Co-located with Dublin City University, DCU ALPHA is a commercial innovation campus that promotes the growth of research-intensive businesses that are creating the technologies and services of tomorrow.

Occupying a 9-acre city-central site, the campus has played a pivotal role in scientific research and innovation in Ireland, serving as a headquarters for Enterprise Ireland, the NSAI and the SEAI over its 70 year history. The NSAI Metrology Lab continues to operate onsite.

Repurposed by DCU and reopened in early 2014, DCU ALPHA has quickly attracted a community of like-minded innovative companies that are spearheading Ireland’s next phase of technological development in key sectors such as IoT, clean energy and connected health.

For future-focused businesses that are intent on innovation, on reaching scale and leveraging DCU’s research, graduate talent and commercial network, DCU ALPHA is the place to be.
DCU ALPHA is a new form of business environment, a hub location for innovative firms co-located with a research intensive University.
OUR VISION
Inspiring breakthrough creativity and collaboration

A unique business eco-system with a remarkable diversity of workspace formats.

DCU ALPHA is designed to provide optimum conditions for innovation-focused businesses to evolve. Each new tenant adds value to the community, feeding into a culture of creativity, collaboration and synergy.

In keeping with DCU’s mission as Ireland’s University of Enterprise, the campus engenders a spirit of openness and possibility that extends to the flexibility of its workspaces. ALPHA is remarkable for the diversity of its workspace formats and member companies. Here, indigenous SMEs and start-ups innovate alongside multinationals like Fujitsu, Siemens and Veolia in a unique innovation cluster.

Over the next ten years we intend to build on ALPHA’s success to date, upgrading and expanding our special mix of office, lab and prototyping facilities to accommodate hundreds more high-skilled workers engaged in shaping the future.
DCU ALPHA offers workspace for innovative companies of all sizes. Independent buildings and expansive open-plan office floors can be repurposed for larger firms, own-door offices cater for workforces of up to 15 people and our co-working facility offers multiple hot desks.
DCU ALPHA is strongly supportive of research-focused businesses. Tenants get access to DCU’s top researchers and world-class facilities and have the freedom to purpose-build their own labs onsite. An exciting lab culture is evolving on campus, spanning a wide spectrum of research across areas such as pathogen detection, connected health, wearable sensors, M2M communications, and cleantech.

LAB SPACE

Companies that rely on rapid prototyping to accelerate their business cycles can convert ALPHA buildings to combine business and production operations. Join an innovative culture where 3D Printing, CNC Machining, Product Design and Electronics ‘Making’ is done in-house.

DCU ALPHA is a regular venue for connected hardware hackathons run for member firms and partner businesses. Management is in advanced talks with Techshop to establish Ireland’s first large scale commercial Makerspace onsite.
THE CAMPUS
Room to grow for rapidly scaling businesses

STRONG GROWTH POTENTIAL
DCU ALPHA: The Next 10 Years

The ALPHA campus is rich in extra capacity for companies that need space in which to grow. Ambitious plans to develop the site will amplify the available accommodation, extending the existing 200,000 sq ft of office, lab and production space to 500,000 sq ft by 2025.
DCU ALPHA is a business environment that is designed to facilitate networking and stimulate visionary thinking. Here, chance encounters and random conversations have the potential to spark invention or accelerate time-to-market.

A tangible spirit of collaboration pervades the campus, fostered by an impressive set of shared spaces. Knowledge workforces mingle daily in Innovation House, the nucleus of the campus, with its onsite café, Auditorium and contemporary breakout spaces.

The open campus ethos is manifested in a range of communal business spaces: tenants can brainstorm in our Ideas Room, host clients in Meeting Rooms and hold launch events or town hall meetings in the Auditorium. A rich source of ideas and inspiration in its own right, the main building is constantly abuzz with talks, conferences and hackathons organised by campus management.

FACILITIES
Symbiosis in Action

DCU ALPHA

24 HR
security and site access

100
seater auditorium

200K SQ.FT
exceptional workspace

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CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE
Why ALPHA Finishes First

Our customers see tangible benefits in our links to one of Ireland’s strongest Universities. There is a real symbiosis in action here.

Locating here has given us the space to advance our technology and grow within a research-intensive hub of like-minded companies.

LEADING THE CONNECTED HARDWARE REVOLUTION

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ALPHA compels innovation and collaboration. The ambitious vision for developing the campus ensures we have scope for future growth.

INSPIRING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

ALPHA is a really inspiring place to work, with so many companies working on exciting products in close proximity.

A COMMUNITY OF VISIONARY BUSINESSES

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Strategically located between Dublin City Centre and its International Airport, DCU ALPHA tenants enjoy a verdant and natural working environment, minutes from two of Ireland’s most popular tourist attractions, Glasnevin Cemetery and the National Botanic Gardens.

Having the Gardens and Tolka River walkway on your doorstep is ideal for open-air breakouts and walking meetings. A series of new café and restaurant openings means you have a variety of choices for coffee and lunch. And you have the bright and busy ALPHA campus café within instant reach.

Dublin Bus stops at the campus gates, connecting ALPHA to the public transport network (services run every 15mins) and a new Metro station is proposed for the area. DCU and its research, entertainment and fitness facilities are 800 metres from your office.

LOCATION
A vibrant setting in Joycean Dublin

4Km to Dublin City Centre

15mins from Dublin Airport