



EDGE
DISTRICT

A UNMC DEVELOPMENT

About the EDGE District

The **EDGE District** is a 30-acre innovation district adjacent to the **University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)**, developed to accelerate discovery, entrepreneurship and economic growth in health sciences and biotechnology.

Anchored by UNMC, the EDGE District is transforming underutilized industrial land into a vibrant, mixed-use ecosystem where academic resources, industry partners and entrepreneurs converge to solve some of the world's most pressing healthcare challenges.

The district, which features a strategic mix of research, lab, office, retail and public spaces, revitalizes Omaha's urban core while fostering a walkable, collaborative environment that supports healthcare innovation, workforce development and community engagement.

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

VISION: To become a nationally recognized hub for health-focused innovation – advancing new businesses, breakthrough discoveries and global partnerships that improve lives and strengthen Nebraska's economy and beyond.



More about the EDGE District

EDGE stands for Explore, Develop, Grow and Engage.

The name reflects the district's goals to cultivate innovation at the edge of campus and the frontier of health sciences, where ideas move from lab to life.

EXPLORE

Encourages curiosity and the pursuit of new ideas. Provides a platform for professionals to explore cutting edge technologies and methodologies.

DEVELOP

Facilitates the development of groundbreaking solutions. Connects researchers, entrepreneurs and industry leaders to foster innovation.

GROW

Supports the growth of businesses and individuals. Offers resources, mentorship and opportunities for scaling up.

ENGAGE

Promotes active participation and collaboration. Provides a space for meaningful interaction and shared learning experiences.



The EDGE District is expected to generate hundreds of jobs, attract venture capital and federal funding, and stimulate economic development in Omaha's urban core. The district supports Nebraska's broader goals for bioscience and medtech investment, entrepreneurial support, and workforce development, and serves as a regional hub for public-private-academic collaboration.

"The EDGE District represents a bold investment in the future of health innovation—not just for Omaha, but for the world."

— Jeffrey P. Gold, MD,
President, University of Nebraska System

"The EDGE District will become a dynamic hub for health-focused scientific discovery, entrepreneurship and commercialization, some of the key items needed to ensure the state of Nebraska remains competitive on the national stage.... the district will also become a premier destination within the city — a place where individuals want to work, live and experience vibrant entertainment."

— H. Dele Davies, MD
Interim Chancellor at UNMC