



RESEARCH PARK  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of UT Research Park,

Every quarter reminds me that what happens here isn't just about the building going on — it's about turning our collective research strength into the industries of tomorrow. This quarter, we have our eye on the future with our focus on all things quantum.

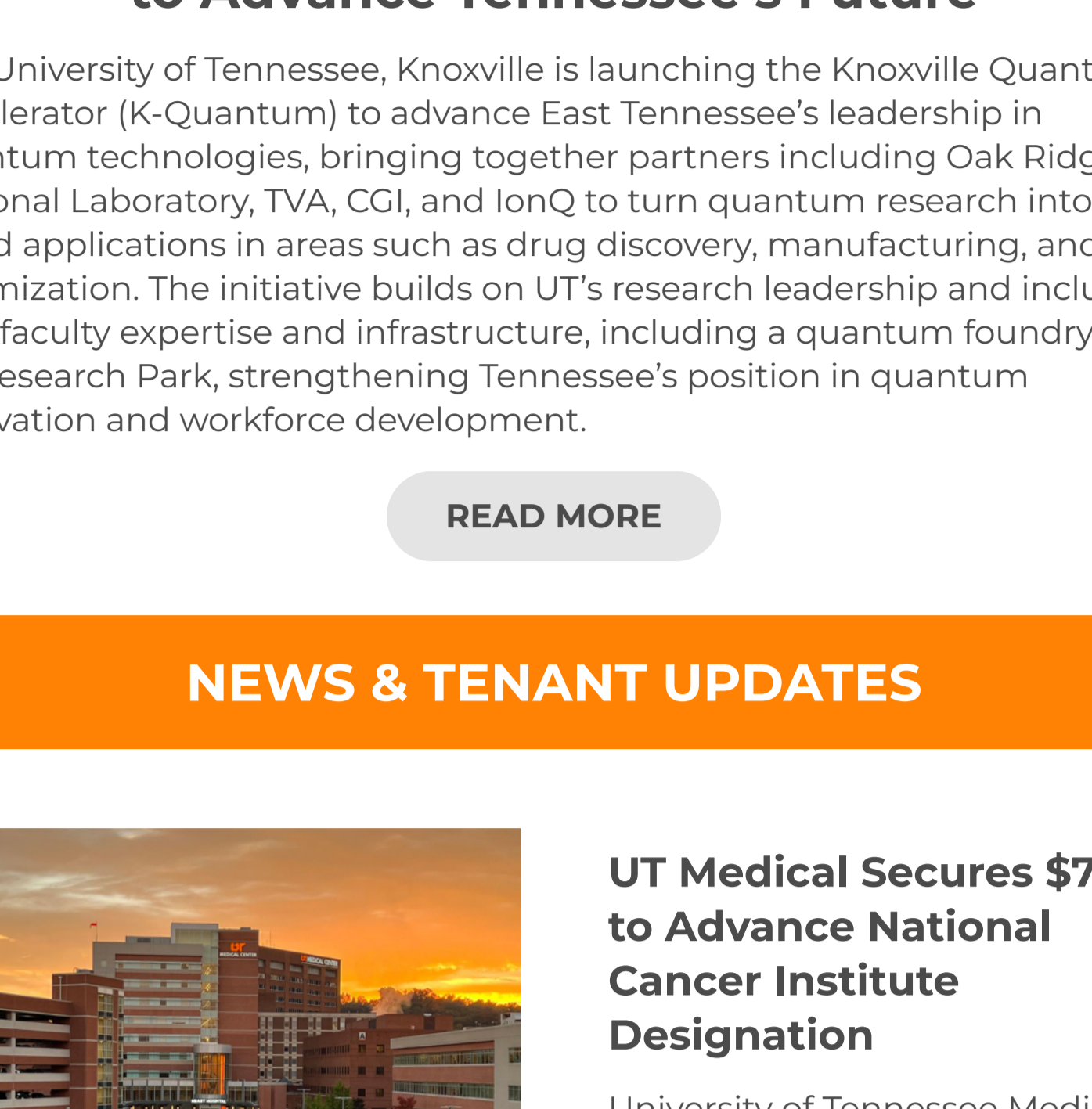
With the launch of the Knoxville Quantum Accelerator and a new quantum foundry taking shape here at the Park, we're doing what we do best — convening the right partners around an opportunity for the future and building the infrastructure to solve it. By bringing together the University of Tennessee, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and our industry partners, we're positioning the Park as the place where quantum breakthroughs become exciting companies that create a lasting impact in the community.

It's a vivid example of our larger mission: research that doesn't stay in the lab. You'll see that same spirit throughout this issue — from advances in cancer care and mobility to the work of our energy and environment partners.

Thank you for being part of this community. The momentum is real, and we're just getting started.

Warm regards,

**Brett Malone**  
President, UT Research Park



## UT Launches Knoxville Quantum Accelerator to Advance Tennessee's Future

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is launching the Knoxville Quantum Accelerator (K-Quantum) to advance East Tennessee's leadership in quantum technologies, bringing together partners including Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TVA, CGI, and IonQ to turn quantum research into real-world applications in areas such as drug discovery, manufacturing, and optimization. The initiative builds on UT's research leadership and includes new faculty expertise and infrastructure, creating a quantum foundry at UT Research Park, strengthening Tennessee's position in quantum innovation and workforce development.

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## NEWS & TENANT UPDATES



### UT Medical Secures \$7M to Advance National Cancer Institute Designation

University of Tennessee Medical Center has received a \$7 million state appropriation to support its pursuit of National Cancer Institute designation, a major step toward expanding advanced cancer care, research and prevention efforts across Tennessee. This investment will improve access to cutting-edge treatments closer to home and position Tennessee as a growing hub for cancer research and innovation.

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### UT: A Key Partner in Tennessee's Economic Development Story

The University of Tennessee is highlighting a century of innovation, research, and economic impact across the state. Through partnerships with industry, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and communities across Tennessee, UT turns research into real-world solutions that drive investment, support entrepreneurs, and strengthen the state's economy. From the Volkswagen Innovation Hub at UT Research Park to startup support through UT Ventures and innovation programs across the UT System, UT is helping position Tennessee as a leader in research, technology, and workforce development.

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### Energizing Tennessee: Launching New Tennessee Businesses Through the Spark Accelerator

Entrepreneurs, this episode is for you. TAEBEC's Energizing Tennessee podcast recently featured Spark Executive Director Bill Malkes and Witching Hour founder Lance Adler discussing how the Spark Accelerator at UT Research Park is helping entrepreneurs launch, grow, and scale their businesses in Tennessee.

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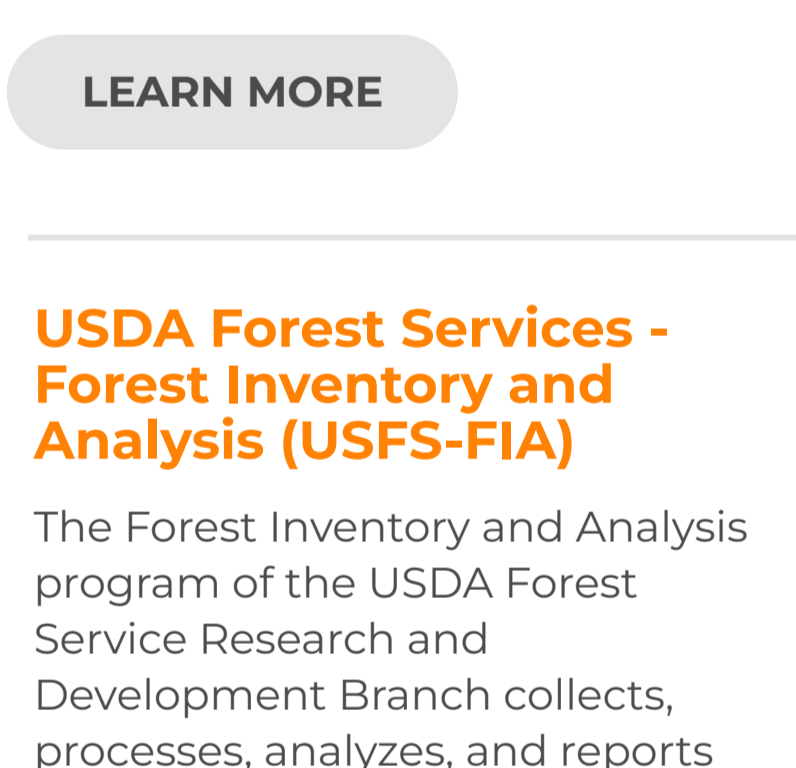
### Spark Innovation Center Graduates First Mobility Lab Cohort

The Spark Innovation Center launched its first Mobility Lab, featuring a standout first cohort of innovators within the mobility industry.

This cohort brought together seven participants representing five companies: Electrovia, Fuel Daddy, PF Design Lab, PRSVR Systems, and ThermoVerse.

Building on the proven partnership between TAEBEC and Spark, the Spark Mobility Lab strengthens Tennessee's advanced energy ecosystem and positions local companies to compete nationally in the rapidly evolving mobility sector.

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### Two Park Community Members Receive Chancellor's Innovation Fund Award

Congratulations to Dr. Steven Newby, Director of the Medical Device Innovation Core (MeDIC) at the Center for Precision Health, and Maged Guerguis, alumnus of the 2025 Spark Accelerator, on receiving the Chancellor's Innovation Fund Award!

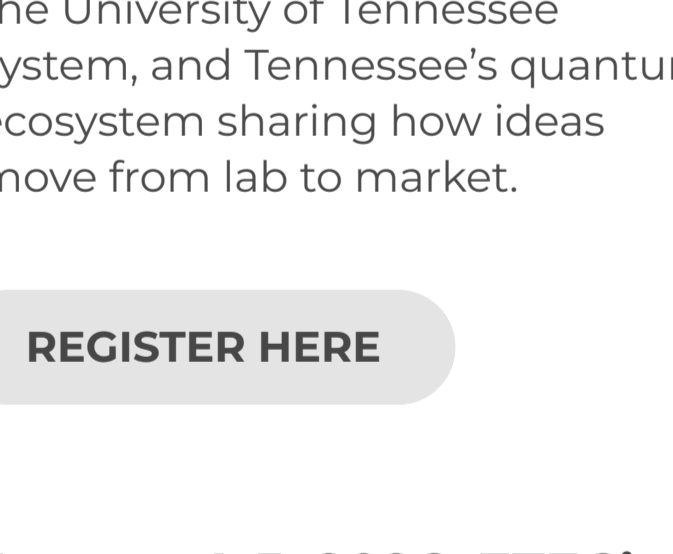
We're proud to see members of the Park community being recognized for their hard work!

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## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT: ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### CEC

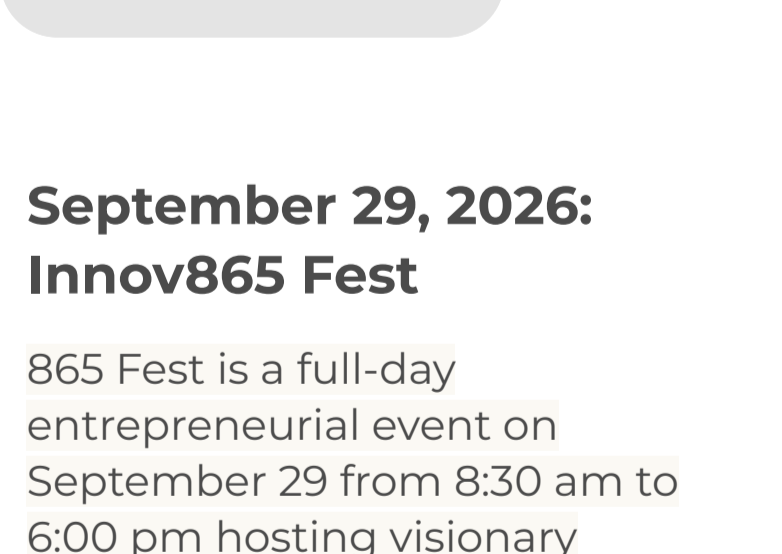
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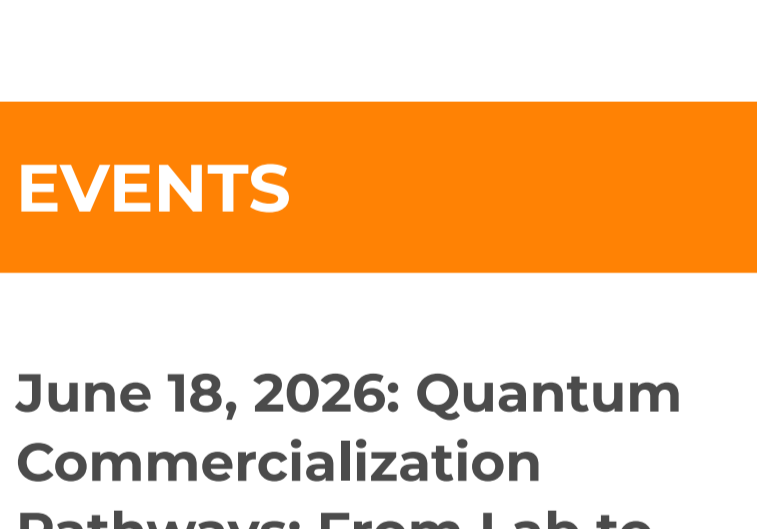


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### USDA Forest Services - Forest Inventory and Analysis (USFS-FIA)

The Forest Inventory and Analysis program of the USDA Forest Service Research and Development Branch collects, processes, analyzes, and reports data used to assess the extent and condition of forest resources across the United States. For nearly 100 years, the program has been recognized as a world leader in national-scale forest inventories.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### June 18, 2026: Quantum Commercialization Pathways: From Lab to Market

Join CO.LAB, IonQ, CQC, TAEBEC, and LaunchTN's TTAC on June 18th at 1:00 pm for a focused webinar on how breakthrough quantum research becomes real-world companies. Keynoted by Alex Challans of The Quantum Insider, the session features researchers-turned-founders from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the University of Tennessee system, and Tennessee's quantum ecosystem sharing how ideas move from lab to market.

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### August 4-5, 2026: ETEC's Nuclear Opportunities Workshop

The Nuclear Opportunities Workshop (NOW) is ETEC's premier annual conference. The event highlights developments in fission, fusion, isotopes, environmental management, AI in nuclear, workforce initiatives, and emerging technologies, while offering valuable opportunities to connect with leaders from TVA, the U.S. Department of Energy, and companies of all sizes, along with the next generation of nuclear talent.

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### September 29, 2026: Innov865 Fest

865 Fest is a full-day entrepreneurial event on September 29 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm hosting visionary keynotes, premier pitch competitions, thought-provoking panels, and much more to explore how big ideas move from concept to reality. Gather alongside Knoxville's brightest founders, investors, executives and business leaders for insights on transformative tech, bold business moves and regional success stories.

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

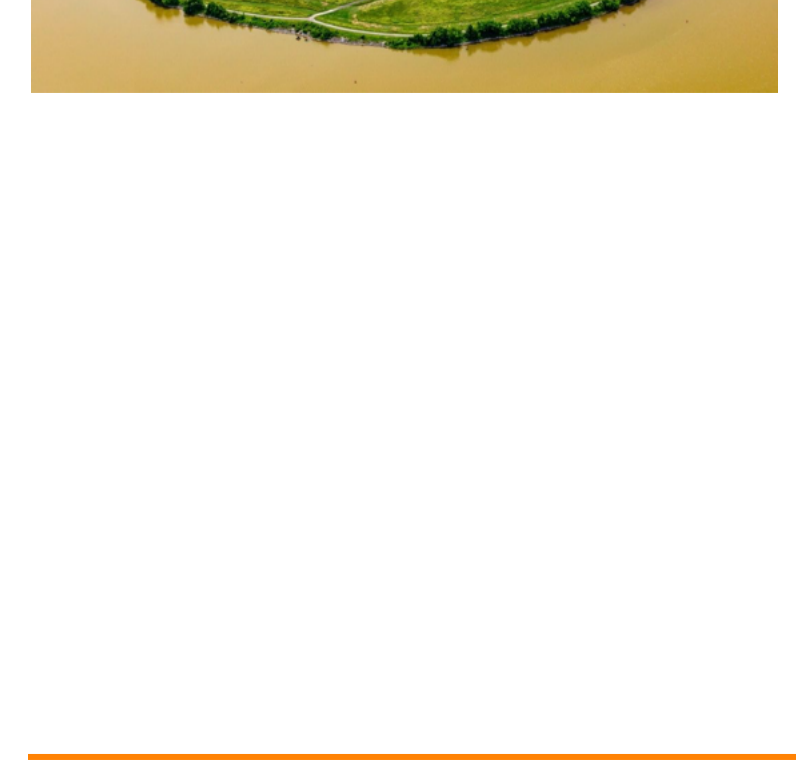


### TDOT Interchange

Construction continues to make steady progress. Beams for Bridge 1 have been set, and deck construction is now underway. Blasting operations for retaining walls will continue, while Lifestar Road has been completed. Crews have also begun geofabric backfill work on Wall 6 and will continue construction on walls 6A, 6C, and 17B-24.

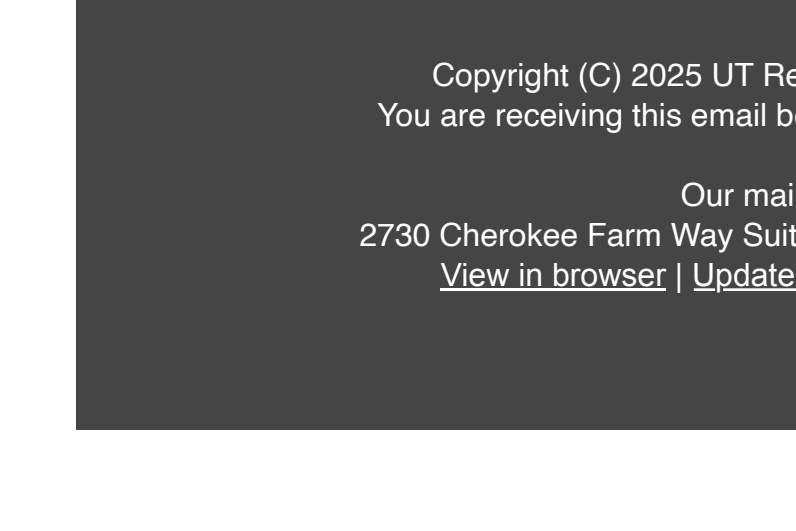
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## COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AVAILABLE



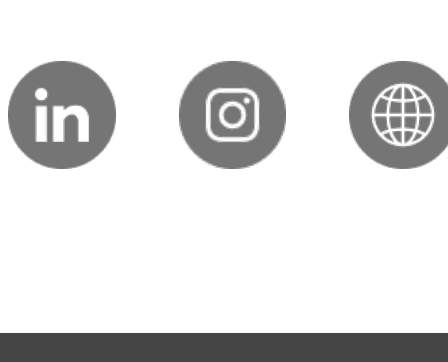
### Research Park Startup Lab Space

Discover premium lab space at the UT Research Park, designated for innovative and collaborative startups. Elevate your work in a dynamic environment built to support groundbreaking discoveries. To submit a contact form click [here](#).



### Building Space Available

We're excited to share that multiple pad-ready sites are now available across the UT Research Park peninsula, offering a unique opportunity for companies to establish a tailored presence within our growing innovation ecosystem. In parallel, we have new buildings under development that will offer modern, flexible leasing opportunities designed to support research, advanced technology, and collaborative industry partnerships. Whether you're looking to build-to-suit or lease in a purpose-built environment, we'd welcome the opportunity to connect and explore how you can be part of this rapidly growing community. To submit a contact form click [here](#).



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