

# **Institutional Profile Report** *2016*

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The information contained in this report is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

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## **A. Introduction**

NJIT enrolled 11,325 students in Fall 2015. NJIT also awarded 2,599 degrees including baccalaureate through doctorate in the 2015-2016 fiscal year in an array of engineering and technology disciplines, computer and information science, architecture, management, applied sciences, mathematics and biotechnology. The university officially offers Ph.D. programs in 19 professional areas, master's programs in 59 specialties, and 51 baccalaureate degree programs; conducts research with important commercial and public policy applications; and performs a broad spectrum of economic development and public service activities. NJIT has one of the most computing-intensive campuses in America. NJIT also contributes significantly to New Jersey's economy and economic development. NJIT's students have provided 150,000 hours of community service over the past five years, and the university serves more than 5,000 elementary and secondary school students and teachers annually through an array of pre-college programs.

NJIT was founded in 1881 as the Newark Technical School. Today, the university has six schools and colleges: Newark College of Engineering (1919), the College of Architecture and Design (1973), the College of Science and Liberal Arts (1982), the School of Management (1988), the Albert Dorman Honors College (1993), and the College of Computing Sciences (2001). From the beginning, NJIT has provided government, industry, and the larger community with a technologically educated workforce. Today's emphasis on graduate studies and research builds upon the fine undergraduate programs that have distinguished the institution since its earliest days. Currently, about one-third of NJIT's students are enrolled in master's and doctoral programs.

NJIT's evolution as a significant research university has been achieved through an aggressive faculty recruitment plan matched by an extensive building effort that doubled the size of the main campus over the past decade and added major research facilities for environmental engineering and science, advanced manufacturing, and microelectronics. Annual research expenditures are now more than \$110 million. The strong applications orientation of the university's research program has allowed NJIT to respond to state, federal, and industrial initiatives, to help address pressing public policy issues, and stimulate economic growth. Research activities, often carried out by interdisciplinary teams of investigators, are focused especially on manufacturing systems, infrastructure, information technologies, environmental engineering and science, architecture and building science, and management. Major funding for instructional and research programs is obtained from leading corporations, foundations and government agencies including the National Science Foundation, the United States Department of Defense, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Transportation and many others.

NJIT's 45 acre, computing-intensive, residential campus is located in the University Heights section of Newark, less than 10 miles from New York City and Newark International Airport. It is easily reached by interstate highways and public transportation. Graduate, undergraduate, and continuing education classes are offered at the main campus, at extension sites at colleges and other locations throughout New Jersey and increasingly through a variety of electronically mediated distance learning formats.

## **B. NJIT Mission Statement**

NJIT is the state's technological research university, committed to the pursuit of excellence—

- in undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional education, preparing students for productive careers and amplifying their potential for lifelong personal and professional growth
- in the conduct of research with emphasis on applied, interdisciplinary efforts encompassing architecture and the sciences, including the health sciences, engineering, mathematics, transportation and infrastructure systems, information and communications technologies
- in contributing to economic development through the state's largest business incubator system, workforce development, joint ventures with government and the business community, and through the development of intellectual property
- in service to both its urban environment and the broader society of the state and nation by conducting public policy studies, making educational opportunities widely available and initiating community-building projects.

NJIT prepares its graduates for positions of leadership as professionals and as citizens; provides educational opportunities for a broadly diverse student body; responds to needs of large and small businesses, state and local governmental agencies and civic organizations; partners with educational institutions at all levels to accomplish its mission; and advances the uses of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as a means of improving the quality of life.

### **Core Values**

Our core values reflect our beliefs, guide our behavior, shape our culture, and in so doing establish a sense of community, common purpose and student focus.

- **Excellence**—We innovate in the pursuit of excellence in all that we do and continue to improve in order to meet and sustain the highest standards of performance.
- **Integrity**—We are honest and ethical in all we do, keep our promises and acknowledge our mistakes.
- **Civility**—We treat each other with respect and with dignity.
- **Social Responsibility**—We pride ourselves in being an engaged partner enhancing the communities in which we live.

- Diversity—We celebrate the diversity of our university community and are sensitive to cultural and personal differences. We do not tolerate discrimination of any form.
- Communication—We strive to share information and understand each other’s perspectives.

## C. NJIT Strategic Plan: 2020 Vision

### Strategic Priority 1: Students

*Goal:* In both undergraduate and graduate programs, new initiatives will refine and target admissions processes. Once enrolled at NJIT, students will receive the highest level of academic and social support to enable them to persist through a rigorous curriculum and become leaders in their professions or continue their studies at a more advanced level.

#### Objective 1.1: Admissions

To admit the students most likely to succeed at NJIT, graduate in a timely manner, and ensure they are capable of assuming leadership positions.

#### Strategy 1: Expand Communication and Information Channels

*Implementation of aggressive marketing and recruitment strategies* will help us identify prospective students and those who influence their decisions. These new marketing approaches will create awareness of our academic community, articulate the rigor of the NJIT curriculum, and identify the benefits of an NJIT degree. Important to this strategy is the expansion of pipeline programs including pre-college activities and outreach to targeted high schools by departments, schools, and colleges.

*Centralization of information* using digital technology will increase our ability to manage the information needed to recruit and retain students. A suite of predictive analytics will allow us to further enhance our best practices.

*Building of a robust data and analytics system* which assembles records for all entering students and implementing an algorithm which uses this detailed applicant information to predict student success will help target the recruitment and admission of students with the preparation and skills needed for academic success at NJIT.

#### Strategy 2: Improve Graduate Student Recruitment

*Recruitment of graduate students will adopt competitive practices* including an earlier application deadline, timely offer letters, and competitive graduate stipend.

*Recruitment of graduate students at the department level should become the norm, with emphasis on the following: student point of contact; peer outreach; and individual faculty outreach.*

*Analysis of graduate student success by departments/programs will result in a student success profile, which will inform and guide future admissions.*

### Strategy 3: Improve the Web Presence

*Creation of a high-impact website will improve recruitment and better serve the needs of the NJIT community through increased communication and functionality.*

*Refinement of our expertise in and use of social networking will enhance communication efforts. Special attention will be given to use of social media in domestic and international recruiting efforts through the development of a market-driven digital plan designed to increase awareness of the NJIT brand through webpages, emails, electronic advertising, and other social media channels.*

### Objective 1.2: Persistence and Retention

To increase persistence and retention by strengthening student support.

#### Strategy 1: Design a Connected Academic Community

*Expansion of Learning Communities for students across all majors will help undergraduate students receive consistent academic support as part of a cohort of students with similar curricular interests.*

*Enliven the student community through social media to connect students, faculty and staff and create a stronger NJIT identity.*

#### Strategy 2: Standardize Academic Advisement

*Development of university guidelines for advisement across academic departments will lead to timely graduation. Increased use of software tools can assist in tracking students and offering more effective advising.*

*Intensification of first-year advisement will aid students in selecting an appropriate undergraduate degree. NJIT students will be admitted to a college or school of their choice with the option of indicating a provisional major. University majors will be officially declared at the end of the first year.*

*Analysis of student data will target assistance for at-risk students and make possible timely intervention by faculty and advisors, followed by appropriate academic and student services support.*

*Enhancement of sophomore student support*, with particular emphasis on the role of the faculty advisor in the major, will offer sophomores the support and resources to foster a smooth transition into their declared major.

Strategy 3: Improve Tutoring, Mentoring, and Student Support

*Coordination of tutoring, mentoring, and student support* through a *University Commons* will increase the management and effectiveness of these programs across the university.

*Training of faculty, instructors, academic advisors, and mentors* will ensure that retention is strengthened through uniform approaches to learning experiences, policies, and procedures.

Objective 1.3: Graduation

To ensure that more NJIT students graduate on time and without administrative obstacles.

Strategy 1: Offer Classes as Needed

*Offering of all classes* and sections required for a degree when students need them is critical for timely graduation.

*Expansion of the scope of winter and summer sessions* by offering additional sections, particularly online, will also facilitate timely graduation.

Strategy 2: Streamline the Graduation Process

*Notification of students when they are nearing graduation* should occur automatically, alerting students about the courses they still need.

*Graduation of qualified students* without a student-initiated graduation process will prevent administrative delays.

*Expansion of advising and financial support* for senior students will increase their chances of completing the final steps toward their degree.

Objective 1.4: Campus Quality of Life

To enhance the quality of campus life leading to increased student engagement, satisfaction, and pride.

Strategy 1: Improve Administrative Processes and Practices

*Examination and modification of university academic and non-academic administrative policies, practices, and procedures* will lend consistency and fairness to the continuing process of improving the campus quality of life.

*Development of a service-focused message* for all faculty and staff following the systematic examination will ensure that a consistent message of student-centeredness is achieved on campus.

#### Strategy 2: Address Student Issues Quickly

*Development of a service center to promptly address student questions* and direct students to appropriate departments and administrative offices as needed. This center will use social media and other digital applications, making the most effective use of current technology.

#### Strategy 3: Support Campus Activities

*Facilitation of sustainable and supported campus events and experiences* such as intramural athletics and competitive academic teams, such as debating and chess, will engage the entire university community and enhance campus life.

*Development of an “events center”* will provide space and support for student activities as well as provide venues for large community assemblies.

### Strategic Priority 2: Learning

*Goal:* We will advance student learning success by achieving high standards of student-centered instruction and evidence-based assessment.

#### Objective 2.1: Curricular Reform

To ensure degree programs meet the needs of students and the demands of employers.

#### Strategy 1: Reform Undergraduate Education to meet Common Guidelines

*Identification of the core learning outcomes for each academic degree* and for the General University Requirements (GUR) will ensure that common outcomes are achieved.

*Reform of the GUR* should result in program that teaches students the general skills needed for professional success and engaged citizenship, and incorporate milestone experiences such as research, internships, service learning, international study, the arts, and civic engagement.

*Allowance for modifications of credit requirements and semester load*, in the short-term, will facilitate retention and graduation and reduce the costs of attending NJIT.

*Implementation of a 4 X 4 curriculum* in which students take four courses at four credits across four years of undergraduate study, in the long-term, will further improve retention and graduation rates and reduce degree costs.

#### Strategy 2: Innovate Graduate Education for Professional Enhancement

*Creation of professional science master's (PSM) programs*, intended for working professional students, and in collaboration with industrial partners, will provide these students with expertise in their discipline as well as competence in business, management, ethics, policy, and communication skills.

*Creation of online applied master's programs* will yield additional benefits for the university by attracting professionals and other working students.

*Introduction of a doctoral program in the School of Management*, the only school/college currently without such a program, will elevate the visibility and stature of the school in industry and academia.

#### Strategy 3: Continuously Update the Curriculum

*Development of a program review process* that considers feedback from professional accreditation agencies and input from industry will ensure that our curricula produce graduates with appropriate skills.

#### Objective 2.2: Convergence through Digital Learning

To embrace digital learning as the transformative strategy for the delivery of instruction across the curriculum, giving students control over time, place, path, and pace of education.

##### Strategy 1: Create an Instructional Culture of Digital Learning

*Acceptance of digital learning* will result in all instructors using converged technology to better engage students in the curriculum.

*Achievement of the convergence* of face-to-face and online modes of instructional delivery by use of advanced instructional technologies will eliminate the boundaries between the physical and virtual classrooms.

*Implementation of digital learning* technology will be supported, coordinated and refined throughout all levels of responsible university administration, faculty, and support units.

*Application of adaptive learning systems* will provide students with learning support through personalized digitally-based instruction, especially in the lower-level GUR courses in mathematics, the sciences, and writing.

Strategy 2: Assure Academic Rigor in the Converged Delivery Mode

*Uniformity of academic standards*, regardless of course delivery mode, will be achieved. All students will be held to the same standards for academic excellence because course content and learning outcomes are independent of the delivery mode.

*Creation of a digital repository for learning artifacts* will result in sharing of best instructional practice among faculty contribute to digital literacy among students, and facilitate the assessment of courses and degree programs.

Objective 2.3: Milestone Experiences

To give every undergraduate student in good standing credit-bearing unique learning opportunities through milestone experiences.

Strategy 1: Integrate Milestone Experiences into Undergraduate Degree Programs

*Expansion of the Undergraduate Research and Innovation* program will promote collaboration and will relate knowledge acquired in the classroom to applied research problems.

*Development of curricular based co-ops and internships* will enhance student opportunities for industry experience.

*Integration of service learning projects* in the Newark community and beyond into the GUR will involve undergraduate students in meaningful civic engagement.

*Expansion of international experiences* and integration of them into degree programs will allow undergraduate students to study, live, and work in new cultural environments and develop an understanding of their place in global society.

Strategy 2: Integrate Milestone Experiences into graduate programs

*Fostering of research, industrial, service, and international learning experiences* will enhance advanced study. New professional science master's programs and applied master's programs will receive special attention under this initiative.

*Expansion of research and service*, including civic engagement opportunities for graduate students, will advance the presence of the university locally, nationally and internationally.

### Strategy 3: Promote Personal Milestone Experiences

*Promotion of personal milestone experiences of all kinds* will contribute to our student's personal academic development.

### Objective 2.4: Professional Success

To provide the knowledge, skills, and experience recognized by employers and graduate schools so that students will be prepared to attain professional success and be prepared for leadership positions as professionals and citizens.

#### Strategy 1: Promote Paths to Professional Success

*Preparation of our students* to attain their first choice destination upon degree completion will assist them in gaining professional employment or graduate education.

*Provision of professional development workshops* will better prepare our students for success after graduation. Career Development Services will work with all departments and degree programs to develop a workshop curriculum that meets the needs of specific careers.

### Objective 2.5: Curricular Assessment

To assess student learning and use the results for course and program improvement, leading to increased rates of retention and graduation.

#### Strategy 1: Evaluate the Curriculum

*Assessment of the curriculum* is essential to its sustainability. Assessment resources will be employed to determine the success of implementation and the achievement of program learning outcomes.

#### Strategy 2: Develop an Academic Assessment Website

*Demonstration of curricular assessment* and the impact of that assessment must be communicated to the NJIT community. Special attention will be paid to the relationship between degree objectives and course outcomes and how both relate to institutional priorities.

*Institution of yearly program self-assessments and cyclical program reviews* by creating standardized, efficient, and transparent procedures for submission and assessment of reports through an intuitive, interactive website.

#### Strategy 3: Assess Student Professional Success

*Tracking of recent alumni* to periodically assess their success and satisfaction in their professional careers will contribute to improvements in the curriculum.

### Strategic Priority 3: Scholarship

*Goal:* NJIT will build and sustain a national and international presence in research.

#### Objective 3.1: Promote Multidisciplinary Research

To take a leading research role in three emerging areas of multidisciplinary research: data science and information technology, convergence of the life sciences and engineering, and sustainable systems.

##### Strategy 1: Adopt Multidisciplinary Research Approaches

*Promotion of multidisciplinary research* will result in collaborative teams of researchers that will find innovative solutions to research problems.

*Support of researchers participating in multidisciplinary research* will lead to increased external funding, increased opportunities for publication, increased numbers of high-quality students interested in multi-disciplinary careers, and the increase of multi-disciplinary degree programs.

*Collection of information related to current multidisciplinary research* activities will provide a baseline upon which to build future multidisciplinary research initiatives.

##### Strategy 2: Develop Technology and Research Partnerships through the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII)

*Integration of the private sector* through the university's non-profit corporation, NJII, will yield flexibility in hiring non-faculty full-time researchers, advance commercialization and application of research outcomes, and encourage faculty to engage in entrepreneurial activities.

#### Objective 3.2: Transform the Academic Research Enterprise

To develop a research organization which supports, facilitates, and promotes faculty research success.

##### Strategy 1: Foster National and International Collaboration

*Strengthening of collaboration among researchers* at NJIT will increase the amount of multidisciplinary research.

*Support of international collaborative research* will promote innovative scholarship.

#### Strategy 2: Improve Communication

*Communication of NJIT researchers' achievements* in obtaining grants, publishing significant research results, and delivering significant research outcomes will improve the NJIT research image and disseminate the information needed to generate future collaborations.

*Dissemination of grant opportunities to interested members of the university community*, coupled with support and guidance in developing proposals, will promote increased grant applications and more competitive proposals.

#### Strategy 3: Management of Research

*Development of policies that encourage multidisciplinary research* such as the sharing of indirect income among PIs and academic units and establishing seed funding for emerging research topics will provide financial flexibility to research projects and improve faculty morale.

*Offering of training and support in grant proposal design and writing* will increase research success not only by increasing the number of awards, but also by to develop research ideas into competitive proposals.

*Development of a searchable database of all NJIT submitted proposals, funded and not funded*, will provide faculty researchers access to information on the research equipment on campus, and the managers of this equipment, and facilitate collaboration across departments and disciplines.

*Improvement of the NJIT research data system* to more accurately and completely reflect actual research activities will insure that projects with multiple investigators are given appropriate credit.

*Reserving of the designation of "center" for consistently successful research initiatives* will support research productivity. Strong labs should be developed into centers and unproductive centers should lose that designation.

#### Objective 3.3: Faculty Roles in Research

To foster increased faculty participation in collaborative research at NJIT.

##### Strategy 1: Increase Participation of Current Faculty in Research

*Sustaining of equitable teaching load* based on levels of scholarship and funding at comparable benchmark institutions will allow focused attention to research and research-based instruction.

*Establishment of a competitive internal grant-funding program for innovative research* that is unlikely to be funded through traditional processes will increase the amount of creative scholarship at the university.

*Re-engagement of senior faculty members in scholarship* by integrating them into existing or emerging research projects will increase overall research capacity at the university.

#### Strategy 2: Integrate Research into the Curriculum

*Simultaneous advancement of faculty research outcomes and academic curriculum content* will help build a community of researchers that include graduate students, and in some cases, undergraduate students.

*Development of a faculty research lecture series* open to all students will have curricular implications such as fulfilling seminar course requirements in graduate degree programs.

#### Strategy 3: Promote Graduate Student Research

*Encouragement of research by graduate students* and offering them appropriate mentoring and support will enhance the quality of research at the university and better prepare our graduate students for research careers.

#### Objective 3.4: Facilities and Administrative Planning

To optimize existing facilities and equipment while developing new infrastructure as necessary to support research, including multidisciplinary research.

#### Strategy 1: Optimize Start-up Processes and Resources

*Flexibility of start-up funds usage for all new hires throughout their pre-tenure period* in support of their scholarly will increase the opportunities for young faculty in establishing their research careers.

*Assurance of a fully functional laboratory space* for research upon appointment, or within a maximum of six months of the faculty hire date, will jump start new faculty research career at NJIT.

#### Strategy 2: Assess and Optimize Infrastructure

*Assessment of infrastructure and documentation of capacity* to determine the capability of this infrastructure to support teaching, learning, and research both within and across the disciplines will yield an understanding of university's research capability, including potential for collaboration across geographic locations.

*Optimization of existing infrastructure use, and prioritizing of needs for new facilities, equipment and institutional infrastructure is essential to current and future research initiatives. It is a critical precondition for effective infrastructure investment.*

### Strategy 3: Share Facilities and Services with Industry and CHEN Institutions

*Expansion of shared use facilities, equipment, and institutional support infrastructure with industry and Rutgers-Newark, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, and Essex County College will advance research by increasing access to research equipment and encouraging joint proposals and projects among institutions and industry-based researchers*

### Strategic Priority 4: Investments

*Goal: To create a sustainable, continuously assessed and refined, multi-year campus plan for education and research investment that will allow NJIT to expand its state, regional, national, and international role as a science and technology research university.*

#### Objective 4.1: Faculty Renewal

To hire, develop, and retain faculty, especially those with excellence in strategic educational and research areas.

#### Strategy 1: Develop Metrics for Faculty Productivity

*Development of discipline-specific metrics for productivity will allow us to better attribute faculty contributions to the university's mission of instruction, research, service, and economic development.*

*Development of metrics for productivity will allow us to understand the elements of faculty success that can contribute to decisions about future faculty hiring.*

#### Strategy 2: Engage in Strategic Hiring

*Development of five-year hiring plans for each department, college, and school will build strength in areas that address departmental, college, and university.*

*Development of a mentoring plan for both faculty and instructional staff will yield a variety of benefits, from augmented external funding for research to excellence in teaching.*

*Targeted hiring of tenure track and tenured faculty will strengthen research in the targeted research areas.*

*Encouragement of joint academic appointments* and development of clear guidelines for rewarding faculty participation in education and research activities in multiple departments will strengthen collaborative research and education.

*Development of a plan for hiring tenure track and tenured faculty* in interdisciplinary areas will enhance multidisciplinary research initiatives and provide collaborative approaches to student learning.

*Maintenance of a balance among the three levels faculty appointments* will help launch new interdisciplinary initiatives, sustain traditional research directions, and achieve competitiveness among our benchmark institutions.

*Implementation of a transition to retirement program* where faculty can reduce hours and responsibilities while retaining academic rank and continuing to contribute their expertise to the academic community will help achieve an appropriate balance of faculty at NJIT

*Achievement of faculty diversity through a targeted recruitment and retention process* by making available a competitive pool of funds for salary and start-ups to departments, schools, and colleges will increase the academic strength of the university.

#### Objective 4.2: Educational Support

To provide the level of educational support that allows for the achievement of excellence in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education.

##### Strategy 1: Promote Teaching Excellence

*Development of the Institute for Teaching Excellence* as proposed in the *NJIT Academic Plan: 2013-2015* will support, promote, and enhance effective teaching. Under the direction of a community of teaching scholars, the Institute will provide consultation, resources, and programs to facilitate the professional development of faculty, lecturers, adjuncts, and graduate students.

*Guidance of the Office of Academic Assessment* to instructors in developing course learning outcomes and syllabus preparation will facilitate academic course and program assessment.

##### Strategy 2: Improve Academic Support

*Development of a University Commons* that serves as the center of academic support at NJIT will create an integrated learning space for academic excellence that encompasses many of the presently disparate locations across campus where advising, collaborative learning, and tutoring take place.

*Training of students in the competencies of current digital technology* related to their majors, and integrating this into the GUR, will provide graduates with technological knowledge and skills required by industry.

*Adjustment of doctoral student support* will make us more competitive, and improve graduate student recruitment, enrollment, and retention.

### Strategy 3: Revise Non-Tenure Track Compensation and Career Tracks

*Revision of the current compensation and advancement structure* for non-tenure track instructional positions to ensure competitive salary ranges will improve recruitment and retention of highly qualified instructors.

*Creation of a non-tenure-track, full-time Professor of Practice* position will bring academic, business, industry, and government leaders into the instructional community of NJIT.

*Development of processes to selectively transition experienced adjuncts* into full-time, university lecturer positions will enhance instructional quality and longevity, while promoting commitment and loyalty to the university.

*Development of processes to selectively transition highly qualified university lecturers* into tenure-track faculty positions will foster professional development and promote commitment and loyalty to the university.

### Objective 4.3: Research Support

To develop an infrastructure that provides effective support for current and future research in both STEM and non-STEM areas.

#### Strategy 1: Refine Administrative Research Support

*Refinement of the administrative infrastructure for research support* will streamline the administrative processes associated with both new multidisciplinary initiatives and traditional disciplinary research.

#### Strategy 2: Improve Research Services, Equipment, and Facilities

*Strengthening of general research services* and resources required for all types of will advance both research and economic development. Attention will be given to the following: journal databases competitive with those of benchmark universities; enhanced environmental health and safety support and required training; and special attention to the research needs of non-STEM disciplines.

*Updating of existing common equipment* through use of the Facilities Master Plan will reduce costs for core facilities use. Specifically, access to and maintenance of the following is required: water purification systems; shared computational resources and technologies; a university-wide large and fast automated data backup/storage system, including a university-wide computer cluster/cloud computing system; and or shared research space for groups of researchers, including students and external collaborators.

*Development of a university policy on lab space* through use of the Facilities Master Plan will allow administrative allocation and re-allocation of space based upon the researcher's activities as indicated by publications, grants, student advisement, and other appropriate quantitative measures.

Strategy 3: Enhance institutional support for non-faculty research staff

*Development of a policy for professional growth, academic participation, and institutional support* of post-doctoral fellows, research professors, and other non-faculty research staff will help maintain the quality and productivity of, enhance multidisciplinary research efforts, and contribute to the learning experiences of graduate and undergraduate students.

Objective 4.4: Infrastructure Support for Facilities and Technology

To provide a campus environment that includes state-of-the-art technology and a visually appealing campus environment that supports the needs of top-tiered research university.

Strategy 1: Use the Facilities Master Plan for Physical Planning Decisions

*Use of the Facilities Master Plan* will allow us to prepare the campus for the demands of contemporary educational, research, and community needs. The Master Plan will include considerations for digitally-enabled common, instructional and collaborative spaces; short-term major construction projects; construction of an events center; and parking. Life cycle industry standards for facilities maintenance and capital improvements must be followed. .

Strategy 2: Use the Technology Plan for Campus Technology Decisions

*Use of the Technology Plan* will allow the university to incorporate the latest advances in computing, information, and communications technology. The annual capital budget developed and submitted to the Board of Trustees must include a technology renewal component in addition to capital facilities renewal.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community

*Goal:* To unify the disparate elements of our vibrant and diverse university community.

### Objective 5.1: Building a Global Community

To foster a global community at NJIT and improve the university's standing by developing an international presence.

#### Strategy 1: Acceptance of Diversity

*Acceptance of diversity as a core value of NJIT* will be achieved by focusing on the creation of visible activities in support of diversity and multi-cultural affairs on the campus.

#### Strategy 2: Offer College/School-based International Students Support in their own colleges

*Training of selected staff in departments, schools, and colleges to better communicate with international students to address their unique issues* will promote integration, address international student concerns, and foster a more engaged international community.

#### Strategy 3: Simplify the Process for International Collaboration and Exchanges

*Establishment of a larger scale, long term exchange programs* with international universities will offer important overseas milestone experiences for NJIT students while bringing students from other cultural and academic traditions to NJIT.

*Standardization of a streamlined approval process and assignment of individual responsibility for international agreements* will simplify procedures and make them more effective.

*Encouragement and simplification of visiting and courtesy appointments* will promote global collaboration, enhance research, and improve the university's international standing.

*Encouragement of significant research projects between NJIT and international researchers* will increase creativity and innovation.

#### Strategy 4: Appoint NJIT Faculty as International Community Representatives

*Leveraging of globally diverse NJIT faculty* as spokespersons will enhance the university's global presence and communicate the needs and concerns of the international community of students and scholars on our campus.

### Objective 5.2: Diverse Faculty Leadership

To achieve a significant, meaningful increase in the number of women and underrepresented minority tenure and tenure-track faculty and instructors in non-tenure track positions.

#### Strategy 1: Institutionalize Support for Diversity

*Establish an informed baseline* for diversity assessment.

*Build on the Affirmative Action Plan* to develop a comprehensive NJIT Diversity Plan that addresses the needs of faculty, staff, and students.

#### Strategy 2: Coordinate Recruitment and Retention

*Increase coordination* of efforts to recruit and retain women and minority faculty by appointing a diversity liaison officer at college and university levels charged with coordinating and assessing NJIT's efforts to recruit and retain women and URM faculty.

*Coordination of resources and information* to recruit diverse faculty at college, school, and department levels will meet local needs while promoting institutional diversity.

*Engagement of college and school deans to develop plans for achieving faculty diversity.* These plans should describe how the increased recruitment and retention of women and URM faculty and instructors will be achieved, while ensuring that that they are consistent with Federal and State laws and employment regulations.

*Continuous development of potential faculty* through conferences and speaking engagements to increase the likelihood of successful diversity hiring.

*Training of search committee for accountability,* especially in implicit bias awareness, will increase effectiveness of diversity recruitment and improve search outcomes.

### Objective 5.3: Diverse Administrator Leadership

To achieve a significant, meaningful increase in the number of women and underrepresented minority administrators.

#### Strategy 1: Utilize Existing Databases Containing Administrator Rank and Diversity Data

*Better utilization of university databases* that contain both administrator rank and diversity data to accurately assess diversity within and across established bands of administrative rank and identify departmental gaps that need to be corrected.

## Strategy 2: Develop and Sustain a Diverse Talent Pool

*Establishment of a diverse administrative talent pool* to yield opportunities and pathways for professional growth and advancement that will, lead to robust diversity in institutional leadership at all administrator levels.

*Establishment of relationships with professional organizations* to cultivate diverse participation on the university's volunteer leadership boards. Inclusion of a statement of commitment to diversity in all volunteer boards will facilitate the attraction of diverse leadership.

We celebrate the diversity of our university community and are sensitive to cultural and personal differences. We do not tolerate discrimination of any form.

### **D. Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions Policies**

As a public institution, NJIT strives to achieve three complementary and mutually reinforcing goals through its undergraduate recruitment and admissions policies:

- To attract highly talented students who are fully prepared for the university's rigorous curricular demands and can satisfy the highest academic standards;
- To enroll students from population groups that are under-represented in the professions, while providing the extra academic support they may need; and
- To recruit and admit students who will successfully complete one of NJIT's curricula in numbers large enough to make a substantial contribution toward meeting state and national demands for technological and managerial professionals.

These three goals are complementary and mutually reinforcing. They clearly reflect the responsibilities of a public institution with a public mission. And they are consistent with NJIT's long-range vision of joining the ranks of the nation's leading technological research universities.

There are four avenues to undergraduate admission:

- Admission to the Albert Dorman Honors College
- Regular admission
- Admission to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Admission as a transfer student from another college or university

NJIT uses multiple methods to determine an applicant's admissibility. No single measure is sufficient to predict success. Therefore, all of the following are considered: high school transcripts and rank-in-class data; college or university transcripts where applicable; recommendations; SAT

scores; interviews of candidates seeking admission to the Honors College or admission through the Educational Opportunity Program; and portfolios for candidates seeking admission to the College of Architecture and Design.

The *Albert Dorman Honors College* program is designed to attract exceedingly able and highly motivated students to NJIT, to provide a rich and challenging educational experience, and to prepare them for positions of leadership. Some NJIT courses are open only to honors students, but most include both honors and non-honors students; by participating in classes and laboratories with others, the honors students raise the level of discourse in all of NJIT's curricula. The SAT profile of the honors students (required minimum composite score of 1250) falls within the range that many people believe is not served by New Jersey's institutions. Enrollment in the *Albert Dorman Honors College* increased from 209 scholars in Fall 1993 to 718 in Fall 2014. The university's plans call for further significant expansion of the Honors College.

NJIT also has an outstanding *Educational Opportunity Program* (EOP) with an enrollment of 701 undergraduates in Fall 2014. It is a program of extraordinary importance to the state and nation because the people it typically serves are under-represented in the fields which NJIT prepares students to enter, and successful completion of an NJIT degree program generally leads to a productive career. The success of EOP graduates over a quarter century is further proof that multiple criteria should be used in determining who can benefit from the higher education experience. It should also be noted that the state, through its Educational Opportunity Fund, has by regulation required institutions to admit educationally and economically disadvantaged students in numbers equal to at least ten percent of the New Jersey high school graduates in each entering class. Because of NJIT's specialized mission and sense of commitment, NJIT has historically exceeded this percentage. NJIT firmly believes holding open this door to opportunity is one of the strengths of our state system of higher education.

NJIT is proud of the results achieved with its undergraduate recruitment and admissions policies. *Diversity* is a hallmark of the campus community. As the state's public technological research university, NJIT admits individuals who want to study in the fields it offers, regardless of personal background or family finances. Of all senior public institutions in NJ, NJIT serves the highest percentage of economically challenged students. It also offers 65% of undergraduate students financial aid. NJIT selects those who indicate a strong desire to succeed. For those who do succeed, the experience is life transforming. We believe this is what a public university should be about in a democratic society.

## II. Data by Category

### II.A. Accreditation Status

#### II.A.1. Institutional Accreditation

- The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (2002)
  - Additional Middle States accredited site in Beijing, China

In its session of June 28, 2012, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to reaffirm accreditation for NJIT until the time of its next Periodic Review Report in 2017.

The report of the Middle States Commission evaluation team, led by Dr. Robert Palazzo, says:

*“The New Jersey Institute of Technology meets or exceeds all fourteen standards outlined in the Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education.”*

“The New Jersey Institute of Technology is making a disproportionate impact in higher education given its means. In particular, NJIT is providing an admirable service to first-in-family students attending college. The students are excellent, well trained, and graduates are highly successful after leaving the university. NJIT’s success in providing a first-class education and college experience to a diverse student body is enviable.”

The full report of the evaluation team may be found on the NJIT Middle States Accreditation home page at <http://www.njit.edu/middlestates/evaluation.php>

#### II.A.2. Professional Accreditation

- American Assembly of the Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- Computer Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (CAC/ABET)
- Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET)
- National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB)
- Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

## II.B. Number of Students Served

### II.B.1. Number of Undergraduate Students by Attendance Status

**Table II.B.1:  
Undergraduate Enrollment by Attendance Status, Fall 2015**

<u>Full-time</u>		<u>Part-time</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Num</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Pct</u>	
6,178	77.1%	1,830	22.9%	8,008

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

### II.B.2. Number of Graduate Students by Attendance Status

**Table II.B.2:  
Graduate Enrollment by Attendance Status, Fall 2015**

<u>Full-time</u>		<u>Part-time</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Num</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Pct</u>	
2,055	62.0%	1,262	38.0%	3,317

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

### II.B.3. Number of Non-Credit Students Served

NJIT served 478 non-credit students in fiscal year 2015.

**II.B.4. Unduplicated Number of Students for Entire Academic Year**

	<b>Headcount <u>Enrollment</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hours</u></b>	<b><u>FTE</u></b>
Undergraduate	8,615	202,443	6,748
Graduate	3,838	48,212	2,009
TOTAL	12,453	250,655	8,757

Source: IPEDS 12-Month Enrollment Survey

## II.C. Characteristics of Undergraduate Students

### II.C.1. Mean Math, reading and writing SAT Scores

**Table II.C.1:  
Mean Math, Reading and Writing SAT Scores for First-Time Freshmen,  
by Admission Status and Overall, Fall 2015**

	Full-Time Students						Part-Time Students					
	Math	N	Reading	N	Writing	N	Math	N	Reading	N	Writing	N
Regular Admits	638.3	825	577.4	825	569.1	825	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
EOF Admits	594.2	57	518.2	57	504.7	57	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Special Admits	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
All Admits	635.4	882	573.6	882	565.0	882	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Missing Scores		101		101		101		108		108		108

Source: SURE Fall Enrollment file

**II.C.2. Enrollment in Remediation Courses by Subject Area**

**II.C.2 ENROLLMENT IN REMEDIATION COURSES**

Total Number of Undergraduate Students Enrolled in Fall 2015

<u>Total Undergraduate Enrollment</u>	<u>Number of Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Courses</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
8,008	86	1.1%

Total number of First-time, Full-time (FTFT) students enrolled in remediation in Fall 2015

<u>Total Number of FTFT Students</u>	<u>Number of FTFT Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Courses</u>	<u>Percent of FTFT Enrolled in One or More Remedial Course</u>
1000	42	4.2%

First-time, Full-time students (FTFT) enrolled in remediation in Fall 2015 by subject area

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Number of FTFT Enrolled In:</u>	<u>Percent of all FTFT Enrolled In:</u>
Computation	0	0.0%
Algebra	0	0.0%
Reading	0	0.0%
Writing	0	0.0%
English	42	4.2%

Source: SURE Fall Enrollment file

## II.C.3 Race/ Ethnicity, Gender, and Age

**Table II.C.3.a**  
Undergraduate Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2015

	White		Black		Hispanic		Asian*		American Ind.		Alien		Race Unknown*		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Full-time	2,099	34.0%	501	8.1%	1,324	21.4%	1,419	23.0%	4	0.1%	275	4.5%	556	9.0%	6178	100.0%
Part-time	382	20.9%	148	8.1%	324	17.7%	230	12.6%	0	0.0%	62	3.4%	684	37.4%	1830	100.0%
Total	2,481	31.0%	649	8.1%	1,648	20.6%	1,649	20.6%	4	0.0%	337	4.2%	1240	15.5%	8008	100.0%

\* Note: Asian includes Pacific Islanders and Unknown includes 2 or More Races.

**Table II.C.3.b**  
Undergraduate Enrollment by Sex, Fall 2015

	Full-time					Part-time					Total				
	Male	Pct	Female	Pct	Total	Male	Pct	Female	Pct	Total	Male	Pct	Female	Pct	Total
	4,861	78.7%	1,317	21.3%	6,178	1,240	67.8%	590	32.2%	1,830	6,101	76.2%	1,907	23.8%	8,008

**Table II.C.3.c**  
Undergraduate Enrollment by Age, Fall 2015

	LT 18	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-64	65+	Unknown	Total	
	Full-time	Num	25	1,771	1,976	1,608	560	140	55	21	7	0	15
Pct		0.4%	28.7%	32.0%	26.0%	9.1%	2.3%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	100.0%
Part-time	Num	128	289	337	439	329	136	56	65	22	1	28	1,830
	Pct	7.0%	15.8%	18.4%	24.0%	18.0%	7.4%	3.1%	3.6%	1.2%	0.1%	1.5%	100.0%
Total	Num	153	2,060	2,313	2,047	889	276	111	86	29	1	43	8,008
	Pct	1.9%	25.7%	28.9%	25.6%	11.1%	3.4%	1.4%	1.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	100.0%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

**II.C.4. Numbers of Students Receiving Financial Assistance under Each Federal-, State-, & Institution-Funded Aid Program**

<b>Table II.C.4: Financial Aid from Federal, State &amp; Institution-Funded Programs, AY 2014-15</b>			
	<b><u>Recipients</u></b>	<b><u>Dollars(\$)</u></b>	<b><u>\$/Recipient</u></b>
<b><u>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u></b>			
Pell Grants	3,061	12,631,000	4,126.43
College Work Study	259	355,000	1,370.66
Perkins Loans	941	510,000	541.98
SEOG	844	286,000	338.86
PLUS Loans	249	3,399,000	13,650.60
Stafford Loans (Subsidized)	3,255	13,985,000	4,296.47
Stafford Loans (Unsubsidized)	2,940	11,566,000	3,934.01
SMART & ACG or other	0	0	--
<b><u>STATE PROGRAMS</u></b>			
Tuition Aid Grants (TAG)	2,465	17,679,000	7,172.01
Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)	461	507,000	1,099.78
Outstanding Scholars (OSRP)	103	165,000	1,601.94
Distinguished Scholars	0	0	--
Urban Scholars	20	20,000	1,000.00
NJ STARS	29	65,000	2,241.38
NJCLASS Loans	170	2,173,000	12,782.35
<b><u>INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS</u></b>			
Grants/Scholarships	2,460	22,527,000	9,157.32
Loans	0	0	--
Source: NJIPEDS Form #41 Student Financial Aid Report			

**II.C.5. Percentage of Students who are New Jersey Residents**

**Table II.C.5**  
**Fall 2015 Full-time First-time Undergraduate Enrollment**  
**by State Residence**

<u>State Residents</u>	<u>Non-State Residents</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% State Residents</u>
845	263	1,108	76.3%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

**Table II.C.5**  
**Fall 2015 Undergraduate Enrollment**  
**by State Residence**

<u>State Residents*</u>	<u>Non-State Residents</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% State Residents</u>
7,686	322	8,008	96.0%

\*includes State unknown  
Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

## II.D. Student Outcomes

### II.D.1. Graduation Rates

#### II.D.1.a. Four-, Five- and Six-Year Graduation Rate by Race/Ethnicity

**Table II.D.1.a**  
Four-, Five- and Six-Year Graduation Rates of Fall 2009 Full-time First-time Degree-Seeking Undergraduates by Race/Ethnicity

	White		Black		Hispanic		Asian		Alien		Other *		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Fall 2007 Cohort	370		83		163		182		38		63		899	
Graduates after 4 years	84	22.7%	13	15.7%	23	14.1%	57	31.3%	16	42.1%	19	30.2%	212	23.6%
Graduates after 5 years	192	51.9%	29	34.9%	63	38.7%	93	51.1%	21	55.3%	30	47.6%	428	47.6%
Graduates after 6 years	240	64.9%	43	51.8%	85	52.1%	115	63.2%	25	65.8%	36	57.1%	544	60.5%

\* Other includes American Indians, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islanders, 2 or More Races and Unknown.

Source: IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey

### II.D.2. Third-Semester Retention Rates

#### II.D.2.a. By Attendance Status

**Table II.D.2**  
Third Semester Retention of First-time Undergraduates, Fall 2014 to Fall 2015

<u>Full-Time</u>			<u>Part-Time</u>		
Fall 2014 First-Time <u>Undergraduates</u>	Retained in <u>Fall 2015</u>	Retention <u>Rate</u>	Fall 2014 First-Time <u>Undergraduates</u>	Retained in <u>Fall 2015</u>	Retention <u>Rate</u>
953	839	88.0%	96	85	88.5%

SOURCE: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey, Part E

## II.E. Faculty Characteristics

### II.E.1 Full-Time Faculty by Race/Ethnicity, Sex, and Tenure Status

**Table II.E.1:  
Full-Time Faculty by Race/Ethnicity, Sex, Tenure Status and Academic Rank, Fall 2015**

White		Black		Hispanic		Asian*		American Ind.		Alien		Race Unknown*		Total	
Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom

#### Tenured

Professors	74	11	5	1	1	0	34	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	117	13
Associate Prof.	53	7	3	2	3	1	16	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	76	17
Assistant Prof.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>30</b>

#### Without Tenure

Professors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associate Prof.	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	2
Assistant Prof.	13	7	1	0	2	2	12	4	0	0	7	2	0	0	35	15
All Others	63	32	4	1	6	0	10	5	0	0	10	0	7	0	100	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>55</b>

#### Total

Professors	74	11	5	1	1	0	34	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	117	13
Associate Prof.	56	7	3	2	3	1	18	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	81	19
Assistant Prof.	13	7	1	0	2	2	12	4	0	0	7	2	0	0	35	15
All Others	63	32	4	1	6	0	10	5	0	0	10	0	7	0	100	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>85</b>

Source: IPEDS Human Resources Survey

\* Note: Asian includes Pacific Islanders and Unknown includes 2 or More Races.

### II.E.2. Percentage of Course Sections Taught by Full-Time Faculty

Fall 2013

Total Number of Course Sections	Taught by Full-time Faculty		Taught by Part-time Faculty		Taught by Others*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	975	59%	492	30%	193	12%

Note: Others includes Full-time Administrators and Teaching Assistants

### II.E.3. Ratio of full- to part-time faculty

Fall 2015

Full-time		Part-time		Total	
Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
418	57.3%	312	42.7%	730	100.0%

Source: IPEDS Human Resources Survey

## II.F. Characteristics of the Trustees or Governors

### II.F.1. Race/ Ethnicity and Sex

#### Board of Trustees by Gender and Ethnicity

	B	AI/AN	A/PI	H	W	Total
Male	0	0	1	0	10	11
Female	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	0	0	2	1	10	13

B : Black/African American, Non-Hispanic

AI/AN : American Indian/Alaskan Native

A/PI : Asian/Pacific Islander

NRA : Non-Resident Alien

H : Hispanic

W : White, Non-Hispanic

U : Unknown

### II.F.2. List of Trustees/ Governors with Titles and Affiliations

- Hon. Christopher J. "Chris" Christie, ex-officio,  
Governor of the State of New Jersey
- Hon. Ras J. Baraka, ex-officio,  
Mayor of the City of Newark
- Stephen P. DePalma, PE, PP, CME '72,  
Chairman and CEO (Ret.),  
Schoor DePalma, Inc.,
- Dr. Vincent L. DeCaprio ' 72  
President and CEO (Ret.),  
Vyteris, Inc.
- Philip K. Beachem,  
President,  
New Jersey Alliance for Action
- Dennis M. Bone ,  
President (Ret.),  
Verizon New Jersey, Inc.
- Peter A. Cistaro '68,  
Vice President, Gas Delivery (Ret.)  
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
- Gary C. Dahms, PE, PP, CME,  
President & CEO  
T&M Associates
- Elizabeth ("Liz") Garcia, PE '73, (Co-Vice Chair)  
Manager, Public Affairs (Ret.)  
Infineum USA, LP
- Anthony J. Knapp Jr.,  
Proprietor (formerly),  
Black Horse Restaurant Group
- Ranjini Poddar

President

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Crum & Forster
- Dr. Binay Sugla,  
Chairman  
Vesta LLC
- Joseph M. Taylor  
Chairman & CEO  
Panasonic Corporation of North America

### **II.F.3. URLs of WebPages with Information on Trustees/ Governors**

- <http://www.njit.edu/about/boards/trustees/index.php>

## II.G. Profile of the Institution

### II.G.1. Degree and Certificate Programs

NJIT offered 129 degree programs (51 Bachelor's degree programs, 59 Master's programs, and 19 Doctoral programs) during fiscal year 2014:

**Bachelor's Degrees (51 programs, CIP Code listed after program name)**

Applied Mathematics (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (B.A.) 270301	Electrical Engineering (B.S.) 141001
Applied Physics (W/ Rutgers-Newark) (B.S.) 400801	Engineering Science (B.S.) 141301
Architecture (B.Arch.) 040201	Engineering Technology (B.S.) 150000
Architecture (B.S.) 040201	Enterprise Development (B.S.) 529999
Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) 240102	Environmental Engineering (B.S.) 141401
Biochemistry (B.S.) 260202	Environmental Sciences (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (B.S.) 030104
Bioinformatics (B.S.) 261103	Fine Arts (B.F.A.) 500701
Biology (W/ Rutgers) (B.A.) 260101	Geoscience Engineering (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (B.S.) 143901
Biology (W/ Rutgers) (B.S.) 260101	History (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (B.A.) 540101
Biomedical Engineering (B.S.) 140501	Human Computer Interaction (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (B.S.) 110401
Biophysics (B.S.) 260203	Industrial Design (B.S.) 049999
Business (B.S.) 520201	Industrial Engineering (B.S.) 143501
Business & Information Systems (B.S.) 110401	Industrial Engineering [Dual W/ Rutgers-Nwk B.A. In Physics] (B.S.) 143501
Chemical Engineering (B.S.) 140701	Information Systems (W/ Rutgers) (B.A.) 110401
Chemistry (B.S.) 400501	Information Technology (B.S.) 110103
Civil Engineering (B.S.) 140801	Interior Design (B.A.) 500408
Clinical Laboratory Sciences (w/Rutgers) (B.S.) 511099	International Business (B.S.) 521101
Communication and Media (B.A.) 231303	Law/Technology and Culture (B.A.) 229999
Communication and Media (B.S.) 231303	Manufacturing Engineering (B.S.) 143601
Computational Sciences (B.S.) 261103	Mathematical Sciences (B.S.) 270101
Computer Engineering (B.S.) 140901	Mechanical Engineering (B.S.) 141901
Computer Science (B.S.) 110101	Science/Technology & Society (B.S.) 301501
Computer Science (W/ Rutgers) (B.A.) 110101	Science/Technology & Society (W/ Rutgers) (B.A.) 301501
Computing and Business (B.S.) 110701	Theater Arts & Technology (B.A.) 500502
Digital Design (B.A.) 100304	Web & Information Systems (B.S.) 110401
General Studies (B.G.S)	

***NJIT's accelerated programs***

NJIT offers or participates in 9 accelerated programs:

- B.S./M.S.
- B.Arch./M.S.
- B.S./M.S. with Kean University
- B.S./D.M.D. with Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
- B.S./M.D. with Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
- B.S./D.P.T. with Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
- B.S./M.D. with St. George's University School of Medicine
- B.S./O.D. with the State University of New York-New York School of Optometry
- B.S./J.D. with Seton Hall University School of Law-Newark

***Masters Degrees (59 programs, CIP Code listed after program name)***

Applied Mathematics (M.S.) 270301	History (W/ Rutgers) (M.A.) 540101
Applied Physics (W/ Rutgers-Newark) (M.S.) 400801	History (W/ Rutgers) (M.A.T.) 540101
Applied Science (M.S.) 409999	Industrial Engineering (M.S.) 143501
Applied Statistics (M.S.) 270501	Information Systems (M.S.) 110401
Architecture (M.Arch.) 040201	Infrastructure Planning (M.I.P.) 040301
Architecture (M.S.) 040201	Interdisciplinary Studies (M.S.) 309999
Bioelectronics (M.S.) 140501	International Business (M.S.) 521101
Bioinformatics (M.S.) 261103	Internet Engineering (M.S.) 110901
Biology (W/ Rutgers) (M.S.) 260101	IT Administration and Security (M.S.) 110103
Biomedical Engineering (M.S.) 140501	Management (M.S.) 520201
Biostatistics (M.S.) 261102	Management of Technology (M.B.A.) 520299
Business and Information Systems (M.S.) 110401	Manufacturing Systems Engineering (M.S.) 143601
Chemical Engineering (M.S.) 140701	Materials Science & Engineering (M.S.) 141801
Chemistry (M.S.) 400501	Mathematical and Computational Finance (M.S.) 270301
Civil Engineering (M.S.) 140801	Mechanical Engineering (M.S.) 141901
Computational Biology (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (M.S.) 261103	Occupational Safety & Health Engineering (M.S.) 142701
Computer Engineering (M.S.) 140901	Occupational Safety & Industrial Hygiene (M.S.) 150701
Computer Science (M.S.) 110101	Pharmaceutical Bioprocessing (M.S.) 144301
Computing and Business (M.S.) 110701	Pharmaceutical Chemistry (M.S.) 512004
Critical Infrastructure Systems (M.S.) 142701	Pharmaceutical Engineering (M.S.) 140701
Cyber Security & Privacy (M.S.) 111003	Pharmaceutical Materials Processing (M.S.) 141801
Electrical Engineering (M.S.) 141001	Pharmaceutical Systems Management (M.S.) 142701
Emergency Management & Business Continuity (M.S.) 110199	Power & Energy Systems (M.S.) 141001

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Engineering Management (M.S.) 151501	Professional & Technical Communication (M.S.) 231303
Engineering Science (M.S.) 141301	Public Health (W/ UMDNJ & Rutgers) (M.P.H.) 512201
Enterprise Development (M.S.) 529999	Software Engineering (M.S.) 140903
Environmental and Sustainability Policy (M.S.) 440501	Telecommunications (M.S.) 141001
Environmental Engineering (M.S.) 141401	Transportation (M.S.) 140804
Environmental Science (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (M.S.) 030104	Web Systems (M.S.) 111004
Healthcare Systems Management (M.S.) 510702	

**Doctoral Degrees (19 programs, CIP Code listed after program name)**

Applied Physics (W/ Rutgers-Newark) (Ph.D.) 400801
Biology (W/ Rutgers) (Ph.D.) 260101
Biomedical Engineering (W/ UMDNJ) (Ph.D.) 140501
Chemical Engineering (Ph.D.) 140701
Chemistry (Ph.D.) 400501
Civil Engineering (Ph.D.) 140801
Computer & Information Science (Ph.D.) 110101
Computer Engineering (Ph.D.) 140901
Computer Science (Ph.D.) 110701
Electrical Engineering (Ph.D.) 141001
Environmental Engineering (Ph.D.) 141401
Environmental Science (W/ Rutgers-Nwk) (Ph.D.) 030104
Industrial Engineering (Ph.D.) 143501
Information Systems (Ph.D.) 110401
Materials Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) 141801
Mathematical Sciences (W/ Rutgers) (Ph.D.) 270101
Mechanical Engineering (Ph.D.) 141901
Transportation (Ph.D.) 140804
Urban Systems (W/ Rutgers & UMDNJ) (Ph.D.) 459999

NJIT teaches, advises, and mentors doctoral students in one degree program where Rutgers University is the degree-granting institution:

- Management (*Ph.D.*) 520201

**Graduate Certificates (17 programs, CIP Code listed after program name)**

Applied Mathematics (Grad.Cert.) 270301
Architectural Studies (Grad. Cert.) 040201
Architecture (Grad.Cert.) 040201
Business Administration (Grad.Cert.) 520201
Chemical Engineering (Grad.Cert.) 140701
Chemistry (Grad.Cert.) 400501
Civil Engineering (Grad.Cert.) 140801
Computer & Information Sciences (Grad.Cert.) 110101
Computer Engineering (Grad.Cert.) 140901
Electrical/Electronics & Communications Engineering (Grad.Cert.) 141001
English/Technical & Business Writing (Grad.Cert.) 231303
Industrial Engineering (Grad.Cert.) 143501
Information Sciences & Systems (Grad.Cert.) 110401
Mechanical Engineering (Grad.Cert.) 141901
Miscellaneous Biological Specialties (Grad.Cert.) 269999
Pharmaceutical Technology/Management (Grad.Cert.) 149999
Public Policy Studies (Grad.Cert.) 440501

***NJIT's 2+2 and 3+2 programs***

NJIT offers 2+2 programs through a joint admissions agreement with 10 county colleges:

- Bergen Community College
- Brookdale Community College
- Burlington County College
- County College of Morris
- Essex County College
- Hudson County Community College
- Mercer County College
- Middlesex County College
- Ocean County College
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Union County College

NJIT offers 3+2 programs through a joint admissions agreement with 3 colleges:

- Kean University
- Seton Hall University
- Stockton State College
- William Paterson University

***NJIT's articulation arrangements***

NJIT currently has articulation arrangements with the following 19 institutions:

- Bergen Community College
- Brookdale Community College
- Burlington County College
- Camden County College
- County College of Morris
- Cumberland County College
- Essex County College
- Hudson County Community College
- Kean University
- Mercer County College
- Middlesex County College
- Ocean County College
- Paul Smith's College
- Passaic County Community College
- Raritan Valley County College
- Union County College
- Seton Hall University
- Stockton State College
- William Peterson University

NJIT currently offers an accelerated B.S. in Information Technology at Camden County College and partners with Camden County College to offer courses leading to masters degrees in Engineering Management, Computer Science, and Information Systems

*Collaborative Academic Degree Programs*

*Joint Degree Programs*

- Rutgers - The State University, Newark Campus
- Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences

*Joint programs with Rutgers - The State University, Newark Campus include:*

- Applied Physics (B.S.) 400899
- Biology (B.A.) 260101
- Biology (B.S.) 260101
- Computer Science (B.A.) 110101
- Environmental Science (B.S.) 030102
- History (B.A.) 450801
- Human Computer Interaction (B.S.) 110401

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- Information Systems (*B.A.*) 110401
- Applied Physics (*M.S.*) 400899
- Biology (*M.S.*) 260101
- Environmental Science (*M.S.*) 030102
- History (*M.A.T.*) 131328
- History (*M.A.*) 450801
- Applied Physics (*Ph.D.*) 400899
- Biology (*Ph.D.*) 260101
- Environmental Science (*Ph.D.*) 030102
- Mathematical Sciences (*Ph.D.*) 270101
- Urban Systems (*Ph.D.*) 459999

Joint programs with the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences include:

- Biomedical Engineering (*Ph.D.*) 104501
- Urban Systems (*Ph.D.*) 459999

## II.H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

### R&D EXPENDITURES : YEAR 2015

#### New Jersey Institute of Technology

	Amount (\$)
Externally Financed Academic R&D Expenditures	\$66,474,000
Institutionally Financed Academic R&D Expenditures	\$44,038,000
Total Academic R&D Expenditures	\$110,512,000

*Note: Dollar amount as reported to the National Science Foundation (NSF) on Form #411 (Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Colleges and Universities).*

NJIT continues to grow its research enterprise. It completed a record year in FY2016, with research expenditures of over \$120 million. NJIT's research brings together faculty from across the disciplines to explore issues and address problems of critical concern to New Jersey and the nation. NJIT's new strategic plan organizes its research initiatives around four research clusters that form a strong applications agenda, in which investigators seek responsible solutions to society's problems. These topical areas are inter-disciplinary and each involves participation from virtually every college within the university. The four research cluster areas are: Sustainable Systems; Life Science and Engineering; Data Science and Information Technology; and Trans-Disciplinary Areas. These clusters serve to unify faculty research efforts across the campus and connect to many

real-world, campus-wide demonstration environments that will enhance our student learning experience and attract industrial collaboration. Examples of current efforts in some of these areas appear below.

### **II.H.1. Sustainable Systems**

There can be no greater challenge of our time than to seek a sustainable balance to preserving the natural environment while providing the expanding global population all the benefits and conveniences of a modern, technology rich society. From the creation of energy without reliance upon finite natural resources to providing civil infrastructure that is both reliable and secure, NJIT researchers are creating solutions for tomorrow.

#### **Center for Natural Resources Development and Protection**

The Center for Natural Resources Development and Protection at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, is a university-wide center founded in 2012 to foster sensible approaches for environmental and energy resource utilization. The Center's specialties include assessment and remediation studies of pollution in natural settings, and evaluation of natural resources for potential production of energy, especially the production of renewable energy. The NRDP Center conducts studies ranging from the microscopic scale to the landscape scale, and utilizes advanced networks of sensors.

The NRDP Center, directed by Dr. Michel Boufadel, integrates comprehensive field measurements with powerful computational models. The Center is internationally known for its long-term studies of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska and the recent Gulf of Mexico oil spill, along with its efforts in dealing with Hurricane Sandy. The Center's publications have been in renowned journals, such as NATURE geosciences and Environmental Science and Technology. The NRDP Center collaborates with a broad range of constituents including federal, industrial and regional foundations to create sustainable approaches that adequately balance the diversity of public and private interests.

NRDP's long-term vision is the development and adoption of minimally intrusive technology for dealing with environmental and energy challenges. It aims to produce the next generation of scientists that are well informed of societal needs. The Center also strives to fostering environmental education and best methods for stewardship of natural resources.

#### **Center for Membrane Science, Engineering and Technology**

The MAST Center has a 23-year track record of innovation, operating efficiency, and broad-based corporate support which makes us a leading global membrane research center. We started as a single-university site in 1991 as the Center for Separations Using Thin Films, and then graduated to multi-university status in 2001 as the lead site, partnering with the University of Cincinnati under the title of the Center for Membrane Applied Science and Technology. In 2010, the MAST Center entered a new partnership between the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the University of Colorado, under the title of the Center for Membrane Science, Engineering and

Technology. As of March 2014 the University of Arkansas has joined the Center as a fully operational Center Site. The focus of University of Arkansas site is water sustainability. This strengthens and expands an existing research thrust. In addition, consistent with this focus will be the development of a new center thrust in food and beverage. Center researchers from NJIT, UA and CU have also collaborated over the years with researchers from several other schools, including Colorado State University, Clemson University, the Colorado School of Mines, the University of Maine at Orono, and Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. The Center has succeeded in drawing researchers from diverse fields including biological, chemical, physical and materials sciences; health and pharmaceutical sciences; and aeronautical, chemical, civil, environmental, mechanical, electrical and computer engineering.

### **New Jersey Center for Engineered Particulates (NJCEP)**

Particulate products generate one trillion dollars annually to the US economy. New Jersey deals with a significant portion of this amount, because it is home to many diverse industries that deal with powders and powder processing. These include large and small companies in pharmaceuticals, food, cosmetics, ceramics, defense, electronics and specialty chemicals, dealing with powder-based materials such as, drugs, biomaterials, piezoelectric-ceramics, magnetic materials, optical materials, energetic materials, etc.

In order to increase the profitability of New Jersey and US companies dealing with powders, there is an urgent need for developing processes to engineer the particles so that they have improved characteristics such as dispersability, flowability, wettability, sinterability, size uniformity, proper morphology, reduced tendency for segregation, as well as having tailored electrical, electro-magnetic, optical, thermal or other properties.

### **Carbon Nanotube Solar Cells**

Researcher Somenath Mitra, PhD, Professor and Executive Director of York Center for Environmental Engineering and Sciences at NJIT, has been working on inexpensive polymer solar cells that can be painted or printed on flexible plastic sheets. The solar cell developed at NJIT uses a carbon nanotube-Buckyball complexes, both of which are molecular configurations of nano-scale carbons. The mechanism is as follows: The sunlight excites the polymers, and the Buckyballs serve as electron acceptors while the nanotubes serve as electron transporters for enhancing charge transport. This is a fundamentally novel approach for enhancing the performance of polymer solar cells which are considered as the 3rd generation after silicon and thin-film cells. The approach is based on years of fundamental research carried out in his laboratory on microwave induced functionalization of carbon nanotubes, for which he received the Thomas Elva Edison award from the state of New Jersey (2014). This technology allows his group to synthesize nanotube-Buckyball complexes for solar cell applications. Some representative papers are “Fullerene single wall carbon nanotube complex for polymer bulk heterojunction photovoltaic cells”, featured as the June 21, 2007 cover story of the Journal of Materials Chemistry published by the Royal Society of Chemistry, and “Enhanced charge-carrier transport through shorter carbon nanotubes in organic photovoltaics” published in American Chemical Society’s Applied Materials and Interfaces in February 2014.

## **CdTe Thin Film Solar Cell Technology**

NJIT received from Apollo Solar Energy, Inc. a three-year, \$1.5 million grant to establish a solar research center, led by Physics Professor Ken Chin. The company, based in Chengdu, the People's Republic of China, mines tellurium (Te) and refines high-purity tellurium-based metals for specific segments of the global electronic materials market. The new solar research center focuses on improving the applications of Cadmium Telluride semiconductor materials for use in thin-film solar cells. Solar arrays using thin-film technology have already proven to reduce the cost per watt to one-third of the cost of conventional systems. Through diligent improvement in the production process, research can solar power a legitimate contender for much more than the small percentage of global need that is now projected for photovoltaics.

## **Understanding the Sun**

Professor Andrew Gerrard's primary research focus is in upper atmospheric physics and space sciences. The US Air Force Office of Scientific Research recently awarded Gerrard an \$820,000 grant to lead a collaborative effort involving Clemson University, Cornell University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Geophysical Institute of Peru to study the ESF development in South America. The effort will focus on developing and operating a one-of-a-kind, Fabry-Perot Doppler imager designed for 24-hour observations of thermospheric and mesospheric winds and temperatures in a campaign spanning South America. Gerrard is also involved with a multi-institutional project in Antarctica led by NJIT Distinguished Research Professor Louis Lanzerotti, a former Bell Labs researcher. The effort accounts for much of the US involvement in space weather research at high latitudes.

Research Professor and National Academy of Science Member Louis Lanzerotti has been principal investigator or co-investigator on a number of NASA Earth-orbiting, interplanetary and planetary missions including IMP, Voyager, Ulysses, Galileo, and Cassini. He is currently a Principal Investigator for instruments just launched from Cape Kennedy in August 2012 on NASA's Radiation Belt Storm Probes mission in Earth's magnetosphere (RB-SPICE). This is a \$100 million satellite development program in conjunction with Johns Hopkins Advanced Physics Lab (APL). The scientific mission of this twin probe effort is expected to begin in October 2012 and last for two years. The data on the Van Allen Radiation Belts is invaluable as all geo-stationary satellites used for GPS and telecommunications applications orbit in this difficult environment.

Professor Haimin Wang researches Solar physics and phenomena of the atmosphere of the Sun and solar-like stars, including solar/stellar flares, sunspots, active regions, filaments and prominences, quiet Sun network. His Space Weather Laboratory focuses on measurements of physical parameters of the solar atmosphere, such as magnetic fields, density, temperature, and energy distribution of electrons and ions in the photosphere, chromosphere and corona. His recent research work on solar storms was published in "Nature" as "Noteworthy" research in 2015.

## **Sustainable Building Design**

Deane M. Evans, FAIA, a Research Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Building Knowledge in the College of Architecture and Design is an accomplished architect with more than 25 years of experience in architectural design, construction technology, and building performance research. Evans, who has had experience in both private practice and the federal government, has dedicated his career to creating innovative ways to improve the built environment - through better design, through the development and use of better technology, and through the creation and dissemination of new knowledge. His current focus is on high-performance, sustainable buildings; particularly housing and schools. Evans, who also is Vice-Chairman of the Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC), has served as an instructor for workshops sponsored by the Council on high-performance schools.

Evans' team and Building Media Inc. (BMI), a DuPont subsidiary, will lead one of 15 research and deployment partnerships to help dramatically improve the energy efficiency of American homes — the Building America Retrofit Alliance (BARA). The 15 teams, appointed by the U.S. Department of Energy, will receive a total of up to \$30 million for the initial 18 months to deliver innovative energy efficiency strategies to the residential market and address barriers to bringing high-efficiency homes within reach of all Americans. Each team will receive between \$500,000 and \$2.5 million depending on performance.

NJIT partnered with Rutgers University in the first-ever New Jersey entry to the US Department of Energy's biannual Solar Decathlon in Washington, DC in September 2011. eNJoy: A Generation House, has been more than a two-year collaborative effort to design, build, and operate solar-powered homes that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive. The all-concrete, beach-inspired eNJoy house featured an inverted-hip roof design for rainwater collection to support irrigation and grey water systems, an 8.2kW photovoltaic system that allowed the house to be completely powered by the sun, and the application of universal design principles, which allowed the house to be accessible to people of all ages and levels of mobility. More than a dozen-plus graduate and undergraduate students from NJIT's College of Architecture and Design and Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey labored on the project.

Bio-renewable Materials

## **Coastal Water Quality**

Establishing remote sensing as an operational management tool in assessing the quality of New Jersey's near shore waters is the focus of research under a NASA Airborne Oceanographic LIDAR (light detection and ranging) remote sensing data acquisition over the East Coast. The program remotely measures biological and chemical substances in the world's oceans and coastal zones, using sensors that are flown in aircraft to make measurements. The research supports satellite measurements of water quality parameters important in global warming, carbon flux, and climate change research. In conjunction with the mission, the data collected over New Jersey during the flight is being used to calibrate bio-optical models developed in a related National Science Foundation project.

### **Improving New Jersey's Drinking Water**

The New Jersey Applied Water Research Center has been established by NJIT in partnership with the American Water Works Association to unite industry, government and academia in a common effort to research and improve the state's drinking water. Researchers from NJIT and the Water Works Association, a non-profit group dedicated to providing the state with safe drinking water, expect to have a significant impact on the state's water infrastructure. The center's emphasis on applied research specific to New Jersey will fill in the gaps that national research programs have not addressed. Researchers will also work to assure that the region's water supply is safe from bio-terrorist attacks, developing monitoring systems to identify biological agents deposited in the water infrastructure.

Other aims of the center include investigating methods for combating drought; encouraging state utilities and universities to conduct drinking water research; providing state agencies with research ideas on water supply; and establishing a public service center that will inform residents about research on water supply.

### **Protecting the Power Grid**

Microscopic sensors that will prevent disruptions in electrical power are the focus of a project in the Microelectronics Research Center. A joint effort between the New Jersey MEMS (microelectromechanical systems) Initiative and Public Service Enterprise Group, the project is developing fiber optical MEMS devices that will alert utilities of irregularities or deterioration within the power grid that may signal a system failure. The research partnership will submit a funding proposal to the US Department of Energy to support a project that will expand the utility application of MEMS devices and demonstrate the concept of a "smart" utility.

### **Monitoring Emissions in Real Time**

A new technique has been invented by researchers for on-line monitoring of toxic chemicals, such as solvents and organic vapors, in air emissions at very low levels. The new device is an automated instrument for continuous monitoring of NMOC - the non-methane organic carbon analysis - which is a measure of all carbon emissions except methane. Monitoring occurs real-time and can be carried out at the site of contamination.

The key element in the device is a "microtrap" that gathers organics from the air stream in a sorbent. Rapid (1 to 1.5 seconds) electrical heating of the microtrap releases the chemicals in a concentrated pulse that serves as an injection for the detector. The technique works much faster than any conventional monitoring system and increases sensitivity by two or three orders of magnitude, allowing analysis of very low concentrations.

### **Detecting Concealed Explosives**

A team of researchers at NJIT is working to develop a technology capable of monitoring and detecting concealed explosives and biological agents that may pose a threat to people, buildings, mass transportation or other environments. With funding from the National Science Foundation

and the Army Research Office, the investigators are exploring the use of terahertz (THz) electromagnetic radiation to detect and identify explosives and biological agents by means of a spectroscope. Picometrix Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, a manufacturer of high-speed optical receivers and ultrafast instrumentation, is collaborating on the project.

## **II.H.2. Life Science & Engineering**

If any field of study is to experience a fundamental change in the coming decades, it is those topics related to the life sciences and healthcare. Our ability to understand the origins of life and the onset of disease from the scientific understanding of bio-chemical origins at the sub-cellular level will transform the life sciences from an “outlier” relative to the physical sciences to a discipline amenable to all of the tools and techniques used in those other areas. Consequently, every traditional discipline has a contribution to make in addition to the core work done by our researchers in Biology and Biomedical Engineering.

### **Harnessing Stem Cells**

Two NJIT biomedical researchers are doing pioneering work on the application of human stem cells to regenerative medicine that may someday extend peoples’ lives. Both biomedical engineering department researchers have recently received the prestigious Coulter Foundation Translational Awards for their promising patent applications.

NJIT Associate Professor Treena Arinzeh’s research focuses on tissue engineering, the application of principles and methods of engineering and life sciences toward a fundamental understanding and development of biological substitutes to restore, maintain, and improve human tissue functions. Bone regeneration may be achieved by the use of osteogenic cells and/or factors to induce bone growth in combination with an appropriate scaffold to guide and support the laying down of new bone tissue. Professor Arinzeh has developed composite material can be combined with stem cells to enhance the rate of bone repair.

NJIT Research Professor Cheul Cho Cho’s research focuses on designing a clinically-scaled bio-artificial liver. Embryonic stem cells are considered a potential source of cells for hepatic therapies due to their limitless capacity for self-renewal and proliferation, and their ability to differentiate into all major cell lineages. Cho’s novel method differentiates embryonic stem cells into hepatocytes with high purity. Incorporating these cell-derived hepatocytes into a device to treat fulminant hepatic failure has improved animal survival, thereby underscoring the cells’ therapeutic potential.

### **Bio-power**

Research Professor Zafar Iqbal has developed patented technology to create a functioning nano-dimensional fuel cell. The fuel cell is small enough to be used to power implanted bio-electromechanical devices or sensors. Furthermore, the fuel cell draws its power from sugars metabolized in the bloodstream. In essence, it draws its chemical energy the same way as the rest

of the body. As a consequence, bio-implants never need to be removed to replace battery packs. The research has already produced a fuel cell that can power a conventional pacemaker.

### **Improving Treatment for Hydrocephalus**

NJIT Professor Gordon Thomas and NJIT Research Professor Reginald Farrow, both in the department of physics, and NJIT alumnus Sheng Liu, formerly a doctoral student of both researchers were awarded a patent for the NJIT SmartShunt™, a unique device to help patients with brain injuries. The patent, entitled “No Clog Shunt Using a Compact Fluid Drag Path” (US Patent Number 8,088,091), discloses a device that enables the non-invasive wireless monitoring of both the extremely slow flow of cerebrospinal fluid as well as tiny changes in pressure in a shunt that drains fluid out of the brain. Ordinary shunts are commonly used by patients suffering from severe excess pressure in the brain due to hydrocephalus or brain injury. The technology will enable patients and physicians to determine whether cerebrospinal fluid flow is in fact, impaired and the device will also allow those involved to determine better what medical procedures should be performed. It is designed to have a lifetime of more than a decade because it needs no internal power. The team recently received a multi-year, multi-million dollar grant to partner with Boston Children’s Hospital/Harvard Medical school physicians and a commercial firm to take the device to animal testing as the next step in the FDA approval process.

### **Understanding Neuron Growth**

Biomedical Engineering Research Professor Bryan Pfister, an NSF Career Award winner, uses his cellular stretching technique to find clues to repairing traumatic injuries to the spinal cord and other nerve tissue. Pfister studies how nerves grow in response to the stimuli of stretching. His research is so significant and so advanced that it could soon help tissue engineering experts learn how to repair damaged nerves. A breakthrough of that magnitude would of course be of immense solace to the millions of patients who have nerve or spinal cord damage. His team includes investigators from Rutgers-Newark Biology and the VA Hospital.

### **Center for Brain Imaging**

In the Center for Brain Imaging, Dr. Bharat Biswal and his group are pursuing research to better understand human brain function using integrative neuroimaging, statistical, and computational modeling methods. Research projects focus on four research themes: 1) human brain functional patterns and its development in health, 2) reliable neuroimaging measures 3) functional patterns in animal models, and 4) statistical and big data science analytics to explore how specific aspects of psychological processes associate with brain function and mental and neurodegenerative diseases disrupt normal brain functioning. The data is collected using neuroimaging techniques (MRI, fMRI, PET, fNRIS) to map three levels of the intrinsic architecture within the brain function (i.e., region, subnetwork and entire brain). Researchers are investigating the process of brain development within different life spans, computational simulation on brain connectome and clinical psychology/psychiatry guided by our neuroimaging results. Several diseased models including aging, Alzheimers, Schizophrenia, Autism, and Spinal cord injury subjects are being developed with external funding from National Institute of Aging (NIA/NIH), National Institute

of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB/NIH), New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Injury, National Science Foundation and New Jersey Governor's Council on Autism.

### **Characterizing Traumatic Brain Injury**

Researchers in the Center for Injury Biomechanics, materials and medicine (CIBM3) under the leadership of Professor Namas Chandra use both computational and unique experimental facilities to understand the origin of blast and blunt traumatic brain injury (TBI). TBI is a major concern among US soldiers and veterans; Mild TBI and concussion in sports injury has raised serious health hazard, and the Center is involved in both. In specific, through novel blast tube and drop tower facilities, we examine what type of helmets, pads and configurations offer the right protections to soldiers and players. We study when and how concussions are caused and if there are simple diagnostic methods to determine concussions. We use animal models and mechanical surrogates to examine the role of blast pressures and height of fall to relate insult to injury to medical outcomes. Some of our recent funded efforts include examining the effect of blast overpressures on the dose-response curve of animal models. Another effort involves inquiring into the mechanisms of blast induced brain injury. In an additional project, we use experimental methods to study the effect of eyewear and hear protection on the TBI susceptibility of warfighters.

### **Neural Prostheses for Spinal Injuries**

Professor Mesut Sahin's research conducts pioneering work in the field of Neural Prostheses where he conceived the idea of using the neural activity of the descending tracts in the spinal cord as a form of brain-computer interface. His current project, funded by a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, is to develop and test a technology known as FLAMES -- floating light activated micro-electrical stimulators -- for wireless activation of the central nervous system. Energized by an infrared light beam through an optical fiber located just outside the durameter, the tough, fibrous membrane forming the outermost of the three coverings of the brain and spinal cord, these micro-stimulators allow victims of spinal cord injuries to regain self-mobility, environmental control and computer access. FLAMES is a small device that is remotely controlled by an external unit via a near-infrared laser. The FLAMES device is implanted into the spinal cord, and is then allowed to float in the tissue with no wires attached. A patient would send the command to the external unit to activate the laser, the laser would excite the FLAMES device, which would in turn stimulate the neuron via an electrical current.

### **Protecting the Blood-Brain Barrier to Prevent Progression of Neurological Diseases**

Disruption of the blood-brain barrier (BBB), the interface between the blood and the brain, is a hallmark of neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), stroke, neurological disorders in drug abuse, and neuro-AIDS. James Haorah's research objective is to protect the integrity of the BBB in order to prevent neurological diseases stemming from substance abuse, neuro-AIDS, and traumatic brain injury. He proposes that oxidative damage of the BBB enhances infiltration of unhealthy cells into the brain, which promotes neuroinflammation and interrupts the brain cells' bioenergetic interactions. He uses human brain cells, animal models and human subjects to test the hypothesis of neurovascular alterations caused by substance abuse.

### **Bio/Micro-Nano Interface: From Diagnostic Devices to Investigating Cellular Dynamics**

In collaboration with other life science researchers, Dr Sagnik Basuray's research group with its expertise in nano/microfluidics, spectroscopic techniques like SERS, Plasmonics, optofluidics, electrodynamic and electrohydrodynamic simulations from bulk to nano, is developing transformative and disruptive new technologies. The current research thrusts are: 1) developing a multidisciplinary platform for single cell analysis; 2)  $\mu$ TRANS – Micro Total-Analytical Neurological System, using Micro/Nanofluidics, Optofluidics, Impedance Spectroscopy, and Galvanotactics; 3) combining Surface Dielectrophoresis with microfluidic Lego blocks for developing a sweat sensor; and 4) an optical/electro-chemical, label-free, cost-effective and shear discrimination based on a real-time diagnostic (monitoring) device to study water contamination, predict heavy metal ions, biological entities.

### **Combating Eye Disease**

NJIT biomedical researchers are collaborating with physicians as well as private companies to develop new medical devices to combat eye diseases through the New Jersey Vision Technology Center. The Center was established with a one-year seed grant from the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology. In addition to improving the diagnosis and management of diseases such as glaucoma and diabetes, the center aims to spur economic development in the state's biotechnology industry, by developing useful medical devices with promising commercial prospects. Current projects include a device to allow simplified eye pressure testing for glaucoma patients, and another to measure blood sugar. In each of the Center's research projects, scientists and clinicians work closely with a New Jersey firm whose R&D staff help to turn prototypes into products.

The Vision Center is also funded by grants from the NIH, NSF, National Medical Technology Testbed (Department of the Army), the Gustavus, and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation, of Denville, NJ, as well as by funds from Becton Dickinson, Inc. and Lucent Technologies.

### **Understanding Neural Networks**

A better understanding of the cellular mechanisms that allows a neural network to produce stable behavior while retaining the flexibility to respond to the disruptions produced by growth, learning, sensory input and injury is the focus of research at NJIT. In a five-year project funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health, research centers around the mechanism known as activity-dependent regulation of voltage-sensitive ionic currents which may underlie the expression of these two seemingly paradoxical aspects of neuronal activity, namely flexibility and stability. Ionic currents produce the electrical changes that characterize neuronal activity, and individual neurons and neural networks carry signals throughout the nervous system that are responsible for the generation of behavior. This mechanism is potentially of great importance as it may underlie a new form of learning and memory via its stabilizing effect on neural network activity.

## **Designing Computer Therapies**

Research involving human-computer interaction has developed an audio browser that allows information access for blind users. Users provide input to the browser by stroking their fingers on a touch pad. The browser responds with spoken output based on the particular cell touched by the user. The device allows users to search an address book, a collection of music or read a downloaded copy of the current news.

Another project, in collaboration with Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, Rutgers University, developed a Virtual Reality system for rehabilitating hand function in stroke patients. The PC-based desktop system uses two hand input devices, a CyberGlove and a RMII force feedback glove, to allow the user to interact with one of four rehabilitation exercises. Specific exercises work on each of the specific parameters of hand movement—range of motion, speed of motion, fractionation (the ability to move individual fingers separately) or strength. The patient receives performance-based target levels that adapt between sessions in order to induce the user to improve.

## **Identifying Harmful Biological Agents**

The development of a portable MEMS (microelectromechanical systems) device as part of a biological detection system is the focus of a joint research project between NJIT and Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., the government facility charged with developing technologies to support national security. The device - known as a trigger - is the key component in a system for the rapid and accurate identification of harmful biological agents in field and urban environments. The new approach in this research involves the use of electro-hydrodynamic phenomena in a suspension subject to electric fields to control and manipulate microscopic particles in flowing fluids for the segregation and concentration of biological material in microfluidics. Other potential applications of electro-micro-technologies include tiny separation devices for a wide variety of systems for environment monitoring, healthcare, and medical diagnostics. The electro-microfluidics are currently being tested at NJIT and Sandia.

### **II.H.3. Data Science and Information Technology**

Digital convergence has been a popular buzz word for over twenty years. It conveyed the promise of fundamentally new concepts in communication that would arise from the transformation of telephony, broadcast and data transmission from analog to digital. We have certainly seen the transition of voice, video, print and music to digital formats, but the emergence of exciting new applications and industries has been overstated – until now. The advent of wireless, broadband connectivity and the emergence of highly functional, portable devices – mainly smartphones or PDAs – have taken computing out of the office and opened the door to innovation that touches every aspect of life.

## **Big Data Analytics**

The mission of the Center for Big Data (CBD) at NJIT is to synergize the strong expertise in various disciplines across the NJIT campus and build a unified platform that embodies a rich set of big data enabling technologies and services with optimized performance to facilitate research collaboration and scientific discovery. The CBD features focused research to investigate, develop, and apply cutting-edge technologies to address unprecedented challenges in big data with high Volume, high Velocity, high Variety, and high Veracity, in order to create high Value.

The big data-oriented systems and tools developed by the Center will act as discovery agents to investigate and explore previously intractable or inaccessible problems, and will also untangle researchers from constantly searching for complex computing and networking solutions for big data analytics so that they can concentrate on their original scientific goals.

## **Cybersecurity Research**

Cyber technologies are prevalent in modern society and include communication networks, handheld computers, cloud computing environments and embedded computing technologies such as integrated into all modern automobiles, airplanes and military systems. Many of these systems are not secure by any reasonable definition of security. When compromised, the loss of these systems cause dramatic loss of data and capabilities, resulting in exposure of private information, financial loss, loss of services and even death.

The NJIT Cybersecurity Research Center seeks to address ongoing and long-term future needs to research new methods for understanding how these systems can be compromised and fail, how to design cyber systems so they are secure, and how to improve or fix the cyber infrastructure that has already been deployed. Current areas of investigation to address these challenges include developing and applying new approaches to practical encryption, securing cloud computing services, privacy technologies, improved software engineering techniques, better data encoding and communication protocols, human factors research and so on. Due to the severity of cybersecurity R&D needs, we are constantly recruiting collaborators, new students and other researchers to join our team. Please reach out to current members of the NJIT Cybersecurity Research Center if you'd like to learn how you can work with us.

Kurt Rohloff, an Associate Professor of computer science, is making cloud computing secure, enhancing privacy online and making secure information systems practical. His areas of technical expertise include practical encryption, large-scale distributed computing and scalable algorithm design. He was the principal investigator for the DARPA PROCEED program, developing practical Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE). FHE enables secure computing on encrypted data, but has been too inefficient to be practical until now. Dr. Rohloff's team increased FHE efficiency by orders of magnitude and has shown the first practical applications of FHE. Prior to NJIT, he worked in industry for nine years at Raytheon BBN Technologies.

## **Healthcare Informatics**

NJIT received more than \$23 million of the \$2 billion allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to achieve widespread meaningful use of health IT and facilitate use of

an electronic health record (EHR) by every person by the year 2014. The New Jersey Health Information Technology Extension Center (NJ-HITEC) initiative proposed by NJIT Senior Vice President for Research and Development Donald H. Sebastian, PhD, principal investigator, will assist New Jersey's 20,000 health care providers to achieve "meaningful use" use of health information technology through outreach, consultation and user support for the state's primary care providers serving at-risk population centers. The Center has already enrolled over 6000 physicians, exceeding its funded target of 5000, and moved more than half of them through the second programmatic milestone of meaningful use. It has become a practice leader across the national program and its director, William O'Byrne now chairs the team charting the course of the national program beyond its four-year launch under the ARRA stimulus funding. It is collocated and will interoperate with Health-e-cITi-NJ one of 3 major health information exchanges in the state, and the Healthcare Innovation Center an NJIT program to foster new products and services that bring advanced information technology together with process innovation to achieve improved healthcare delivery.

### **Location-Aware, Personalized Computing**

Think about the most popular Web sites of the past two years: MySpace, Facebook, Friendster, Flickr, YouTube.... They're all forms of virtual social networks. People create profiles and share opinions, pictures, and movies—all in an effort to meet new people, even if they never really meet in person. A research team led by Professor Quentin Jones wants to "put the place back in social networks." The SmartCampus project aims to turn the NJIT campus into one of the world's first locations to have a suite of "People to People to Geographical Places" systems (P3 for short) that covers the entire area.

Students and faculty create user profiles, listing personal information, hobbies, tastes, opinions, pictures, movies, etc. Users select the information they want to share and the types of people with whom they want to share it. Using wireless-enabled devices like laptops, PDAs, cell phones, BlackBerries, etc., users can tap into a campus-wide virtual social network that adapts to their physical location.

The SmartCampus project has received \$1.8 million in direct funding from the National Science Foundation, a Hewlett-Packard Technology for Teaching Grant, and support from NJIT's NSF Industry/University Collaborative Research Center for Information Protection (I/UCRC).

## **Securing the Cloud**

At the early stage in the development of cloud computing, we have a chance to break the typical pattern where security is added only as an afterthought, usually after attacks happen. Since cloud platforms are still in their infancy, security can be part of the initial design. College of Computing Sciences Assistant Professor Reza Curtmola works on this problem with the support of a Faculty Early Career Development grant of more than \$500,000 from the National Science Foundation. Curtmola is seeking to make the relationship between data owners and what they've entrusted to the clouds more secure. In large measure, when data is outsourced to a cloud storage provider, the owner of the data loses control over its integrity. He intends to build a practical remote-data-checking (RDC) framework to assure long-term integrity and reliability of remotely stored data. Overcoming the limitations of current RDC protocols and existing cloud-storage architectures will mean that you won't have to rely just on the word of your provider that all is well with your data.

## **Securing Wireless Communications**

With the proliferation of laptops, tablets, smart phones and other devices, computing power is everywhere and very much on the go. The combination of computing, mobility and wireless connectivity offers a wealth of new capabilities – and new security challenges. Meeting these challenges is basic to the work of Associate Professors Cristian Borcea and Guiling Wang.

Borcea is exploring ways to enhance the intelligence of smart phones with sensors designed to monitor pollution, traffic conditions and other aspects of our environment. He is also researching systems that enable social interaction with superior performance, trust and privacy. In addition to exploring the capabilities of peer-to-peer networks, Borcea is teaming with NJIT colleagues, researchers at other universities and industry experts to address security issues unique to wireless interconnection. These include authenticating a mobile user's location and maximizing trust in ad hoc, or decentralized, networks, since familiar safeguards such as firewalls do not work for wireless communication.

Most recently, Associate Professor Grace Wang's research has focused on the potential and security of wireless sensor networks. The sensors that interest Wang are typically designed to collect data about the environment in which they are deployed, store that information, and transmit it to a central database. Capable of forming self-organizing networks, these devices can collect data in remote or inhospitable areas about weather or pollutants, warn drivers of traffic congestion when embedded in roads, or signal that a bridge or other structure has deteriorated to an unacceptable degree. As with ad hoc and peer-to-peer computing networks, the wireless foundation of remote sensing presents special security issues. Wang and her colleagues are working to develop encryption techniques that are both more effective and economical, methods to detect whether data collected by sensors has been tampered with, transmission technology that makes unauthorized access as difficult as possible, and network architecture that minimizes damage after an attack.

### **Improving Face Recognition**

A new technology that can verify a person's identity using facial images is the goal of research involving a face recognition system developed by an NJIT researcher that improves on previous technology by taking into account such factors as lighting and facial expressions. The system has tested 100 percent effective in matching videotaped images to those stored in government databases by comparing 62 features or facial landmarks. Such a technology can be used as a security system with facial identification replacing a physical key or a password. An effective face recognition system could also assist law enforcement officials in locating fugitives by means of video cameras strategically placed in public places such as airports. NJIT recently received funding from the Department of Defense to support this research as part of the government's effort for combating terrorism using face recognition technologies.

### **Leading the Way in CAD Design**

For an unprecedented seventh consecutive year, students from New Jersey School of Architecture took top prizes in the annual CADDIES Competition for Excellence in Design Visualization. Sponsored in part by Cadalyst magazine, the annual international competition celebrates excellence in digital imaging and presents awards in student and professional categories for both still images and animation.

### **Next-Generation Wireless Communications**

Technologies to enable the next generation of wireless digital communications are the focus of research at the Center for Communications and Signal Processing. The group addresses issues such as privacy and security, interference and jamming, ever-heavier user traffic, and rapid transmission of data through wireless networks.

### **Developing Technologies for Defense and Homeland Security**

Recognizing that technology is the best way to defend against bioterrorism, secure our borders and protect critical infrastructure such as power systems, bridges and airports, NJIT has established a new Homeland Security Technology Center, led by Dr. Donald H. Sebastian, Vice President for Research and Development. The Center coordinates defense-related projects in the university and forges partnerships with agencies like Picatinny Arsenal, the Center for Disease Control, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the National Guard, and the New Jersey State Police for homeland security initiatives. The software systems use Global Information Systems (GIS)-based information to support simulations used to coordinate a response to a disaster. People who would benefit from these simulations include members of emergency response teams, hospital workers, public and private transportation administrators and others. The software gives New Jersey a system to prepare for anything from a natural disaster to a chemical, biological or radiological attack.

## **Memory Management for Big-Data Processing in the Cloud**

The major challenge for big-data processing is performance. Due to the huge volumes of data and irregular data access patterns, the performance of big-data applications is largely determined by how fast they access their data. For high performance, in-memory technology has become a growing trend in which data sets are completely loaded and processed in memory without accessing slow disks. Xiaoning Ding, an Assistant Professor of computer science and his colleagues are developing new systems to make in-memory technology more affordable and better performing in the cloud.

## **Machine Learning and GPU Solutions for Problems in Comparative Genomics and Data Science**

Comparative genomics and data science pose problems of considerable difficulty both in terms of accuracy and runtimes. We consider two specific problems for which we have been developing new Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) and machine learning algorithms: the comparison of large genomic sequences and the prediction of cancer and disease risk from genomic data. Both have broad applications that lead to a better understanding of biology and accurate medical diagnosis. For both problems, we propose new GPU and machine learning methods that will be developed by the PI and his team of graduate students. The internal funding will cover costs for equipment (GPUs and disk-space), open-access publication, and travel to conferences and research institutions.

## **Transdisciplinary Areas**

### **Intelligent Transportation and Traffic Congestion**

The primary impetus for the creation of the ITSRC is to utilize the extensive technological resources and staff expertise of the NJIT Transportation Center to assist NJDOT in developing and implementing a comprehensive ITS management strategy. This strategy will involve systematic deployment of ITS tools at selected target locations throughout the State highway network that are expected to yield the largest benefit in terms of congestion reduction and improvement in traffic safety.

New Jersey travelers are facing the unprecedented congestion levels on New Jersey roads. NJIT estimated the cost of congestion in 2003 at \$8 billion. The breakdown by counties is given in Figure 1. New Jersey's highway network operates at its maximum capacity and a small disruption in traffic flow results in a disproportionate increase in delay.

It has been recognized that New Jersey cannot "widen its way" out of the congestion problem and that NJDOT ought to use "smart technology" as a way of improving the throughput on its highways. With limited resources and political opposition for road widening and other capacity enhancements, the attention has shifted to getting more out of existing infrastructure through the use of ITS as a mean of increasing throughput and overall efficiency of the transportation system. The idea is to implement a better management of traffic flow using strategies such as traffic

metering and technologies for detecting the changes in traffic flow and providing corrective action so that the network can continuously perform at its optimum level. Half of congestion can be attributed to so-called non-recurring congestion, namely congestion caused by random incidents such as accidents and disabled vehicles on a roadway.

The investment in ITS technology can be seen as the offset to the congestion costs. The improvements in network performance in strategic areas can result in a substantial decrease in congestion costs and improved mobility.

The benefit of ITS is identified in the FHWA report "ITS 2005 Update, Benefits, Costs and Lessons". The guiding principle of the future ITS strategy is to achieve the highest possible payoff from the use of scarce financial resources.

NJIT assisted the New Jersey Department of Transportation in developing the "Congestion Relief Plan for the Garden State Parkway". The study highlights traffic congestion impacts as part of the development of the ten-year plan to remove toll barriers on the Garden State Parkway.

Researchers at NJIT completed the second iteration of its study "Mobility and the Costs of Congestion in New Jersey" that was funded by the US Department of Transportation and a grant from the Foundation of the New Jersey Alliance for Action. NJIT's analysis builds on a 1996 study by the Texas Transportation Institute which made state-to-state comparisons using national highway data. By using more detailed data on traffic volume and roadway characteristics in New Jersey and an enhanced methodology, we were able to determine the cost of congestion on the roadway network throughout the state.

The NCTIP research team analyzed data from the NJ Department of Transportation to measure and compare congestion in terms of traffic volumes, travel speeds, trip lengths, fuel consumption and truck flows. The study assessed a dollar value for delays experienced by drivers under current conditions, on a statewide and county level, as well as corridor and project level.

## **Biomedical Ontologies**

The Structural Analysis of Biomedical Ontologies Center (SABOC) is devoted to research exploring structural issues in medical terminologies and ontologies such as the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS), SNOMED CT, and the biomedical ontologies located in the NCBO BioPortal. Most of the research attention in these communities has concentrated on issues such as content creation and retrieval. However, our interests focus on "structural issues." For example, many medical terminologies are organized around a backbone of concepts connected by IS-A or parent/child links. Structurally speaking, such a hierarchy forms a directed acyclic graph (DAG). In a DAG, no cycles should exist. This is a structural constraint. In other words, starting out at one concept and following parent/child links upwards, it should be impossible to ever return to the starting concept. However, it has shown that the UMLS contains such prohibited cycles. Such cycles may be discovered by purely structural methods, without an understanding of the contents of the UMLS.

Another example relates to redundant assignments of semantic types of the UMLS Semantic Network to concepts of the UMLS Metathesaurus. According to the principles of the UMLS, if

two semantic types are assigned to the same concept, they may never stand in a parent/child or ancestor/descendant relationship to each other. Yet, in our research we have discovered many cases where such assignments existed. We have reported these cases to the National Library of Medicine which has corrected many of them. In this case, again, the problems may be found algorithmically, without any human decision-making, as they are based on structure not meaning.

In other cases, our structural methods can propose to a human auditor likely problem areas, however, the final decision whether, indeed, a problem exists, must be made by a human domain expert. This Web site contains references to publications using such structural methods in a variety of areas, including besides auditing the topics of partitioning,

### **Applied Mathematical Modeling and Simulation**

Research in Mathematical Sciences is conducted under the auspices of the Center for Applied Mathematics and Statistics (CAMS). CAMS is an interdisciplinary research center dedicated to supporting applied research in the mathematical sciences at NJIT. CAMS was established in 1986 to promote research in the mathematical sciences at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Members of the Department of Mathematical Sciences naturally form the core of CAMS membership, but the importance of mathematics for science and technology has made CAMS an interdisciplinary organization.

CAMS brings researchers from academia, industry, and government to NJIT and other institutions by organizing interdisciplinary workshops and by bringing together researchers whose strengths are complementary and whose goals are common. CAMS activities also include support for the submission of research proposals, which is done through dissemination of information, organization of group projects, collegial advice and assistance with application documents. Graduate student research is encouraged through the CAMS Summer Research Program and support for students to attend conferences.

### **CalC (“Calcium Calculator”) Software for Modeling Cell Calcium Dynamics**

Intracellular calcium ions regulate all fundamental cell processes, from gene transcription to muscle contraction, synaptic transmission, and immune cell response. In order to simultaneously control multiple physiological mechanisms inside a cell, calcium concentration elevations have to be compartmentalized in time and space. Understanding such localized calcium signals is impossible without mathematical and computational modeling. Victor Matveev, an Associate Professor of applied mathematics, has created and continues to develop modeling software called CalC (Calcium Calculator) to model calcium dynamics resulting from the interplay between its diffusion and its binding by intracellular buffering molecules. Today, CalC is used to study a variety of biological phenomena, in particular synaptic neurotransmitter release.

### **Navigating Energy Landscapes**

A wide variety of materials minimize their associated energies by forming crystals and ordered structures. The resulting microstructures are important to predict and engineer as they often dictate larger material properties, such as strength and stiffness. Mathematically, the material's energy can be very complicated making it difficult to predict phases of matter and material structures. David Shirokoff, an Assistant Professor in mathematical sciences, is working on combining computational and analytic techniques to find new, accurate methods for predicting these phases. The methods rely on first approximating the complicated material energy with a simpler energy that can then be analyzed using computation tools.

### **Soft Sustainability – Understanding Human Factors of Sustainable Systems**

Dr. Yvette Wohn is an Assistant Professor in information systems whose research area is in human-computer interaction (HCI), where she studies the “soft” aspects of why people continue to interact with social systems over a long period of time, such as habits, motivations, and social capital. Understanding the social and psychological elements of sustainable technology use is especially important in the context of education and health, as these systems require prolonged engagement for effectiveness. Her current focus is developing and understanding technology to improve mental health.

### **Exploration of Unity 3D as a Physics and Animation Engine for Therapeutic Gaming and Rehabilitation Robotics**

This project advances the state of the art in therapeutic gaming and rehabilitation robotics by seeding collaboration between the College of Architecture and Design (COAD) and the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Capitalizing on the significant NJIT expertise in computer gaming, digital design, virtual reality (VR), and robotics, the project demonstrates that gaming software (COAD) can be an effective animation and physics engine for a newly developed upper extremity exoskeleton (BME). The result will be a user-controlled haptic manipulator that allows individuals with neurological impairment (e.g. stroke, cerebral palsy) to be therapeutically assisted by the exoskeleton while haptically interacting with virtual objects in a 3-D animated environment.

### **Managing Inventories for Agricultural Products: Coffee Supply Chain**

Many of the world's poor still depend directly or indirectly on agricultural commodities for their livelihoods. Most of them are small-scale farmers in the developing countries in Africa. To achieve the Millennium goal of eradicating extreme hunger and poverty in Africa, Jim Shi, an Assistant Professor of supply chain management, studies the coffee industry in Africa and attempts to answer two research questions about storable agricultural products under price fluctuations: 1) How can inventory to hedge price risk be effectively managed? 2) How do diverse cost structures and harvest/price processes affect the results? Applying the optimal policies to practices in Kenya, it is possible to outperform the prevailing practice.

## **Developing Community Informatics Systems**

The development of community informatics systems as a broad economic, social and political force is the focus of a research project supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation; the project aims to expand research, policy, programming, commercial and teaching activities supporting the development of the community informatics sector.

Community informatics is the application of information technologies to enable the achievement of community objectives. Initially used in geographical communities, the concept is now being applied to virtual communities based on common interests, industries or marketplaces. The project will bring together the best current thinking of practitioners, academics and industry experts. Results will be presented in book form, potentially supplemented by a web site and CD-ROM. This comprehensive “living document” can provide an initial electronic architecture and resources for creating and maintaining a vertical community informatics sector as well as horizontal “thematic” sub-sectors. It is anticipated that the project will also help to refocus policy attention on how the Internet is used and how it could be used to enable the betterment of communities—community wealth creation; community social, economic and cultural development; and community empowerment.

### **II.H.4. Research Centers and Specialized Labs**

NJIT's research program focuses on applied research in the most promising of emerging technologies, with emphasis on technology transfer and commercialization. Research at NJIT is organized around multi-disciplinary centers of excellence that encourage partnerships among various disciplines, as well as with other educational institutions, private enterprise and government agencies.

#### **Center for Applied Mathematics and Statistics**

*Michael Siegel, Professor of Mathematical Sciences*

The Center for Applied Mathematics and Statistics (CAMS) is an interdisciplinary research center dedicated to supporting research in the mathematical sciences at NJIT. CAMS brings researchers from academia, industry, and government to NJIT by organizing the annual “Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics” meeting and other workshops. CAMS activities include support for the submission of interdisciplinary research proposals and a summer program for graduate students.

#### **Center for Brain Imaging**

*Bharat Biswal, Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

The Center for Brain Imaging focuses on developing and advancing techniques to understand brain processes in healthy and patient populations. We use multimodal imaging including MRI, PET, and fNRS to study the brain. We use these techniques in a number of diseased populations including Alzheimer's disease, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), stroke, and ADHD.

### **Center for Building Knowledge**

*Deane Evans, Research Professor of Architecture*

The Center for Building Knowledge (CBK) is a 25-year-old research, training and technical assistance institute affiliated with the College of Architecture and Design at NJIT. CBK is dedicated to generating new knowledge to improve the built environment and enhance the planning, design, construction and operation of facilities. Led by Executive Director Deane Evans, CBK's mission is to help individuals and communities make better-informed decisions concerning the performance, sustainability and resilience of buildings nationwide.

### **Center for Injury Biomechanics, Materials and Medicine**

*Namas Chandra, Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

The Center for Injury Biomechanics, Materials and Medicine (CIBM3) is a multi- and interdisciplinary research center focused on understanding, diagnosing and treating brain injuries and concussions using experimental and computational methods. Namas Chandra, Bryan Pfister and James Haorah, along with colleagues from NJIT, medical schools and veterans, administration facilities take a holistic approach to offer new measurement techniques, diagnostics/prognostic tools to address sports injury and military medicine.

### **Center for Membrane Technologies**

*Kamalesh Sirkar, Distinguished Professor of Chemical, Biological and Pharmaceutical Engineering*

The Membrane Science, Engineering and Technology (MAST) Center, a NSF I/UCRC, and the Center for Membrane Technologies investigate problems where membrane technologies can achieve separation and purification of water, air, industrial fluid streams, solvents, pharmaceuticals, proteins, biopharmaceuticals, cells, particles and nanoparticles.

### **Center for Natural Resources Development and Protection**

*Michel Boufadel, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering*

The Center for Natural Resources Development and Protection investigates sensible approaches to environmental and energy resource utilization. Directed by Dr. Michel Boufadel, research projects at the NRDP Center include assessment and remediation studies of pollution in natural settings, and the evaluation of natural resources for the potential production of energy, especially the production of renewable energy.

### **Center for Resilient Design**

*Thomas Dallessio, Director*

Through applied research, field testing and community outreach, the Center for Resilient Design provides residents, business owners, design professionals, non-profit leaders, government officials and researchers with actionable 21<sup>st</sup>- century ready-to-build designs and expertise for disaster recovery in areas that have experienced or anticipate natural or man-made disasters.

## **Center for Solar-Terrestrial Research**

*Andrew Gerrard, Professor of Physics*

The Center for Solar-Terrestrial Research (CSTR) at NJIT is an international leader in ground- and space-based solar and terrestrial physics, with interest in understanding the effects of the Sun on the geospace environment. CSTR operates the Big Bear Solar Observatory (BBSO) and Owens Valley Solar Array (OVSA) in California, the Jeffer Observatory at Jenny Jump State Forest in New Jersey, and the Automated Geophysical Observatories (AGOs) distributed across the Antarctic iceshelf. The Center also manages a large number of instruments at South Pole Station, McMurdo Station, across South America, and across the United States. CSTR is also a PI organization in the NASA Van Allen Probes mission and houses the Space Weather Research Laboratory, which does scientific research in the area of space weather with the mission to understand and forecast the magnetic activity of the Sun and its potential influence on Earth. Such instrumentation and data resources enable scientific studies spanning from the Sun's surface, into the Sun's extended atmosphere, and onwards into the Earth's atmosphere.

New resources coming online within CSTR in the next year include new instrumentation at BBSO (e.g., the 10830-He spectropolarimeter), OVSA (e.g., status of the OVSA Expansion effort), and at the AGOs (e.g., higher power availability and data telemetry). The Center plans to site a solar radio telescope at South Pole Station, as well as the LIDAR observatory in New Jersey.

## **Center for Transportation**

*Lazar Spasovic, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering*

The Center for Transportation conducts interdisciplinary research, education, and technology transfer designed to improve safety and mobility of the nation's transportation system. Research projects include the development of intelligent transportation systems technologies, transportation network modeling and management, traffic simulation, transportation, land use and economic policy analysis, freight planning, and traffic data warehousing.

## **Center for Wireless Communications and Signal Processing**

*Alexander Haimovich, Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

The Elisha Yegal Bar-Ness Center for Wireless Communications and Signal Processing Research (CWCSRP) engages in a broad range of research ranging from wireless communications, radar, sensor networks, cloud radio, information theory, and signal processing. A unifying theme of the Center's research is that of 5G wireless mobile networks. The Center seeks new collaborations with the wireless communications industry.

## **Enterprise Development Center**

*Jerry Creighton, Sr., Executive Director*

The Enterprise Development Center (EDC) at NJIT is a business development and commercialization center with an ecosystem designed to advance high-tech and life-science entrepreneurial initiatives. The array of service programs available at the EDC combine the

student, faculty and NJIT resources with a “know-how” network of subject matter experts, partnerships, resident company interactions, university/business/government collaborations as needed to assist resident companies with R&D tasks, meeting milestones, scaling their business and preparing to obtain access to capital.

### **Expanded Owens Valley Solar Array Science Data Center**

*Dale Gary, Distinguished Professor of Physics*

The EOVSA Science Data Center handles the unprecedented data volume that is now being generated by NJIT’s Expanded Owens Valley Solar Array (EOVSA) radio telescope. ESDC will provide the infrastructure for combining radio maps of magnetic field strength and direction in the Sun’s corona, derived from EOVSA data, with observations from other wavelengths such as mm/sub-mm, EUV, and X-rays, to model the magnetic/plasma structure in solar flares and active regions. Dale Gary, distinguished professor of physics, leads this pilot study to investigate the use of Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) for performing the required calculations fast enough to keep up with the expected demand.

### **Leir Center for Financial Bubble Research**

*William Rapp, Henry J. Leir Professor of International Trade and Business*

The Leir Center for Financial Bubble Research seeks to understand through quantitative and qualitative research how financial bubbles can be identified including their stages of development, their relation to financial crises and what policies can best manage their adverse impacts.

### **Nanotechnology and Opto-electronics at the Electronic Imaging Center**

*Haim Grebel, Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

The Electronic Imaging Center at NJIT promotes unique structures (nano- and sub-wavelength structures) for effective interfaces between photons (light) and matter for the purpose of: multi-spectral imaging in the visible, infrared (IR) far-IR and microwave with better sensing and light filtration; nano-based elements to aid detection of pollutants and viruses (e.g., swine and avian flu) for portable molecular biology instruments; nano-optical antennas for accurate molecular detection; ultra-short pulse (USP) antennas for secured communication links and environmental monitoring; and unique electronically controlled ion devices (the ion transistor).

### **New Jersey Center for Engineered Particulates**

*Rajesh Dave, Distinguished Professor of Chemical, Biological and Pharmaceutical Engineering*

The creation of advanced particulate materials through the engineering of particles is a major research focus of the New Jersey Center for Engineered Particulates (NJCEP). The Center is engaged in fundamental research that combines experimental, computational and theoretical studies to achieve an understanding of the particle properties at the individual particle scale, in order to predict powder behavior at the macro-scale. As the size of particles becomes smaller and smaller, down to the nano-scale, the particle properties at the particle scale can change drastically and significantly affect the bulk properties, sometimes resulting in unique added value to the

particulate materials. These value-added particles are called engineered particulates, which is the central focus of NJCEP.

**New Jersey Homeland Security Technology Systems Center**

*William Marshall, Director*

The Homeland Security Technology Systems Center (NJHSTSC) at NJIT was created by Executive Order 111 expressly to work in collaboration with state government, serving as consultant for technology evaluation against performance standards and engaging in prototype deployment of integrated systems for testing, demonstration and training. It has contributed to all areas of the Homeland Security mission throughout the state.

**Cybersecurity Research Center**

*Kurt Rohlf and Reza Curtmola, Professor of Computer Science, Co-Directors*

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*Chase Wu and Yi Chen, Co-Director, Professor of Computer Science and Management*

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**Center for Computational Heliophysics**

*Alexander Kosovichev, Professor, Physics, Director*

The Center focuses on new innovative approaches, including development of intelligent databases, automatic feature identification and classification, realistic numeric simulations based on first physics principles, and observational data modeling.

**New Jersey Innovation Institute**

*Don Sebastian, President*

The New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) is an NJIT corporation that applies the intellectual and technological resources of the state's science and technology university to challenges identified by industry partners. NJII is comprised of innovation labs that follow industry-led agendas, these include: Healthcare Delivery Systems; Bio-Pharmaceutical Production; Civil Infrastructure; Defense and Homeland Security; and Financial Services.

### **Neural Interface Laboratory**

*Mesut Sahin, Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

The Neural Interface Laboratory focuses on the field of neural prosthetics within a broader area of neural engineering. The long-term objective is to develop devices implantable in the central nervous system that can improve functioning for disabled individuals with spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, ALS, or stroke.

### **Neuromuscular Engineering Laboratory**

*Richard Foulds, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

Researchers study the blending of neural motor control and muscular activity, promoting improvement of ambulation, reaching and manipulation, and speech, as well as exploring the modulation of incorrect neural signals producing spasticity and dystonia; the development of upper and lower extremity exoskeletons; and physiologically sound human-robot interaction.

### **Structural Analysis of Biomedical Ontologies Center**

*Yehoshua Perl and James Geller, Professors of Computer Science*

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### **Tissue Engineering and Applied Biomaterials Laboratory**

*Treena Arinzeh, Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

The laboratory develops novel tissue engineering approaches to treating damaged tissues in orthopedic and neural applications. The laboratory primarily uses functional biomaterials to stimulate cells to regenerate tissues and evaluates these therapies using in vitro and in vivo models.

### **Vision and Neural Engineering Laboratory**

*Tara Alvarez, Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

Convergence insufficiency (CI) is a prevalent binocular vision disorder that negatively impacts the activities of daily living. Symptoms include double/blurred vision, eyestrain, and headaches during reading or other near work that negatively impacts activities of daily living. CI is present in 4 percent of the population where approximately 27 percent of CI patients do not improve even with validated therapy. This project studies two potential mechanisms causing CI which may be improved via validated therapy by quantifying phoria adaptation, neural substrates and behavioral eye movements. This knowledge can lead to targeted therapeutic interventions, improved success rates, reduction in the time to remediation, and reduced healthcare costs.

### **York Center for Environmental Engineering**

*Somenath Mitra, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science*

The Otto York Center is the home of core laboratory facilities at NJIT. It serves the university and the industrial community by offering facilities for material characterization, chemical analysis, and environmental measurements.

#### **II.H.5. NJIT Intellectual Property**

NJIT has grown its patent activity significantly over the last decade generating over \$3.5 million in licensing revenues. As of June 30, 2016 NJIT had 207 unexpired US patents and 101 pending patent applications. Inventions stem primarily from grant funded research, but also from classroom activities that feature open-ended design challenges. The inventiveness is distributed across all of the academic units, and includes student inventors. Resources do not permit filing for patent coverage on every internal disclosure. A standing committee of senior university officials meets periodically to evaluate new disclosures and recommend those most suitable for university investment based on likelihood of commercial adoption. A list of the Invention Disclosures received in FY16 follows:

- 16-001 3D Gaming Using Eye Movement Position for Vision Therapy [Alvarez, Tara Lynn / Yaramothu, Chang / Sequeira, Marc T. / Scheiman, Mitchell / d'Antonio-Bertagnolli, John Vito / Gioia, Robert] CCS Computer Science / NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-002 Micro Bio-Chip for disease diagnosis with temperature and oscillation *sensing* method. [Lee, Eon Soo / Nunna, Bharath Babu] NCE Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- 16-003 Micro Bio-Chip for disease diagnosis with capacitance sensing method. [Lee, Eon Soo / Nunna, Bharath Babu] NCE Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- 16-004 Membrane-Free Biofuel Cell Fueled by Glucose- Gel Electrolyte Fabricated Into a “Patch” [Iqbal, Zafar / Ueshiro, Ansel / Leng, Biao] CSLA Chemistry & Environmental Science
- 16-005 Nano Carbon Immobilized Membrane for Harvesting Pure Water from the Atmosphere [Mitra, Somenath / Roy, Sagar] CSLA Chemistry & Environmental Science
- 16-006 Proactive Resource Management Strategy for Maximizing the Average Virtual Machine Resource Utilization in a Data Center [Ansari, Nirwan / Sun, Xiang] NCE Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 16-007 Combination Ergonomic Firearm Accessory Compatible With Picatinny Rail System [Ness, David M. / Piekarz, Filip] CCS Computer Science

- 16-008 Polynitrogen materials convert green house gas CO<sub>2</sub> to useful chemicals [Wang, Xianqin / Tim Kee, Sherry-Ann] NCE Chemical, Biological & Pharmaceutical Engineering
- 16-009 All Plant-Derived Tissue Engineering Construct to Mimic the ECM of Articular Cartilage [Cardenas Turner, Jessica M. / Collins, George / Arinzeh, Treena L.] NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-010 Fabrication of strain sensor by inkjet printing [Gu, Yuan / Federici, John F. / Wu, Aide] CSLA Physics
- 16-011 Increasing Capacitance of Supercapacitors [Grebel, Haim / Chowdhury, Tazima Selim] NCE Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 16-012 Compact Quick-Attachable Instant-Deploying Bipod for Picatinny Rail System [Ness, David M.] CCS Computer Science
- 16-013 Electro-Mechanical Firing Disruptor / Gun Disabling System for Hand Guns [Marshall, William J. / Clemente, Matthew p. / Zunino, James L. / Boyle, Robert E. / Zienowicz, Robert M. / Nguyen, Olivier T.] NJII New Jersey Innovation Institute & US Army
- 16-014 Inducing piezoelectricity in collagenous scaffolds using polarization [Arinzeh, Treena L. / Jaffe, Michael / Rajabi, Amir Hossein] NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-015 3-D In Vitro Model for Breast Cancer Dormancy [Arinzeh, Treena L. / Rameshwar, Pranela / Guiro, Khadidiatou] NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-016 Method for Predicting Cerebro-Spinal Fluid Shunt Occlusions [Thomas, Gordon A. / Farrow, Reginald / Apigo, David / Bartholomew, Phillips] CSLA Physics
- 16-017 Novel Hollow Fiber Membrane Module for Direct Contact Membrane Distillation-based Desalination [Sirkar, Kamallesh K. / Singh, Dhananjay] NCE Chemical, Biological & Pharmaceutical Engineering
- 16-018 Axode-Based Knee for a Transfemoral Prosthetic Leg [Russell, Kevin / Jerry, D'Alessio / Sodhi, Rajpal S.] NCE Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- 16-019 Production of multinary oxides with adjustable stoichiometry [Delahoy, Alan E. / Chin, Ken K. / Tan, Xuehai / Cao, Xin / Peng, Shou] CSLA Physics & CTIEC
- 16-020 Functional glass superstrate for CdTe thin film solar cell application and method of making [Peng, Shou / Cao, Xin / Tan, Xuehai / Chin, Ken K. / Wang, CongXiao / Ma, LiYun / Wang, Yun / Delahoy, Alan E. / Cheng, Zimeng] CSLA Physics & CTIEC

- 16-021 Virtual Machine Placement in a Heterogeneous Data Center [Ansari, Nirwan / Sun, Xiang] NCE Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 16-022 Surface modified excipients for improved flow, packing and compaction [Dave, Rajesh N.] NCE Chemical, Biological & Pharmaceutical Engineering
- 16-023 Process for Maximizing Recovery in Membrane Distillation [Mitra, Somenath / Roy, Sagar] CSLA Chemistry & Environmental Science
- 16-024 Method and device for testing the effectiveness of magnetic treatment of feed water for reducing mineral scaling in reverse osmosis processes [Khusid, Boris / Elele, Ezinwa / Shen, Yueyang / Guerra, Katherine L. / Leitz, Frank] NCE Chemical, Biological & Pharmaceutical Engineering
- 16-025 Risk Terrain Modeling Diagnostics (RTMDx) Utility 2.0 [Garnier, Simon / Caplan, Joel / Kennedy, Leslie] CSLA Biological Sciences
- 16-026 Particle-Free Silver Ink for Inkjet Printing [Gu, Yuan / Federici, John F.] CSLA Physics
- 16-027 Quantitative optical coherence elastography based on fiber-optic probe for in situ measurement of tissue mechanical properties [Liu, Xuan] NCE Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 16-028 Use of glycosaminoglycan mimics in bandage dressings [Collins, George / Arinzeh, Treena L. / Mantilla, Bruno A.] NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-029 Insulin-mimetic composite for bone repair [Arinzeh, Treena L. / Lin, Sheldon / Dukleska-Schussler, Svetlana] NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-030 Aligned PLLA-PANI Conducting Fibers for Peripheral Nerve Injury [Allam, Sahitya / Jaffe, Michael / Pfister, Bryan J.] NCE Biomedical Engineering
- 16-031 Filtering Air flow in duct- With very minimum maintenance. [Lee, Eon Soo / Nunna, Bharath Babu] NCE Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- 16-032 An Innovative Filtering System for Air flow in duct - With NO maintenance. [Lee, Eon Soo / Nunna, Bharath Babu] NCE Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- 16-033 Multifunctional Ceramic Reactive Electrochemical Membrane Filtration for Water Purification and Biomass Separation [Zhang, Wen / Hua, Likun] NCE Civil & Environmental Engineering
- 16-034 Dual-Cycle Piston-Cylinder System of Condensation-induced Scalable Vacuum Technology [Zhu, Chao / Ji, Zhiming / Zhou, Mengchu / Glaz, Joseph / Zhang, Bo] NCE Civil & Environmental Engineering

- 16-035 Paper Thermoelectrics: Merging Nanotechnology with Naturally Abundant Fibrous Material [Sun, Chengjun / Ko, Dongkyun / Goharpey, Amir Hossein / Rai, Ayush / Zhang, Teng] NCE Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 16-036 Autonomous Snow Removal Robot [Reda, Matthew] NCE Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- 16-037 FOCUS: Free-space OptiCs Utilization in High-Speed Trains [Ansari, Nirwan / Taheri Hosseinabadi, Mina / Feng, Jianghua / Rojas-Cessa, Roberta / Zhou, Mengchu] NCE Electrical & Computer Engineering and CSRZIC
- 16-038 Analytical Nanoscope on a Chip for Sub-Optical Resolution Imaging [Farrow, Reginald / Kanwal, Alokik / Aslam, Arooj] CSLA Physics

### **New Licenses & Options**

In FY16 NJIT executed Option Agreements with:

- 1 VCAPTCHA, a Nevada corporation, having offices at 2681 E. Parleys Way, Suite 204, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109 on July 28, 2015 to license US Patent # 8,925,057 entitled “Automated Tests to Distinguish Computers from Humans” [Nirwan Ansari, Christopher A. Neylan, and Amey B. Shevtekar] NJIT Reference # 09-017; and
- 2 AGNIZA, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, having offices at 151 Martine Street, Fall River, MA 02723 on April 5, 2016 to license US Patent # 8,167,143 entitled “Desalination Devices and Systems Using Porous Hydrophobic Hollow Fibers and Hydrophobic Porous Coatings” [Kamalesh K. Sirkar and Baoan Li] NJIT Ref. # 03-039.

### **Marketing Initiatives**

Consistent with a national trend, NJIT’s Office of Technology Development (OTD)’s overall marketing efforts continue to focus not just on generating licensing revenue, but also on generating new sponsored research projects for faculty. The existing NJIT IP portfolio is often an enabler for industrial sponsored research agreements, including these relationships in FY16: Catalent and BMS (Dave), Matrix (Haimovich), WR Grace (Sirkar), Integra (Arinzeh), Essilor (Alvarez) and IIF and Nisso America (Biligi). It is our expectation these research programs may lead to subsequent licensing agreements.

OTD has also been instrumental in getting NJIT faculty to apply and receive several NSF I-Corps grants, which are focused on identifying the commercialization opportunities of technologies previously funded by NSF. In March 2016 NJIT and NJII entered into a teaming agreement with the New Jersey Health Foundation (NJHF) as another pathway to commercialize NJIT’s IP. NJHF funds biomedical research and entrepreneurial investments at several NJ institutions. These efforts are in addition to the NJII initiatives.

To identify licensing targets and sponsored research collaboration partners OTD continues to participate in several external venues to showcase various NJIT technologies available for licensing: TechConnect2016 World and National Innovation Summit & Showcase in DC, New Jersey Entrepreneurial Network Poster Exhibit @ Princeton, Pharmaceutical Consultants Consortium International of New Jersey; and New Jersey Technology Council's Venture Conference and Regional Commercialization Conference. These venues have resulted in our attracting several new parties with whom we are now in early licensing and/or sponsored research discussions.

NJIT is a founding member of Innovation NJ, the state public/private/academic partnership focused on promoting policies that expand and strengthen the culture of innovation in New Jersey including the commercialization of new medicines, technologies and products to improve the quality of life globally. NJIT is co-chairing with AT&T a sub-committee that is examining university IP policies with the respect to industry sponsored research.

The Capital One Innovation Acceleration Challenge and TechQuest invention competitions provide students with the opportunity to explore entrepreneurship and commercialization of their ideas during the summer. We also work closely with the faculty that teach the various undergraduate capstone studio courses and each year we review their inventions for possible patenting. To help understand the commercial potential of these early concepts we bring students to industry showcases and forums. In 2015 NJIT was named an NSF I- Corps Site. This 3 year, \$300k grant has funded 55 entrepreneurial teams with small (<\$3k each) awards to date. These student and faculty inventor teams utilize the Lean Launchpad methodology to conduct extensive customer interviews to validate the commercialization prospects for their technology. Such awardees will qualify as "NSF awardees" and can then pursue SBIR and full fledged I-Corps grants to further commercialize their technology. NJIT joins 35 other I-Corps sites around the country.

### **IP Stats**

As of June 30, 2016 NJIT had the following pending and issued patent assets:

- 207 Unexpired US Patents
- 120 Licensed
  - 22 Jointly Owned
  - 5 Optioned or Reserved
  - 60 Unencumbered and available for licensing
- 101 Pending Patent Applications
  - 73 funded by NJIT
  - 28 funded by Others

### **II.H.6. Business Incubation**

NJIT's Enterprise Development Center is New Jersey's oldest and largest high technology and life sciences business development / incubation program. It has become one of the largest university run, technology business incubators in the nation. It hosts more than 90 portfolio companies with combined revenues of over \$100M (2015) that have attracted over \$136M in third-party investment while in residence. Collectively the companies have created almost 800 jobs in Newark and provided work experiences for close to 100 students. EDC has been granted the status of "Soft

Landings International Incubator” by the National Business Incubation Association, making it a preferred location for international companies seeking to establish a US base of operations. In related efforts, EDC leader, and NJIT Assoc. VP Judith Sheft has been instrumental in assisting government and university officials in Lima, Peru as well as in Spain and Portugal to establish incubator programs with the prospect of flowing those companies back through EDC when their needs grow.

EDC, founded in 1988 by NJIT, with assistance along the way from Prudential, the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration, is the oldest and largest incubator facility in New Jersey, which is currently serving more than 90 client businesses. EDC provides a broad base of support and acts as a "proving ground" for new and developing high-tech products. Many client companies are developing commercial enterprises that reflect the university's major thrusts in information technology, health sciences, environmental science and engineering, and materials science and engineering. The university provides the latest technical information, including access to the university's specialized equipment, faculty experts and students. An analysis of EDC graduates and current clients along two metrics, the growth rate of their employment and survivorship against a benchmark of US Census data set of all high technology companies in the US shows that EDC companies grew at about double the rate of the national benchmark companies and are about 20% more likely to survive to their fifth year than the national benchmark. Typically 15 companies graduate per year from the EDC.

Based on its experience in high-tech business development / incubation and cluster development , NJIT has placed a focus on increasing the depth and breadth of services that the EDC can offer to resident firms and has aligned the EDC programs with the Enterprise Development functions of the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) enabling EDC companies to access capabilities from the NJII iLabs and core programs. A key objective is to promote business acceleration and the development of the entrepreneurial cluster helping grow companies more rapidly from business concept through fledgling business to scale ups. On the technological front, underwriting the expense of access to university based personnel and equipment assets and facilitating the ability to compete for federal and foundation grant funding will more rapidly move companies to critical “proof of concept” and reduce the inherent risk to investors. In addition, adding new professional services liked shared support for marketing, information technology infrastructure, management team building and other critical growth items will increase the flow of successful businesses from the EDC. NJIT received funding from JPMorgan Chase’s Small Business Forward™ program to implement a HealthIT Connections program. The goal is twofold: to assist in an executive coaching cohort training model scale up companies in the HealthIT space and to help grow and develop the overall HeathIT cluster in the NJNY/PA region. To date 50 companies have participated in the HealthIT cohort and the 25 companies that participated in the cohort program in the first year saw a revenue increase of 44% and jobs growth of 15%. Another grant from the EU Delegation to the US – Getting to Know Europe has enabled support of entrepreneurs that are looking to expand their business to Europe.

#### **II.H.7. Businesses & Governmental Assistance Services**

NJIT is dedicated to making practical connections between the resources of the university and the needs of New Jersey’s business and industry. Academic research and contract development is one

mode, but various forms of technology extension, workforce training and other assistance are essential elements necessary to reach companies of all sizes. The benefits are not limited to the private sector, as NJIT also assists state and local governments to achieve the benefits of technology insertion for business process improvement.

### **NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development Talent Networks**

New Jersey's Department of Labor and Workforce Development awarded grants to several organizations to create seven "Talent Networks" in the priority industry clusters of the State's strategic plan for economic development. Stewardship for the State of three of the seven Talent Networks has been given to NJIT Division of Continuing Professional Education in 2016.

The goal of the "Talent Networks" is to connect businesses in six key industries plus Information Technology with educational institutions, workforce development agencies, government and community groups to identify the skills and training Garden State employers require in prospective employees to remain competitive in the global market. By being trained in those skills, students and job-seekers are better able to find long-term jobs in New Jersey and help to boost the State's economy.

The Talent Networks operate within the State's talent development system and primarily concentrate on building high-quality, employer-driven partnerships within a specific industry in three regions of the State, known as Targeted Industry Partnerships (TIPs). Talent Networks develop strategies to meet the skill needs of employers and facilitate creating career pathways with varying access points. Primarily, the Talent Networks focus on:

- Developing high-quality, employer-driven partnerships
- Developing industry intelligence to inform workforce investments

The three Talent Networks awarded to NJIT are for: Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation / Logistics / Distribution and Technology (IT).

#### **Advanced Manufacturing Talent Network**

First awarded to NJIT in 2011, the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Network, (Manufacture-NJ or M-NJ) is an industry demand-side driven strategy to respond to current and future employment and education needs within this rapidly changing industry. The network is an important change agent to empower an ever growing number of NJ manufacturers and their workforces to effectively integrate advanced manufacturing technologies into daily operations and to do so across a large number of NJ companies not normally thought of as "manufacturers" such as in biomedical devices, pharmaceuticals, engineering technologies, computer and electronics, chemical, transportation equipment, machinery, electrical equipment, and petroleum, to name a few.

Additionally, M-NJ, recognizing the need for transforming the negative perception that young people, their parents and school counselors have of manufacturing in NJ, has involved NJ with the Manufacturing Institute's (a 501c3 company of the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, DC) Dream It. Do It. (DIDI) program. NJ is now among the 40 states plus 4 regions throughout the US to be involved in DIDI. DIDI is designed to engage young people, their parents and school counselors in various aspects of Advanced Manufacturing so that the realization grows among future workers that manufacturing today is an excellent career choice. Specifically, that manufacturing is no longer "dirty, dangerous and dead-end." Rather it is "spotless, safe and sustainable" and requires more advanced knowledge than ever before.

As this realization begins to take hold, M-NJ also realized the need to develop a program to grow the next generation technology workers through skill development and flexible degree and career pathways. MechaFORCE<sup>SM</sup> is an education and training curricula which has been shaped and funded by New Jersey advanced manufacturers for operation in partnership with NJ educational institutions ranging from traditional and career and technical education high schools to community colleges and 4-year institutions of higher education. NJIT has served as the lead educational institution from the beginning, providing guidance for the formation of an integrated curriculum with multiple on and off ramps. Initially based on the German Dual Education (apprenticeship) model, today MechaFORCE<sup>SM</sup> has moved to participation in the US Apprenticeship (aka Registered Internship ) program with M-NJ becoming the program's official Sponsor. In this way, MechaFORCE<sup>SM</sup> will ensure that industry-vetted certifications and academic degrees are accessible from multiple entry points and that trainees—both young and older--will be able to seamlessly gain credits that connect high school to community college to university, depending on the educational needs and interest of the students and employers. Most of all, professionals will be trained with the job skills that modern industry in New Jersey needs to be competitive in today's global marketplace.

### **Transportation, Logistics, and Distribution Talent Network**

Recently awarded, this grant-funded activity is hosted by NJIT, as prime contact, in partnership with Essex County College and will focus on the workforce issues for industry in the Transportation, Logistics & Distribution sector. Like all other Talent Networks, except the IT Technology Talent Network—see below--its primary goal is to develop high-quality, employer-driven partnerships within its sector and to develop industry intelligence to inform NJ DOLWDD workforce investments in the future.

### **Technology Talent Network**

The Technology Talent Network (TTN) is the hub at the center of the six NJ Talent Networks and provides technological resources to each industry-specific Talent Network. TTN is a center of excellence for sharing best practices related to Information Technology (IT) which is prevalent across all industry sectors. TTN proactively facilitates and supports the formation of industry collaborations and partnerships within the Talent Networks championing the cause that all Talent Network Directors become at

ease with and knowledgeable about IT trends and innovation in their leading-edge industries sectors.

Given CPE's oversight of three NJ Talent Networks, the university is using this unique privilege to maximize the potential for the voice of industry to lead decisions which NJ makes as it seeks to transform its workforce development system. Furthermore, as the workforce development linchpin of NJIT, CPE (see separate section) now deliberately chooses topics to be offered to the general qualified public for training based on the information and demanded topics being uncovered by the work being done by the various Talent Network Directors throughout the State. For example, based on industry input which CPE has learned from these Directors, the Division offers such non-credit programs and certificates as IT Project Management, IT Security (CISSP, Penetration Testing, and Certified Ethical Hacker), Amazon Web Services, WebMASTER, Six Sigma, and Mechatronics. (See separate section about CPE.)

### **New Jersey Innovation Institute**

In July 2014 NJIT launched the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) as a new model for applying university resources to the problems of the commercial sector. It is an outgrowth of the university's long standing mission element of economic development, and a number of the university assets like the incubator, procurement technical assistance center, brownfields assistance and the healthcare delivery extension program were re-organized under NJII. These were complemented by new initiatives organized around the needs of 5 principal industrial sectors that are key to the state economy: biopharmaceutical production, civil infrastructure, defense and homeland security, financial services and healthcare delivery systems. Some of the new or expanded activities follow.

#### **Lean Manufacturing Assistance**

More than 100 New Jersey manufacturing firms benefited this year from the technical assistance programs of the Center for Manufacturing Systems (CMS). The center, directed by Wayne Chaneski, offers services that range from identifying short-term productivity improvement opportunities to long-term engagements geared toward streamlining entire operations. CMS also assisted companies with product design and prototyping, process development, plant layout, machining of complex parts, and training in modern manufacturing concepts.

Training in lean manufacturing is one of the center's most popular services. Lean techniques -- inventory reduction, reduced lead time, continuous flow, increased flexibility -- are critical to the small and mid-sized manufacturing businesses that are the center's clients. One project for Purepac Pharmaceutical, an Elizabeth-based manufacturer of generic drugs, focused on reducing setup time -- the time a machine is out of service for changeover between the end of one run and the beginning of another. The CMS team videotaped an actual machine setup, then helped employees to review the process and identify solutions to problems. One department also got 5S training (Sort, Set-in-Order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain) for improving efficiency by reorganizing workspace.

## **Healthcare Providers**

NJIT competed for, and won federal designation as a regional extension center for health information technology. The \$23M four-year award led to the creation of the New Jersey Healthcare Information Technology Extension Center, NJ-HITEC, with a commitment to bring 5000 primary care physicians to achieve federal certification for “Meaningful Use” of electronic medical record systems. NJ-HITEC met its goal and then went on to use residual funding from states that did not meet their objectives to assist another 2000 physicians attain Meaningful Use Attestation, making it the most effective center in the national program of 63 regional programs. In a different but related program funded by NJ Medicaid/Medicare services, several thousand specialists were also assisted to make the transformation from paper-based to paperless operation. These programs continue to serve the needs of thousands of New Jersey practitioners under the auspices of the NJII Healthcare iLab that has assumed the operational responsibility for these activities.

In the fall of 2015, NJII received a \$49M, 4-year grant from the US Department of Health to create a Practice Transformation Network. The purpose is to work with over 15,000 primary care physicians to develop outcomes driven medical processes that achieve quantitative improvements in their patient cohort across ten different disease states. The approach builds on the care coordination and population health capabilities made possible through full use of the healthcare information systems developed in the previous grants. The awards was the maximum amount under the program guidelines and NJII/NJIT the only academically affiliated program in the country that did not have a medical school as lead.

In this same period, NJIT acquired operational responsibility for a regional health information exchange. Started under a federal block grant to the state, Health-e-cITi-NJ was to connect seven regional hospitals with technology that allowed live patient data exchange. After exhausting nearly all of its funds, the network was not operational. NJIT stepped in and has the network fully functional and is integrating physicians, clinical labs, and pharmacies to create a platform for vendor-neutral health information exchange.

NJIT has put into production for statewide use the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJiIS) and the New Jersey Local Information Network and Communications System (NJLINCS) for the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS).

NJiIS is an on-line immunization registry capable of enrolling all New Jersey children at birth and recording and evaluating their immunization histories for completeness under the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's current guidelines. Over 150,000 children are currently in the registry and more than 150 health departments, clinics and private physician's offices are currently participating via dial in modems or the Internet. NJIT installs client software at user sites, operates the servers and provides administrative and technical support for the NJiIS.

NJLINCS is an Internet based communications system that will link all local health departments with the NJDHSS in Trenton. NJLINCS provides rapid, two-way communication between state health officials and local health officers for dissemination and collection of health related information and data. NJIT operates the servers and provides administrative and technical support for the NJLINCS.

### **Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

NJII assumed the leadership and responsibility for the New Jersey Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site (NJUASTS) in January 2016. The NJUASTS is the state's node in a three state, FAA designated Test Site program with Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland. The purpose of the test sites is to facilitate the introduction of UAS technology into the civilian, manned, National Air Space (NAS). The Test Site operated from Cape May Airport (KWWD) and secures flight approvals and airworthiness certifications to enable airframe and payload manufacturers as well as academic end users to fly in the southern NJ airspace. The project ties to a regional economic development strategy to attract these entities to locate around the test site and build a cluster of UAS platform and payload manufacturing companies. NJII has worked with county officials throughout the year to support events at KWWD and at the Cape May terminal including the most recent UN Do-Tank that attracted national press coverage and featured the first ever UAS delivery of emergency medical supplies to a ship stranded offshore.

### **Defense Industry Supply Chain**

The NJII's NJ MarketShift, has partnered with a team from Purdue University to develop a model that creates a set of protocols to drive measurable, replicable, and flexible ecosystem innovation. These protocols are underpinned by Strategic Doing™. Strategic Doing™ is a discipline for groups which come together to address a complex problem for which there is no obvious or pre-determined solution. The challenges are inherently complex and dynamic. Solutions will ultimately require the efforts of a number of people from different operating units, departments, or organizations. In short, a new network of relationships must be developed and galvanized for action.

This new tool was recently applied to a relationship with Lockheed Martin, an aerospace and defense company. The key objective was to demonstrate that an innovative Condition-Based Maintenance (CBM) solution can be developed using a particular unit and a small subset of sensor measurements as an example. The solution was developed by a consortium of product and services companies led by NJII and utilizing their existing innovative products (software and hardware) and unique skills (consulting and implementation services). The consortium had to demonstrate how their unique contributions are best-fit-for-purpose, minimize redundant development, and foster cooperation for innovation. Furthermore, the solution provided the blueprint for implementing CBM on a large scale for the entire ship and demonstrated that it can evolve to support the proposed 2025 Navy vision and roadmap.

There were several reasons for companies to engage for the full length (or part) of the project. Business development is a function within all firms. However, resource

constrained small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) struggle to allocate sufficient time and staff to this critical activity. The project brought a valuable, unsolicited business opportunity to New Jersey companies. Moreover, this project increased meaningful (i.e. beyond networking) connections between SMEs and their peers, creating the potential for new partnerships and opportunities.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

The Division of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) provides employees of high tech companies and knowledge professionals from the general public with quality STEM non-credit programs which create a workforce which is technologically-fluid. In 2016 NJIT was designated by the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU) as an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University in recognition of our strong commitment to economic engagement including through workforce develop. Data maintained since 1990 NJIT reveal that CPE has provided on-site and online corporate training and education programs to more than 78,000 employees at nearly 600 New Jersey companies. Some of the companies and organizations that benefited from this training in FY 16 included Prudential, NBC, Amazon Web Services, Sunels International, City of Newark, and the Manufacturing Institute. NJIT partners with companies to accomplish their business objectives, both short term and long term by providing the training their employees need to achieve results.

Additionally, NJIT plays an active role in the execution of both federal and state grants focused on workforce development. For example, NJIT concluded in FY 16 a four-year, \$5 million US Labor Department H-1B training grant, upskill which had a dual focus of training both incumbent workers at IBM and AT&T and providing skills for displaced mid-career IT and STEM professionals in Northern New Jersey. Through this grant, 1800 incumbent workers and 626 displaced mid-career IT professionals were re-tooled for current IT and STEM positions. In addition, 88% of the displaced worker population whom NJIT had committed to help (N=320) become re-employed (N=320) was placed with some professionals receiving new six figure jobs.

In 2015-2016 NJIT was awarded three contracts by US DOLWD to be the steward of three of the state's seven Talent Networks specifically in Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation / Logistics / Distribution and IT.

Since 1955, when the division now called CPE was established, NJIT has been designing and conducting customized non-credit courses that meet technology-based organizations' needs for high-quality, lifelong workforce education. Representing the arm of NJIT that brings the university's areas of academic specialization into the workplace, non-credit training programs illustrative of the unit's offerings include.

- Mechatronics Certification
- Amazon Web Services Cloud Computing Architecture
- Android Application Developer
- Apple Mobile Application Development Certificate

- Business Analysis Workshop
- Certified Ethical Hacker
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional Preparation
- Cyber Security Penetration Testing
- Open Source UNIX Certificate
- IT Project Management
- Lean Six Sigma
- Mongo Database Design and Development
- Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Preparation
- PMP Bootcamp
- Project Management Overview
- Six Sigma Green Belt
- Six Sigma Project
- Underground Storage Tank Regulation Review
- WebMASTER Certification

**NJIT also provides assistance to business through workforce development activities, research activities, economic development activities, and public service activities.**

NJIT offers direct assistance to business through several services to small- and medium-sized businesses to encourage their growth and success. These services are delivered primarily through NJIT's six-business assistance centers:

- Technology Extension Program in Manufacturing Engineering (a component of the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Partnership – NJMEP): a statewide manufacturing extension program to help small- and medium-sized manufacturing businesses to modernize and become more competitive
- Center for Manufacturing Systems: assists manufacturers with prototype product development, process improvement and modernization with high speed machining center, advanced CAD/CAM and rapid prototyping facilities.
- Procurement Technical Assistance Center: helps New Jersey small businesses obtain defense and other federal contracts
- Enterprise Development Center: small business incubators that help new and developing enterprises survive the typically difficult start-up stages;
- New Jersey Technical Assistance Program (NJTAP): helps New Jersey small- and medium-sized businesses comply with state and federal pollution prevention regulations;
- Micro-fabrication Center: serves to assist businesses with design and fabrication services related to silicon processing technologies in the university's clean room for MEMS and CMOS processing;
- Polymer Processing Institute: provides assistance to small businesses in processing of polymers and plastics.

### **II.H.8 New Jersey Immunization Information System and the New Jersey Local Information Network & Communications System**

NJIT has put into production for statewide use the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIS) and the New Jersey Local Information Network and Communications System (NJLINCS) for the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS).

NJIS is an on-line immunization registry capable of enrolling all New Jersey children at birth and recording and evaluating their immunization histories for completeness under the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's current guidelines. Over 150,000 children are currently in the registry and more than 150 health departments, clinics and private physician's offices are currently participating via dial in modems or the Internet. NJIT installs client software at user sites, operates the servers and provides administrative and technical support for the NJIS.

NJLINCS is an Internet based communications system that will link all local health departments with the NJDHSS in Trenton. NJLINCS provides rapid, two-way communication between state health officials and local health officers for dissemination and collection of health related information and data. NJIT operates the servers and provides administrative and technical support for the NJLINCS.

#### **Other Assistance to Business**

NJIT offers direct assistance to business through several services to small- and medium-sized businesses to encourage their growth and success. These services are delivered primarily through NJIT's six-business assistance centers:

- Technology Extension Program in Manufacturing Engineering (a component of the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Partnership – NJMEP): a statewide manufacturing extension program to help small- and medium-sized manufacturing businesses to modernize and become more competitive
- Center for Information Age Technology (CIAT): integrates computer technology into the operations of New Jersey business, government, non-profit and educational organizations
- Center for Manufacturing Systems: assists manufacturers with prototype product development, process improvement and modernization with high speed machining center, advanced CAD/CAM and rapid prototyping facilities.
- Defense Procurement Technical Assistance Center: helps New Jersey small businesses obtain defense and other federal contracts
- Enterprise Development Center: small business incubators that help new and developing enterprises survive the typically difficult start-up stages;
- New Jersey Technical Assistance Program (NJTAP): helps New Jersey small- and medium-sized businesses comply with state and federal pollution prevention regulations;
- Micro-fabrication Center: serves to assist businesses with design and fabrication services related to silicon processing technologies in the university's clean room for MEMS and CMOS processing;
- Polymer Processing Institute: provides assistance to small businesses in processing of polymers and plastics.

**NJIT also provides assistance to business through workforce development activities, research activities, economic development activities, and public service activities.**

### **II.H.9 Developing Digital Learning**

Embracing digital technology as a transformative learning strategy is based on the symbiotic working relationships among academic departments, the Institute for Teaching Excellence, the Office of Digital Learning and Technology Support and the Office of Graduate Studies.

- Academic departments - as process owners for teaching and learning, the faculty identify courses and programs for development and enhancement through digital technology, determine delivery timelines, ensure readiness, secure appropriate resources to meet instructional demand, set standards for all teaching and learning, and engage in the assessment of learning outcomes. Academic standards remain uniform regardless of course delivery mode to ensure consistency and excellence across the curriculum.
- The Institute for Teaching Excellence - under the direction of a community of teaching scholars, the Institute promotes state-of-the art best teaching practices through a host of services, resources, and specialized programs for the professional development of both faculty and instructional staff, including in the context of digital learning. Instructional designers and technologists, an integral component of the Institute, work closely with faculty, instructional staff, and teaching assistants. Master Teachers and other teaching scholars, as Institute fellows, play a prominent role in supporting the activities offered by the Institute for Teaching Excellence.
- **The Office of Digital Learning and Technology Support** -working with the academic departments and the Institute for Teaching Excellence and the Office of Graduate Studies, this office streamlines technology support for faculty, staff, and students, in various modes of delivery, but particularly as it relates to digital and Converged Learning as it provides an opportunity to further strengthening face-to-face and online learning.
- **The Office of Graduate Studies** - responsible for coordinating graduate certificate programs and graduate degrees, the Office of Graduate Studies performs market research to help academic departments determine the viability of candidate programs, determines the relation of graduate programs to the needs of the state and the national economy, benchmarks graduate programs after their introduction to uncover further potential, and works with Strategic Communications to market graduate programs.

**Converged Learning** - A basic tenant of NJIT's construct for converged learning is that the boundaries between online and face-to-face instruction fade. By embracing digital technology as the transformative learning strategy for the delivery of instruction, students are given control over the time, place, path, and pace of education. More than 650 students have already enrolled in Converged Learning courses in the past academic year.

**Traditional Online Programs** - NJIT offers several fully-online graduate certificates and master's degrees. Marketing, recruitment, retention and support services are provided for these programs.

## **II.I. Major Capital Projects Underway in Fiscal Year 2016**

NJIT is in the third phase of a multi-phase, multi-year project to rehabilitate the former Newark Central High School. The original structure was built in 1919 with an addition to accommodate a gymnasium and swimming pool in 1970. The building is approximately 220,000 gross square feet and occupies a prominent position on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. With the award of \$86.3 million from the state of NJ, the project is now advancing rapidly and we anticipate completion by 2017.

The current phase is focused on preparing the Central King Building's 4 lowest floor levels (Second level, First / Summit St level, New St level and MLK level) for various new academic and student uses. At the Summit and New St levels, 285 classroom seats will be added alongside numerous study, lounge, meeting and exhibition spaces. The New St level will also house new student use facilities including various tutoring centers and a 94 seat computer emporium space, as well as the newly established teaching excellence center, a faculty focused technology training initiative. The MLK level will be the new home to the working studios for the New Jersey Innovation Institute, a collaboration between NJIT and outside industry partners. The partially renovated 2nd floor will remain as general use classroom space, and receive building system and interior finish upgrades. New landscape and entry / egress features are planned for all sides of the building. Portions of the Summit St building entrance were completed for the start of the Fall 2015 semester. Renovations to the building's 1912 exterior facades are planned for completion in this phase. New fenestration and exterior cladding is proposed for the 1969 building facades. Construction completion and occupancy is planned for early 2017. Future project phases will include interior renovation to the Summit level 500 seat auditorium and the 1969 pool spaces at the New St and MLK levels.

In June 2015, NJIT broke ground on a new parking garage in the University Heights Science and Technology Park. The new 980 space facility will provide over 770 new parking spaces for NJIT students, faculty, and staff. The facility is being constructed to Green Garage Certification requirements and will consolidate safe and convenient parking for the NJIT community.

A second grant from the New Jersey Higher Education Capital Grant Programs of \$13.5 million has been awarded to build a 'Life Science and Engineering Laboratory' as an extension to the existing York Center for Environmental Engineering and Science. This project will substantially expand laboratory space on campus and provide space for interaction between student groups and research faculty. Construction began in October 2015 with completion expected in 2016.

Finally, NJIT is nearing design completion for the new \$102M Wellness and Events Center. The new facility will replace the existing Fleisher Athletic Center constructed in the 1960s when NJIT had a student population of approximately 4,000 students. With our enrollment eclipsing 11,000

students, the new facility will provide the community with a multi-purpose facility for large scale events, recreation, fitness and wellness, and intercollegiate athletic support. Construction began in November 2015 with the new facility being completed in the summer of 2017 and the athletic field complex being complete in spring of 2018.

### **II.I.I Updating Facilities**

NJIT continues its program of major maintenance projects including roof repairs/replacements, HVAC system and control upgrades, building refurbishments and sustainability improvements. We have incrementally increased the overall spending on existing space and will continue to do so in conjunction with our 2020 Vision strategic plan.

As part of the overall planning efforts, NJIT has completed a space utilization study, facilities condition assessment, and facilities master plan update during fiscal year 2016. These will become the key planning documents in an effort to maximize existing space utilization and reinvest in our existing facilities.

### III. Other Institutional Information

#### III.A. Degrees

##### III.A.1. Bachelor's Degrees Awarded in Fiscal Year 2015

<b>CIP Code</b>	<b>Institutional Program Title</b>	<b>Total</b>
400801	Applied Physics	5
40201	Architecture	121
260202	Biochemistry	3
260101	Biology	57
260203	Biophysics	1
110401	Business & Information Systems	15
140501	Biomedical Engineering	63
261103	Bioinformatics	1
520201	Business	87
110701	Computing & Business	2
140801	Civil Engineering	124
150000	Construction Engineering Tech	34
140701	Chemical Engineering	62
400501	Chemistry	10
150000	Concrete Industry Management	10
150000	Computer Technology	13
150000	Construction Management Tech	11
140901	Computer Engineering	40
231303	Communication	8
110101	Computer Science	73
100304	Digital Design	14
150000	Electrical & Computer Eng Tech	50
141001	Electrical Engineering	77
141301	Engineering Science	5
30104	Environmental Science	6
110401	Human Computer Interaction	3
540101	History	3
521101	International Business	9
49999	Industrial Design	16
143501	Industrial Engineering	35

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500408	Interior Design	12
110401	Information Systems	7
110103	Information Technology	130
229999	Law, Technology and Culture	5
270101	Mathematical Sciences	28
141901	Mechanical Engineering	124
150000	Mechanical Engineering Tech	46
150000	Medical Informatics Tech	6
150000	Surveying Engineering Tech	14
301501	Science, Technology & Society	6
500502	Theater Arts and Technology	1
150000	Telecommunications Mgmt Tech	2
110401	Web & Information Systems	9
000000	Other	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>1352</b>

**III.A.2. Master's Degrees Awarded in Fiscal Year 2015**

<b>CIP Code</b>	<b>Institutional Program Title</b>	<b>Total</b>
270301	Applied Mathematics	1
400801	Applied Physics	2
270501	Applied Statistics	22
40201	Architecture	16
260101	Biology	2
144301	Biopharmaceutical Engineering	3
110401	Business & Information Systems	1
140501	Biomedical Engineering	49
261103	Bioinformatics	56
261102	Biostatistics	12
110701	Computing & Business	6
140801	Civil Engineering	3
140701	Chemical Engineering	78
400501	Chemistry	41
142701	Critical Infrastructure	11
140901	Computer Engineering	3
110101	Computer Science	17
111003	Cyber Security & Privacy	127

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141001	Electrical Engineering	8
151501	Engineering Management	113
110199	Emergency Management Bus Cont	93
141401	Environmental Engineering	3
440501	Environmental Policy Studies	16
30104	Environmental Science	1
520201	Healthcare Systems Management	3
521101	International Business	5
143501	Industrial Engineering	24
110901	Internet Engineering	1
40301	Infrastructure Planning	5
110401	Information Systems	70
110103	IT Administration & Security	31
520299	Business Administration	54
141901	Mechanical Engineering	37
143601	Manufacturing Systems Engr	4
520201	Management	42
270301	Mathematical & Comp Finance	10
141801	Materials Science & Engr.	15
142701	Occup. Safety & Health Engr.	10
141001	Power and Energy Systems	21
512004	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	14
140701	Pharmaceutical Engineering	19
142701	Pharmaceutical Sys Management	7
231303	Professional & Tech Comm	10
140903	Software Engineering	9
141001	Telecommunications	10
140804	Transportation	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>1099</b>

**III.A.3. Doctoral Degrees Awarded in Fiscal Year 2015**

<b>CIP Code</b>	<b>Institutional Program Title</b>	<b>Total</b>
400801	Applied Physics	3
260101	Biology	1
140501	Biomedical Engineering	5
140801	Civil Engineering	4
140701	Chemical Engineering	5
400501	Chemistry	3
110101	Computer Science	9
141001	Electrical Engineering	11
141401	Environmental Engineering	1
30104	Environmental Science	2
143501	Industrial Engineering	1
110401	Information Systems	4
270101	Mathematical Sciences	6
141901	Mechanical Engineering	1
141801	Materials Science &Engr.	6
140804	Transportation	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>