

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the EDGE District?

A: The EDGE District - short for Explore, Develop, Grow, Engage - is a 30-acre innovation district anchored by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in Omaha, Nebraska. Purpose-built to accelerate innovation in health and life sciences, the district fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, translational research, and commercialization across the life sciences, HealthTech and supporting industries.

Q: What is the mission of the EDGE District?

A: As a hub for health-focused scientific discovery, entrepreneurship, and commercialization, the EDGE District's mission is to cultivate collaboration, innovation and economic growth by nurturing a vibrant ecosystem of people, places and programs that unite academia, healthcare, industry and the broader community.

Q: Who leads the EDGE District?

A: The EDGE District is led by UNMC and supported by strategic public-private partnerships.

Q: How is the EDGE District governed?

A: UNMC owns and stewards the district, with input from public-private partners. Strategic decisions align with UNMC's mission, community needs and long-term health science innovation goals.

Q: Who owns Catalyst, CORE and the Parking Garage?

A: Catalyst is a public-private partnership. The land is owned by UNMC, while the building is currently owned by a joint venture between Koelbel & Company and Greenslate Development. UNMC owns a (commercial) condominium unit and is expected to assume full ownership over time. CORE (Center of Research Excellence) is fully owned by UNMC. The structured parking garage was privately developed and serves EDGE District tenants, employees and visitors. Access and operations are managed with the City of Omaha through Park Omaha.

Q: What additional development is planned?

A: Future phases may include additional lab and office space, co-working, housing, retail and public amenities. All projects will align with UNMC's priorities and the EDGE District's mission.

Q: What community features are part of the EDGE District?

A: Planned features include retail, restaurants, green space and housing options to support a dynamic live-work-play environment. The vision is to create a vibrant, inclusive community where innovation and lifestyle thrive together.

Q: Is the district open to the public?

A: Yes. While labs and offices are secured, the district includes publicly accessible spaces such as retail, restaurants (such as Big Grove Brewery), event venues and outdoor gathering areas.

See the [EDGE District website](https://www.edgeomaha.com) for more FAQs.