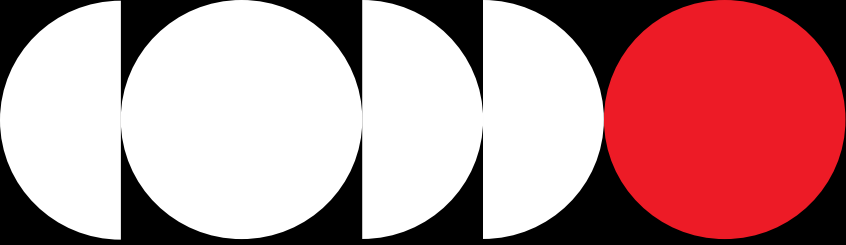
34 Companies generating revenue *(via Capital Readiness alumni)*



5 Industries represented by Capital Readiness alumni



7 Primary focus areas represented by Capital Readiness alumni



STEM PATHWAYS

In 2025, FirstHand™ deepened its mission to make STEM opportunities accessible and transformative for young people.



Hands-On Experiences

Immersive, project-based activities give students real-world STEM skills, deepen curiosity, and build confidence, ensuring learning translates into practical readiness for academic success and meaningful career pathways.



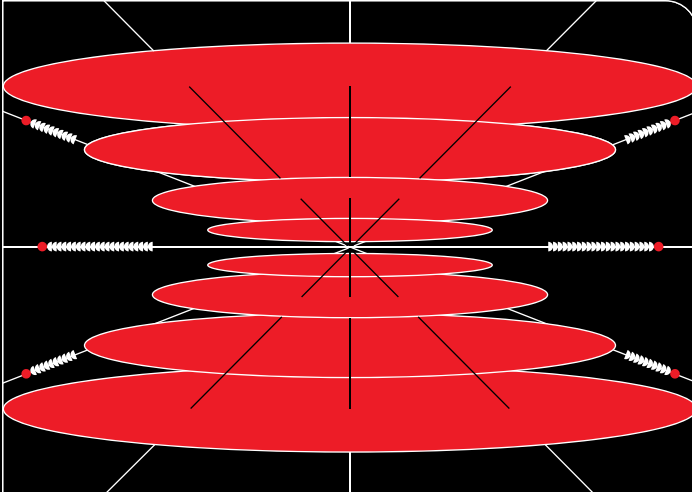
Careers of Tomorrow

By exposing learners to emerging technologies and future-focused fields, we're preparing students for tomorrow's rapidly evolving STEM careers and helping to build a diverse, innovation-ready workforce.



Economic Mobility

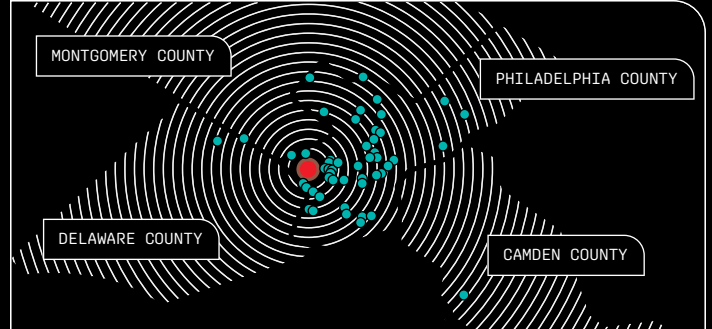
Through accessible STEM learning and career guidance, we empower Philadelphia youth to pursue high-growth opportunities, strengthening long-term economic mobility for individuals, families, and communities.



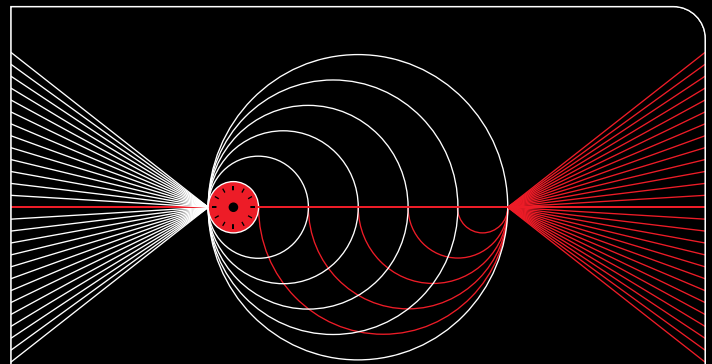
315 FirstHand students served **5,224** hours of student engagement

\$25K Stipends awarded to students

11 Internships completed



49 Schools participated in FirstHand



143 Mentors from **32** companies volunteered **709** hours



ECOSYSTEM

Ecosystems don't build themselves. In 2025, we leaned fully into the role of connector, catalyst, and convener.

Ecosystem Orchestration

The Science Center doesn't just gather stakeholders—it connects the right people at the right moment. By aligning capital, expertise, and talent, we curate the collisions that turn ideas into impact and unlock opportunity across the region and beyond.

uCity Partnership

The uCity Partnership shows what happens when collaboration becomes a mindset. Shared infrastructure and shared goals bring researchers, entrepreneurs, and neighbors together, fueling a knowledge community where forward momentum feels both inclusive and inevitable.

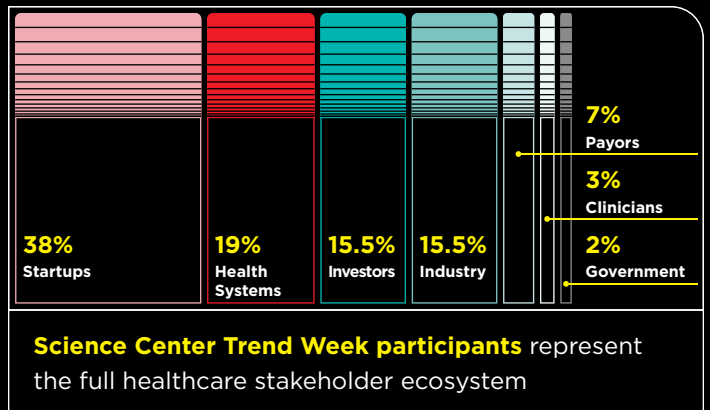
Medtech Momentum

Medtech founders need more than a breakthrough—they need an ecosystem rich in assets. By linking startups to specialized spaces, clinical partners, investors, and expert guidance, we help promising technologies gain traction and transform healthcare delivery.

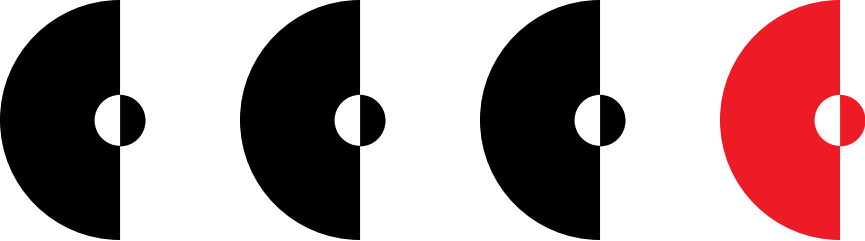
uCity Square partnership:

15K Researchers, students, academics, and innovators at uCity Square

200 Businesses at uCity Square



258 Meetings and events hosted at Quorum with **11K+** attendees



ON DECK FOR 2026

A Look Ahead...

● **An economic multiplier**

We're turning breakthroughs into businesses, creating jobs, attracting capital, and sparking new ventures that drive regional growth and expand opportunity.



● **Reducing translation friction**

We're smoothing the path from discovery to market, helping startups overcome regulatory, clinical, and commercialization hurdles so innovations reach patients faster.



● **Stakeholder alignment**

We're uniting connections across startups, investors, health systems, and industry leaders, creating a network where innovation flows faster and more efficiently.



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