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COLUMBUS, March 8, 2018 – We are proud to announce that Norm Chagnon has been hired as the new Program Director for I-Corps@Ohio.

In this role, Dr. Chagnon is responsible for planning, directing, and developing high-quality training programs for faculty and students in Ohio's universities and colleges who participate in this annual, seven-week program focused on translating fundamental research to innovative products and services, often realized in new startup companies. Norm replaces Dr. S. Michael Camp who will remain as the Academic Director of I-Corps@Ohio in tandem with his Executive Director of Entrepreneurship and Technology Innovation role at Ohio State's Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence. "We are honored to announce Norm as our new program director," Camp said. "He brings deep experience in building and managing large statewide entrepreneurial development programs, and is well connected throughout the State. His vision, knowledge and networks will be tremendous assets as we move I-Corps@Ohio into a sustainable, statewide entrepreneurial ecosystem."



*Norm Chagnon  
Program Director  
I-Corps@Ohio*

Norm comes to I-Corps@Ohio after 29 years with Ohio Development Services Agency, where his latest appointment was Executive Director of the Third Frontier Commission. In his most recent role, Norm led the Ohio Third Frontier, the State's largest technology based economic development program.

"As managing director of the Ohio Third Frontier-funded Global Cardiovascular Innovation Center (GCIC), I have worked with Norm for over 10 years, and I have always valued his insightful guidance and support. I look forward to continuing to work with him as he brings his commercialization perspective to the I-Corps@Ohio program", shares Mark Low of the Cleveland Clinic.

**About I-Corps@Ohio:** I-Corps@Ohio is a statewide program to assist faculty and graduate students from Ohio universities and colleges to validate the market potential of their technologies and assist with launching startup companies. I-Corps@Ohio has trained more than 300 participants on nearly 60 university startup teams from several major research universities in Ohio. I-Corps@Ohio is modeled after the National Science Foundation's (NSF) successful I-Corps program, which has proven to increase innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaboration. I-Corps@Ohio is an initiative of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. I-Corps@Ohio operates out of Columbus but has presence statewide at colleges, universities, and community colleges across Ohio.

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