The AFRL Commercialization Academy is a Griffiss Institute entrepreneurial education program sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI) in Rome, New York. The Academy pairs students/entrepreneurs with high-potential AFRL technologies with the goals of developing entrepreneurial leaders and launching new technology ventures.

The Innovation Discovery Event (IDE) is to identify technologies being developed at the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI) that are potentially patentable and commercially viable; to increase understanding of the commercialization opportunities that can result from technology transfer of those technologies; to increase awareness within AFRL/RI of the value of Intellectual Property protection; and to document the undisclosed inventions occurring at AFRL/RI. Transferring ideas to the civilian sector helps to strengthen the nation's economy.

The Innovation Discovery Event serves as the first step in the process of taking innovative ideas, getting them patented, and licensing them to industry for commercialization opportunities. Creates seeds of inventions for FUTURE IP into the AFRL Commercialization Academy.

The Rome Opportunity Program for Entrepreneur Students (ROPES) program, new in 2016, is an Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI), summer program, facilitated by the Griffiss Institute. This program offers two tracks; one for high school students, grades 9 - 12, and another for college students. The program is a supplemental effort to the successful AFRL Commercialization Academy program, with the following learning objectives: the creation of student interns with an introduction into the business development process, students analyzing laboratory technology marketability, students interfacing with laboratory personnel, and bundling all with experiential learning.

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