



# INNOVATE KENTUCKY

**CREATE A SPARK**

**Innovate Kentucky** is an initiative that seeks to increase awareness of and enthusiasm for the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines in Kentucky. The initiative is funded by a three-year \$500,000 challenge grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation, the first of its kind to be awarded to a public university. Innovate Kentucky is a partnership between **The Center for Gifted Studies**, the **Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science**, the **Honors College at Western Kentucky University**, and **Innoplexx, the WKU Student Business Accelerator**.



## *Innovate Kentucky's Tools for Enhancing 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS in Kentucky*



- **A website** that spotlights innovators throughout the state and provides resources for students, educators, and citizens
- **IdeaFestival Bowling Green**, a speaker series featuring Kentucky's big thinkers
- A statewide **public relations campaign** that inspires interest in STEM fields and activities
- **Summer programming** focused on engineering, problem solving, and sustainability
- A **winter colloquium** that hones the innovative skills of young entrepreneurs
- A **video series** aimed at developing creative thinking skills in young children

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