Pitt has been a collaborator in the Greater Hazelwood community for 25 years and is a powerhouse in the life sciences.

The next phase of Pitt’s community commitment will support community-led efforts to identify educational and economic benefits for the people of Greater Hazelwood in the emerging life sciences industry.

How are we doing this?

**Phase 1 (Now through January 2024)**
Working with community leaders, University leaders, and key systems leads to develop a list of opportunities to pursue.

**Phase 2 (Spring 2024)**
Residents and community members will learn, collaborate, and reflect with the planning team on what opportunities would have the biggest benefits to the community.

What can the life science industry, Greater Hazelwood, and Pitt do together?

» Develop educational opportunities in STEM for children—from preschool through high school—so Greater Hazelwood’s youth have a future in the life sciences industry.

» Build new paths of employment and innovative workforce development programs so that residents can work in the life sciences industry in Hazelwood and across Pittsburgh.

» Advance goals within the Greater Hazelwood Neighborhood Plan.

What is the life science industry?

The life science industry researches, develops, and manufactures cutting-edge technologies that treat life-threatening diseases and health conditions. It can include medicine creation, food product evaluation, vaccine treatments, and much more.

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Learn more about Pitt’s 25 year history in Greater Hazelwood and the work we are doing now.

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