Overview

The Research Innovation Center (RIC) at the Foothills campus of Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins is Colorado’s premier life science company accelerator. Companies at various stages in their development can benefit from locating in this state of the art facility. Rentable space includes 21 different lab configurations totaling 7,500 sq. ft., 1,700 sq. ft. of private offices, and > 6,000 sq. ft. of common space.

Located within the CSU Infectious Disease Research Center, the complex is a lively hub of translational-stage research where academic and industry researchers can mingle. The CDC Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases is across the parking lot. The buildings next door house CSU’s BioMARC, a leading biologics contract development & manufacturing organization (CDMO) manufacturing vaccine and therapeutic drug candidates for clinical trials under GMP conditions.

The RIC is an ideal environment to advance the science you are building your company on, while benefitting from all that Fort Collins offers (routinely rated as one of America’s most live-able / happiest / best quality of life cities).

RIC Features

- Office space located next to flexible BSL-2 wet lab space (turnkey, move-in ready)
- Shared infrastructure such meeting rooms, break rooms, reception, mail service
- Full access to CSU electronic library for scientific literature
- Discounted fee structure for use of university major equipment core facilities and instrumentation (next generation sequencing, proteomics)
- Access to vivarium and laboratory animal services
- High security facility, monitored 24x7
- Easy access to hire outstanding student interns / recent grads
- Ideal location for establishing collaborative R&D relationships with world-class CSU faculty
- Life science business advisory services available

Why Fort Collins, Colorado?

Consistently ranked on national ‘best of’ lists:

- Top 10 Happiest Cities (National Geographic)
- Top 5 Bloomberg Brain Index (Bloomberg)
- #2 Best City in America for Small Business (ValuePenguin)
- Top 10 Best Metros for female entrepreneurs (Forbes)
- Top 10 Best-Performing Cities (Milken Institute)
- Top 10 Metro Areas for High-Tech Startup Density (Kauffman Foundation)
- Top 10 Best Cities for Millennials (Millennialpersonalfinance.com)
- Top 3 Digital City (Govtech.com)
- ‘Best College Towns to Live in Forever’ (College Ranker)
- ‘Next Top Cities for Tech Jobs’ (Fast Company)
- ‘America’s Most Innovative Tech Hubs’ (NerdWallet)
- Best Places for Business and Careers (Forbes)
- Happiest Cities (Huffington Post)
- Top 10 Healthiest Cities (Livability.com)
- ‘Best Towns Ever’ (Outside Magazine)
- America’s Most Satisfied City (Time)
If your company needs BSL-2 lab space, or is considering relocating from high-cost areas on the East or West coasts, we invite you to consider the Research Innovation Center in Fort Collins, Colorado. Utilize the world class infrastructure we have in place, advance your scientific concepts, collaborate with other innovative scientists, become a part of a vibrant community focused on translational research, and enjoy an outstanding quality of life.