

The WVU Business Incubator — *nurturing growing businesses*

The WVU Business Incubator, and the services it provides to tenants, is unlike any other in the state.

Established in 2004 and managed and operated by the WVU Office of Technology Transfer, the Incubator provides the environment, resources, and entrepreneurial spirit needed to maximize the growth potential of small start-up businesses.

On-site and virtual Incubator tenants have access to many different types of vital support—accounting, advertising, graphic design, information technology, finance, corporate services, marketing, and Web design and development. These resources aren't provided in similar environments elsewhere.

"WVU provides a service incubator to its tenants," says Dustin Gwinn, incubator manager. "Tenants have access to a professional staff, trained and skilled student interns, and

WVU resources that ensure tenants have guidance in areas critical to their success."

That the Incubator will be one of the first occupants of the Research Park is no coincidence. This location is a much needed expansion. The Incubator is currently at space capacity, and has a waiting list of future tenants. Currently housed in a 6,000 square foot location, the Incubator will occupy 18,000 square feet of space in the Research Park. The additional space will also provide room for expansion as tenants' businesses grow and succeed.

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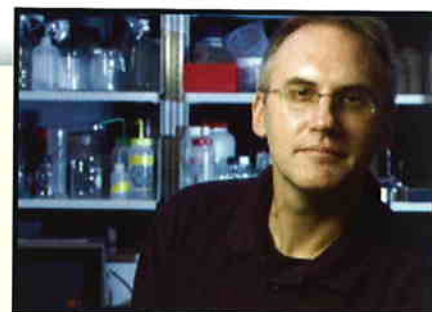
WVU Business Incubator: <http://www.wvu.edu/~incubator/>
WVU Research Office: <http://www.wvu.edu/~research/>

■ With 65,000 square feet of space, the first building in the WVU Research Park will house the WVU Business Incubator, provide leasable space for tenants, and will include wet and dry laboratory facilities.



"Protea is moving forward, from its early operations as a small research unit, to now becoming a fully integrated business, manufacturing and shipping biotechnology products to our customers worldwide. The WVU Incubator program made this transition possible, by providing critical support to our marketing and accounting functions during our early stage, when we really needed it. The WVU Incubator Program is a key player in Morgantown's new economy."

Steve Turner, President
Protea Biosciences, Inc.
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"EyeMarker Systems' association with the WVU Business Incubator has been instrumental in the success of our company. The expertise and support of the Incubator staff and interns have helped advance EyeMarker Systems grow from a start-up to an emerging company. EyeMarker Systems looks forward to continued growth and success as an Incubator tenant. It is highly recommended that new start-up companies explore the benefits that the WVU Business Incubator can offer."

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