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The Innovation Academy Opens its Prototyping Studio

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On August 27th, the UF Innovation Academy opened a brand-new prototyping lab that gives students access to 3D printers, giving students another resource that they can utilize to turn their ideas into physical prototypes.

"The Prototyping Studio is a critical part of the Innovation Academy experience because it allows students to turn ideas into tangible solutions through experimentation, iteration, and hands-on learning. It creates a space where creativity and innovation move beyond the classroom and allow ideas to come to life," said Dr. City, Director of the University of Florida Innovation Academy

The prototyping lab provides free 3D printing for all Innovation Academy students and showcases how the Innovation Academy is leading the way in supporting student innovation and creativity on campus.

"By working independently in a self-service lab, students build the confidence, technical judgment, and practical experience that come from using real tools to solve real design problems. The studio is designed to spark curiosity and creativity while preparing students to approach emerging technologies as informed, capable innovators. It is an investment in the kind of experiential learning that can shape how students think, create, and contribute well beyond the classroom," said Charlie Cummings, faculty lead for the lab

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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.

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