

Problems to products. Solutions to startups. Local ideas to global impact.

RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE HUB · JOIN OR LAUNCH A THINK TANK

WHAT

A problem-solving think tank powered by students, researchers, and industry.

The 2150 iLAB originates, de-risks, and scales catalytic projects, products, and services. HBCU student and faculty teams work on real challenges brought by industry partners in high-growth sectors. 2150 provides expert resources, founder coaching and resources, and funder investment pathways. Real problems become student ideas, funded projects, and sustainable businesses.

WHO

TRACK 01

Student Researcher

Semester or year-long · Hybrid

Placement into a sector iLAB with faculty and industry mentors, published research, and a direct line into 2150 founder and funder circles.

TRACK 02

Researcher / PI

1 to 3 years · Cross-institution

Lead or co-lead a workstream. Corporate datasets, testbeds, pilots, grant-writing support, and a national platform through 2150 press and convenings.

TRACK 03

Corporate Partner

Multi-year · Sponsored lab

Bring the problem. Guide the conversations. Monitor the progress. Receive the case study and consider a startup investment.

HOW

01 Decision Intelligence

Applied AI for institutions

02 Retail

Commerce, logistics, supply chain

03 Finance

Fintech and inclusive growth

04 Manufacturing

With Mercedes-Benz

05 Infrastructure

With Macquarie Group

06 Energy

With Alabama Power and LSE

07 Public Policy

With Mindset, at the National Press Club

08 Entertainment

Media, music, and the creative economy

+ Propose a new lab

Co-branded, inside 2150

JOIN

1 Pick your pathway

Student, Researcher, or Corporate. Not sure? The form routes you.

2 Choose a sector

One of the eight labs, or propose a new think tank.

3 Submit online

About 10 minutes. The 2150 team follows up within a week.

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