

4 Transform UAF's intellectual property development and commercialization

There is an inherent entrepreneurial spirit in all of us who work or study at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, as we pursue the answers to some of the major challenges of today's society to build the Alaska and Arctic of tomorrow.

The vision is to develop and support a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship through reciprocal partnerships; provide the resources to foster creative, social and technological entrepreneurship; build innovative communities to develop solutions to focused challenges and needs; and create opportunities to grow today's and tomorrow's innovators and entrepreneurs.

Accomplishing this will require the following actions:

- **UAF will build its existing culture and foster new passions to integrate into the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Alaska and the Arctic.** This includes:
 - Integrating faculty with significant experience in innovation and entrepreneurship into the academic review process, supporting students pursuing innovative research and rapidly responding to commercialization opportunities commensurate with the speed of business.
 - Fostering ideation and entrepreneurship across academic programs. UAF will recognize its

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