

double helix

St. Louis County has created a double support system for entrepreneurs in the field of plant and life sciences that fulfills the need for both affordable space and essential funding. Together, the Helix Fund and Helix Center enable the continued growth of early stage plant and life science companies while strengthening the region's bioscience hub.



The Helix Center, a small business incubator for plant and life science companies, is designed to help emerging companies grow, graduate and continue to flourish. It is scheduled for completion in 2011.

The Helix Center offers:

- » Affordable lease rates
- » Wet/dry laboratories and office space
- » 33,000 square feet
- » Access to industry-specific experts, amenities and support
- » Central location
- » Near Danforth Plant Science Center, BRDG Park, Nidus, and Monsanto



Helix Fund

The Helix Fund supports entrepreneurship in the plant and life science sector by providing early stage capital and other financial support for advancing the commercialization of technology and innovation.

The Helix Fund provides:

- » \$1.5 million for plant and life science entrepreneurs living or working in St. Louis County
- » Pre-seed and early stage funding for the technology commercialization process
- » Financial support for experienced entrepreneurial and venture capital talent
- » A loan/deal closing fund for mature, small- to mid-sized companies