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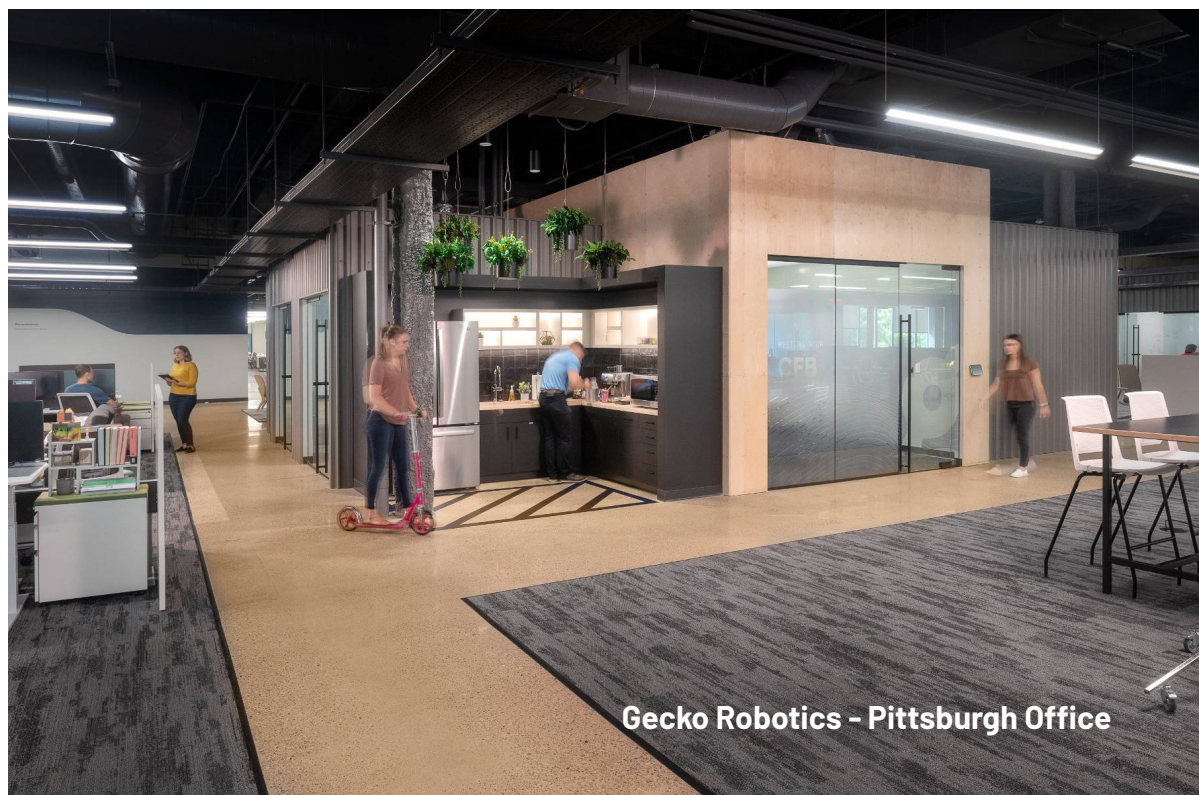
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GREATER PITTSBURGH ROBOTICS & AI EXPERIENCE

**AN INVITATION-ONLY IMMERSION DURING
STARTUP PGH 2026 | SEPT 15-17, 2026**

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Hazelwood Green / Mill 19 - ARM Institute & Robotics Innovation Center Site



National Robotics Engineering Center

Hello.

Welcome to the Greater Pittsburgh Region - Where Robotics & AI Are Built, Tested & Deployed and Advanced Manufacturing Comes to Life

On behalf of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and its business investment arm, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, together with the City of Pittsburgh, Catalyst Connection, Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing (ARM) Institute, Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC), Carnegie Mellon University, Innovation Works, Pittsburgh Robotics Network. and regional partners, we welcome you to the **Greater Pittsburgh Advanced Manufacturing & AI Tech Hub Experience**.

The Greater Pittsburgh Region is for makers, creators & innovators, and is recognized as a global advanced manufacturing hub. The cluster includes:

- **2,800+ manufacturing companies** in the region, including world-leading firms like Coherent, Eos Energy Enterprises, U.S. Steel (Nippon Steel) and Wabtec. ([Pittsburgh Region. Next is Now.](#))
- **92,000+ high-impact jobs** across dozens of industry verticals (autonomous transportation, defense, healthcare, manufacturing, robotics, agriculture, space and more). ([Pittsburgh Region. Next is Now.](#))
- **\$17.8B gross regional product.** ([Pittsburgh Region. Next is Now.](#))

Pittsburgh manufacturing has roots in a culture of creating materials that built the world. While today's advanced manufacturing companies continue to contribute in the same way, our expertise in advanced materials, engineering, smart factories and R&D has made Pittsburgh a future-focused laboratory for industries like next-generation metals, advanced materials, additive manufacturing, coatings and chemicals.

During this experience, you'll visit core R&D centers and leading companies, walk through innovation districts built on former steel sites, see live demos, and meet the founders, engineers, investors and civic leaders building the next generation of intelligent products.



Logistics

Dates

September 15-17th, 2026

Location

Greater Pittsburgh Region, Pennsylvania, USA

Arrival

Suggested arrival: Evening prior to Day 1

All attendees should arrive at the host hotel no later than 7:30 AM on Day 1.

Hotel

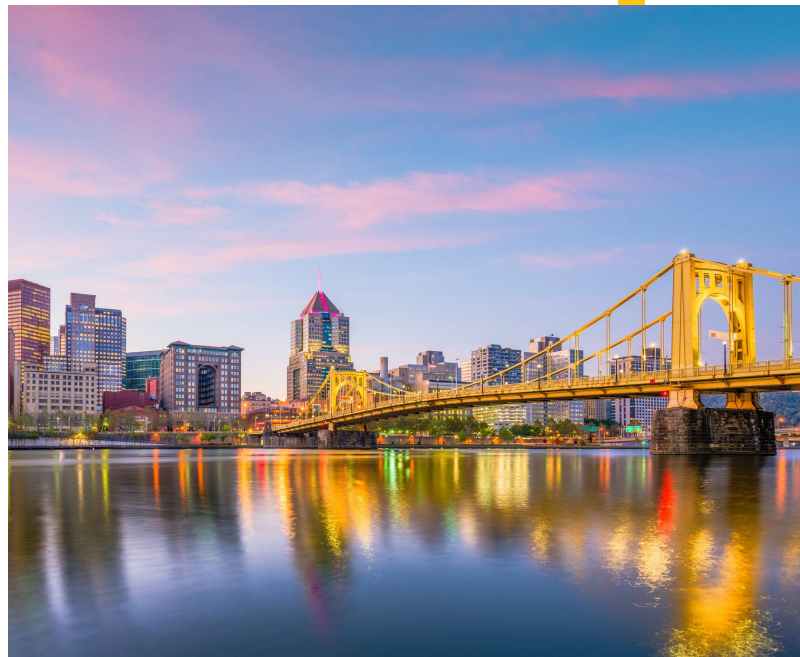
Oaklander - Pittsburgh University Center

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Chartered coach transportation will be provided between all scheduled sites. The delegation is responsible for transportation to/from the airport.



Agenda – Day 1: Tuesday September, 15th

Advanced Manufacturing, Industrial Automation & AI Industry Cluster Ecosystem

**Please note, attendance at these events is mandatory*

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM – Welcome: CMU Manufacturing Futures Institute (MFI) Overview + Tour*

- **Location:** CMU – Mill 19 @ Hazelwood Green – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- Overview of CMU's groundbreaking research, revolutionary manufacturing innovators & leaders, and effective acceleration of research translation into industry-relevant applications. This tour will be led by Christopher Adams, MFI Operations Director.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM – Break and Walk to RIC

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM – Tour of CMU Robotics Innovation Center (RIC)*

- **Location:** Mill 19 @ Hazelwood Green
- Tour CMU's cutting-edge advanced robotics research facility that propels the Pittsburgh region's world-leading collaborative ecosystem for robotics, automation & AI research and development.

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Break and Walk to RIDC Conference Room

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM – PRA Hosted Lunch*

- **Location:** Mill 19 @ Hazelwood Green – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- A working lunch to overview and discuss unique approaches to emerging economic development needs while integrating industry and policy thought leadership, and transforming the region's underutilized real estate assets to capture growth opportunities across diverse industry sectors.

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM – Break and Travel to Lawrenceville

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Tour of National Robotics Engineering Center (NREC)*

- **Location:** NREC, 10 40th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
- See how NREC is working closely with government and industry clients to develop mature robotic technologies from concept to commercialization, including proof-of-concept, in-depth development & testing, prototyping, and intellectual property for licensing & commercialization.

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Break and Travel to Oakland

3:00– 4:30 PM – The First Steps Toward Commercialization: IP and Funding

- **Location:** University of Pittsburgh Big Idea Center
- Join the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University for two practical conversations on what it takes to move university research toward commercialization.

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Corporate Startup Lab Reception*

- **Location:** TBD
- Carnegie Mellon University's Corporate Startup Lab (CSL), an initiative of the Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship and the Tepper School of Business, helps companies drive growth by applying startup and venture paradigms to corporate transformation and innovation. Sitting at the intersection of research, startups, and industry, CSL provides a unique perspective to corporate venture building and has partnered with leading global technology and manufacturing companies.

Agenda – Day 2: Wednesday, September 16th

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**Please note, attendance at these events are mandatory*

8:30 AM – Promptly Depart Hotel

- Please meet in the hotel lobby by the front desk at 8:15 AM. Board coach in front of the hotel by 8:30 AM.

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Cyber Innovators Connect – CMU and Pitt

- **Location:** Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship
- The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University are partnering to bring two engaging panel discussions exploring how groundbreaking university research becomes real-world impact. Hear from faculty innovators, investors, technology transfer leaders, and corporate partners as they discuss the challenges, opportunities, and partnerships that drive successful commercialization.

12:00–12:30 pm – Travel to Lunch

12:30 – 1:30pm – Lunch

- **Location:** TBD

1:30 – 3:30 PM Pittsburgh Robotics and AI Discovery Day

- **Location:** David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- Free and open event showcasing cutting-edge robotics, automation, and artificial intelligence (AI) solutions that are driving innovation across multiple industries. From business leaders looking to innovate, to tech enthusiasts exploring the latest trends, to job seekers searching for emerging career opportunities, to those simply curious about how robotics and AI are reshaping our world – this event has something for everyone. Be part of the action, engage with industry influencers, and witness firsthand the power of robotics and advanced technology in the heart of Western Pennsylvania.

5:00– 8:00 PM – Allegheny Conference Corporate Innovation Business Exchange*

- **Location:** The Riviera
- An invitation only reception for delegations (particularly out of town investors and businesses looking to explore deeper investment in the region) to engage with the Greater Pittsburgh corporate leadership.

Agenda – Day 3: Thursday, September 17th

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**Please note, attendance at these events are mandatory*

9:00 am -4:00 PM - AI Horizons: Solutions on the Ground by AI Strike

- Location: Mercy Campus

Where legacy CEOs connect with the next generation of AI unicorns. Not a conference – a working floor for the new AI economy. The place where ideas move into action, partnerships are forged, and the trajectory of AI across industries that matter is defined in real time.



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