

Entrepreneurs Leading Upstate SC to Economic Prosperity

Our Impact

2016-2018



\$77 Million in Startup
Capital Raised



Over 130 High-Impact
Companies Supported



Nearly 1000 New Jobs Created
at 1.6x Average Salary



Over 600,000 sq. ft. in
Office Space Occupied



38 Ventures Mentored

Be Part of the Transformation

The SC Upstate's transformation began four decades ago as community leaders recognized the need to ride the waves of change to a prosperous future. **Today, NEXT companies are leading the newest round of transformation: startup innovation.**

NEXT is connecting high-impact entrepreneurs to a vibrant ecosystem of peers, educational

resources, capital, facilities, and talent. But the vision is even bigger than that. South Carolina's entrepreneurs are at the helm of high-growth companies that are driving economic prosperity, creating strong communities and a healthy economy with high-quality jobs.

You can be part of this transformation — and a part of its ecosystem.

Learn how you can be part of the transformation at nextsc.org.



Our Story



Our Vision for the Future

We Invite You to Join Us

- Double number of high-impact companies we support
- Provide more educational programs
- Grow internship program
- Improve access to seed and early-stage capital
- Expand Venture Pitch
- Take mentoring program statewide
- Increase number of facilities powered by NEXT
- Attract and develop top talent

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