

BIO RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT GROWTH
BRDGPark
AT THE DANFORTH PLANT SCIENCE CENTER



RESEARCH+RESOURCES+RELATIONSHIPS



BRDG Park

THE PLACE
WHERE
GOOD IDEAS
BECOME GREAT
BUSINESSES.



Welcome to the **Bio Research & Development Growth (BRDG) Park** at the **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center**. As our acronym implies, BRDG Park helps companies span the transition from innovative ideas to commercial success. We are committed to enhancing the St. Louis region as a world center for plant science and creating an innovation economy and 21st century jobs for future generations.

BRDG and **EDGE@BRDG** cover 270,000 square feet and serves as a vital resource to startups, mid-stage companies, and international companies that have established their North American headquarters in our ecosystem, an on-site workforce training and equipment loan program, and as a beacon for attracting talent and investment. Tenants have access to more than \$50M in core technologies at the Danforth Center and interactions with some of the world's top scientists. The tenant community also participates in a collaborative task force to enhance networking, health and wellness and business growth.

DONALD DANFORTH PLANT SCIENCE CENTER

Founded in 1998, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is a nonprofit research institute with a mission to improve the human condition through plant science. Research at the Danforth Center aims to feed the hungry and improve human health, preserve and renew the environment, and enhance the St. Louis region as a world center for plant science.

As the world's largest independent plant research institute, the Danforth Center's highly regarded faculty, facilities and on-campus amenities provide the research, resources and relationships to help BRDG Park companies accelerate their new product development.

DANFORTH CENTER AT A GLANCE

- 362 employees from 20+ countries
- 26 scientific teams
- \$50 million in shared core technologies
- \$248 million in competitive research funding since 2001
- Seven startups launched by faculty
- Two Institutes: Institute for International Crop Improvement, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Institute for Renewable Fuels
- Host of the annual AgTech NEXT conference and monthly Venture Café gatherings
- Graduate and undergraduate training programs
- K-12 Science Education Programs

SHARED CORE TECHNOLOGIES

- Greenhouses and Growth Chambers
- Proteomics and Mass Spectrometry
- Data Science
- Advanced Bioimaging Laboratory
- Tissue Culture and Plant Transformation
- Plant Phenotyping

FACILITIES

- 300 seat auditorium
- 100 seat theater
- Conference rooms
- Café and catering services
- On-site yoga classes

“Scientific research, when brought to the marketplace, has the potential meet society’s critical challenges, while at the same time creating vital economic opportunities and job growth, empowering people everywhere to enjoy better health and a higher quality of life.”

William H. Danforth, M.D.
Founding Chairman of the Board of Directors

“BRDG Park is not just a great place for companies to grow. It’s a big part of how we deliver on our mission at the Danforth Center and make an impact in the world.”

James C. Carrington, Ph.D.
President



BRDG

“In 2012 NewLeaf Symbiotics was an Agtech startup deciding where to set up shop. We looked at BRDG Park in St Louis as well as Boston, RTP in North Carolina, and the west coast. We chose BRDG Park because of its close relationship with the Danforth Plant Science Center, and because of the vibrant opportunities in St. Louis. We have tripled our footprint at BRDG Park and continue to grow as part of this wonderful ecosystem.”

Steve Kahn
*President and CEO,
NewLeaf Symbiotics*

The 110,000 square foot LEED Gold building is home to early and mid-stage startups, intellectual property attorneys, the North American headquarters of the world’s 4th largest seed company and the St. Louis Community College Center for Plant and Life Sciences lab technician training program. Building systems are designed to adapt to the diversity of scientific research needs.

- High performance glass windows
- Low flow systems, and high efficiency equipment
- State-of-the-art wet lab capable mechanical systems
- Heavy floor loads to reduce vibration
- Common areas with break rooms
- Wampler Conference room with audio visual equipment

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EDGE@BRDG

A spectacular, new 160,000 square foot state-of-the-art building that opened in June 2020 as the headquarters of Benson Hill. EGDE@BRDG gives tenants a competitive edge with its focus on providing occupants with safety, convenience, and amenities. There is currently space still available on 1st and 2nd floors.

- Four-story, light-filled floor to ceiling glass offers comfortable spaces that support a variety of office and lab activities
- Dramatic and open central staircase and multi-story lobby with seating areas that enable social connection and individual escape while distancing
- Multiple collaboration areas with contemporary furnishings
- Touchless entry doors and hand sanitizing stations throughout the building
- Ample parking and car-charging stations
- Fitness center with individual TVs and locker rooms
- Yoga and flex purpose spaces providing programming and entertainment options
- Bike storage and connections to planned trails
- Mini-Mart / Canteen offering snacks, sandwiches, salads, and beverages
- Phone booths for private calls

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“We chose to expand our presence in St. Louis because of its leadership in plant science and commitment to innovation. Dr. Danforth’s vision to build an ecosystem in food and agriculture was fostered by stakeholders across the community, and Benson Hill is an example of those efforts coming to fruition.”

Matt Crisp
*CEO and Co-Founder of
Benson Hill*

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MORE THAN 1000 PHD PLANT SCIENTISTS
WITHIN A 500-MILE RADIUS,
50% OF US AGRICULTURE IS PRODUCED



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THE ST. LOUIS
INNOVATION
ECOSYSTEM ENABLES
THE PATH FROM
DISCOVERY TO
SOLUTIONS WITH
REMARKABLE SPEED.

BRDG Park is located in the heart of 39 North, a 600-acre innovation district designed to foster collaboration and stimulate investment in bioscience research and commercialization. In addition to BRDG Park and the Danforth Center, 39 North is home to Bayer Crop Science, the Helix Center incubator, Yield Lab accelerator, more than 50 early-stage companies and the North American headquarters of international companies.

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