

North Carolina is known for its strengths in biopharma manufacturing, research and development, clinical research, and agricultural technology. Leading companies select North Carolina for its highly skilled workforce, top research universities, and scientific infrastructure. Discover how North Carolina can accelerate your success in bringing ideas from the lab to the marketplace.

860 *life sciences companies*

- *490 research and development*
- *170 contract research and testing*
- *150 production and manufacturing*
- *50 sales and operations*

2,500 *support company sites*

76,000 *employees – 6,000 biological/biomedical degrees and 4,900 engineering degrees awarded annually*

124 *international companies from* **26** *countries*

5 *R1 research universities*

4 *pharmacy schools*

3 *NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers*

2 *land-grant universities*

1 *college of veterinary medicine*

Source: NCBiotech Company Directory, 2026

North Carolina: A global life sciences leader





For more than 40 years, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center has worked diligently to expand the life sciences in North Carolina.

Company and Technology Development

Funding | NCBiotech's grants and loans programs catalyze technology development while filling critical funding gaps, moving technology toward commercialization.

The grants program helps North Carolina-based academic researchers build university infrastructure to support early-stage development of inventions. The loans program, available to North Carolina-based startups, provides loans ranging from $150,000 to $650,000 to conduct critical research and reach commercial milestones. This early financial support lends credibility to recipients and routinely opens the door for additional funding from other sources. ***ncbiotech.org/funding***

Space | Life sciences companies have specific needs for space and labs. NCBiotech can help your company find the right workspace. Short-term, leased office space is available at NCBiotech's Landing Pad at our headquarters in Research Triangle Park. Companies at the Landing Pad benefit from being co-located with the Conference Center at NCBiotech, where networking opportunities and educational events are held. ***ncbiotech.org/spaces***

Market Research | NCBiotech's Life Sciences Intelligence professionals deliver data, analysis, and resources to help companies make informed strategic decisions. This team also provides fee-based custom research services. ***ncbiotech.org/resources/lsi***

Networking

Life sciences companies thrive in North Carolina because of our highly collaborative ecosystem. NCBiotech has amassed resources and contacts that may help your company grow. Our exchange groups bring together academic, government and life sciences professionals to discuss science, network and nurture potential partnerships. ***ncbiotech.org/events***

Unique Partnerships

As companies move forward with product development, manufacturing, and distribution, new challenges arise. NCBiotech specializes in creating solutions to overcome those challenges.

For example, NCBioImpact is a public-private partnership that gathers key stakeholders and resources to produce world-class, complementary life sciences manufacturing training programs to meet industry needs. ***ncbioimpact.org***

Partnership Development Grants | From internships to training infrastructure, this grant program supports companies and local communities to fund solutions that catalyze growth and collaboration.

Accelerate Your Success. All in North Carolina.

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