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Innovator Gators! The University of Florida’s Innovation Academy is proud to support, and be featured in, the inaugural *Innovate Gainesville* book.

Gainesville, FL [December 3, 2020] – The Innovation Academy is honored to be among the 94 innovators featured in the release of the new book *Innovate Gainesville*. The *Innovate Publishing* series showcases people, companies, products and services that lead a city’s innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem. This is the second time the program has been featured in one of their publications.

In the book, the Innovation Academy’s portfolio highlights the department’s resources, curriculum and benefits we provide to our students. With our Catalyst prototyping sprint, courses teaching 21st century skills, and internship or study abroad focused schedule, students gain a major competitive edge by minoring in Innovation.

Innovate Gainesville spreads the missions of Gainesville’s innovation ecosystem and the Innovation Academy across Florida and the globe. This allows our IA program to build connections with other innovators and recruit potential students, while also inspiring students to stay local beyond their graduation from UF.

“Bringing together academia, industry and the start-up community is a recipe for meaningful economic growth for Gainesville, the State of Florida, and the world.” – Dr. Jeff City, Director of Innovation Academy.

To read more about *Innovate Gainesville*, please check out their website:
<https://innovationsoftheworld.com/ecosystems/gainesville/>

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The Innovation Academy (UF IA) is one of the nation’s most forward-looking undergraduate programs – at one of its most dynamic research universities. UF IA gives motivated students a small-college experience focused on innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, ethics and leadership on a unique spring-summer schedule. UF IA enrolls and supports academically talented students focused on developing knowledge to grow new business opportunities, services and products through curricular and co-curricular experiences.

For more information, please visit the UF IA website at <https://innovationacademy.ufl.edu/>.