

Students Learn How To Commercialize Technology

A team of students, including Jeff Gross, a Biomedical Engineering doctoral student working in the lab of Georgia Tech/Emory Center for the Engineering of Living Tissues (GTEC) thrust group leader Athanassios Sambanis, created a conceptual company based on an innovative GTEC technology. The company, EvIslet™, is a medical device research and development company with a unique ability in developing diagnostic devices for cell implantation. Potential markets for company products include the areas of diabetes, liver transplants, and stem cell research.

The student team, including Gross and three other students in law and business, created the company as part of their coursework in Georgia Tech's TI:GER Team program (Technology Innovation: Generating Economic Results). By working with GTEC-developed technology and their TI:GER Team, the students gained real-world experience in commercializing new technologies and delivering innovative products to the marketplace.

Mentored by Rafael Andino of Biofisica, a GTEC Industrial Partner, the team took second place and \$3,000 in the 2006 Georgia Tech Business Plan Competition. Additionally, in Fall 2006, EvIslet's core technology was selected by the GTEC Industrial Partners to receive a seed grant to further investigate the potential of the concept, and hopefully to advance the commercialization process.



GTEC PhD student Jeff Gross is a member of the award-winning TI:GER team that developed the medical device R&D company, EvIslet™.

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