Clusters of innovation activity exist all across Dallas-Fort Worth. Through public-private partnerships, cities are creating new ecosystems that encourage growth. Below are just a few examples:

**Arlington**

The Esports Stadium Arlington Gaming Center is the largest dedicated esports facility in North America, hosting major tournaments and the opening weekend of the local Overwatch League team, the Dallas Fuel. The City owns the stadium and its events. Events are booked and managed by NIAGA Esports.

**Denton**

Stoke Denton is Denton’s collaborative coworking center that actively participates in community tech events, provides coworking space, assists startups, and creates local jobs. Startup weekends and hackathons hosted by the University of North Texas’ Innovation Greenhouse and local tech freelancers grow novice and seasoned entrepreneurs opportunities to pitch ideas and start businesses.

**Frisco**

The City of Frisco has a focus on innovation across multiple verticals, especially in smart city technology and sports innovation. It was the second city in the U.S. to enable its traffic signal network to share traffic signal data with consumer vehicles using 4G LTE and 5G networks.

**Irving**

The Study, in partnership with the City of Irving, is a business resource center focused on empowering women-owned, minority-owned businesses, and the next-generation entrepreneurs through the collaboration of academic partners, companies, and the community.

**McKinney**

McKinney’s DCC’s Innovation Fund is designed to help companies scale through “Seed to Series A” in the investment cycle and to invest in small startups at the ideation stage. The fund is a first-of-a-kind incentive platform that is a web-based application and serves as a real estate demand data aggregator. The overall goal of the fund is to invest in companies that generally would not qualify for economic incentives, through a fund that values great potential for high growth.
iter8 Health Innovation Community

For decades, Fort Worth’s Near Southside is where health advancement has thrived. Now, it is also the place where entrepreneurs come to create the future. The iter8 health innovation community will open innovation and collaboration among the medical community, nearby universities, startups and leading-edge companies by bringing people together to multiply the power of information and ideas. At the heart of this initiative is 1,200 acres that will become the common ground from which innovation begins. iter8 is a walkable, livable space designed to attract an elite base of talent to Fort Worth and broaden the city’s impact on health care. iter8fw.com

The Richardson IQ

The Richardson IQ has been precision-engineered to foster growth, attract and retain talent, and encourage collaboration. Thanks to a robust public-private partnership, this area is positioned to become the premier tech hub in Texas. Today, The Richardson IQ is home to video game giant id Software and nano-tech labs operated by UNTEC and Zyvex. Honeywell manufactures sensors here, and Raytheon's EO Innovations makes optical lenses. Digital Realty currently oversees nearly a million square feet of data centers. Ericsson, Verizon, Siemens, and Argo Data all have offices here, too. In fact, over half of Richardson’s businesses and 20 percent of the city’s jobs are located here. Modeled after highly successful projects in Barcelona, Boston, and other cities around the world, The Richardson IQ is bringing together public and private resources to modernize, revitalize, and promote this part of Richardson as a prime location for businesses—and their employees—to call home.