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Physics Incubator at Kansas State University BRET FLANDERS, AMITABHA CHAKRABARTI, Kansas State University — Funded by a major private endowment, the physics department at Kansas State University has recently started a physics incubator program that provides support to research projects with a high probability of commercial application. Some examples of these projects will be discussed in this talk. In a parallel effort, undergraduate physics majors and graduate students are being encouraged to work with our business school to earn an Entrepreneurship minor and a certification in Entrepreneurship. We will discuss how these efforts are promoting a "culture change" in the department. We will also discuss the advantages and the difficulties in running such a program in a Midwest college town.

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