

Mary Jo Waldock

Mary Jo Waldock is Associate Vice President of the University of Toledo's Innovation Enterprises as well as Executive Director of the UT Innovation Enterprises Corporation, a charitable support organization.

In these roles, she works with a team focusing on a broad range of innovation-related initiatives to expand entrepreneurial opportunities for UT's faculty and student innovators and to link UT knowledge resources with regional economic development efforts. UT engages with economic development agencies at the federal, state and regional level and provides a robust innovation environment through strategic investment in several areas. Some of these key areas are:

- technology transfer to bring inventions from the lab to commercial development
- business incubators to house and assist newly formed businesses
- academic resources to teach the principles and practices of innovation
- a business plan competition to support student and faculty innovators
- an investment fund to make early stage investments in UT spin-offs or those in areas of UT research and development strength

Mary Jo has had a long career in higher education, primarily in areas where higher education is developing new frontiers. She served for 17 years in UT's continuing education efforts, and then served for 13 years in various academic administrative roles in UT's University College (now College of Adult and Lifelong Learning), which serves nontraditional learners.

In 2008, she became special assistant to the President for Economic Development, and in 2009 she became Associate Vice President of UT's Innovation Enterprises, which is a strategic re-focusing of the former Science and Technology Corridor initiative.

She serves on the Lucas County Improvement Corporation Board, as well as the Lucas County Workforce Investment Board and has worked on many partnerships connecting the university with its community.

Mary Jo is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, and has a master's in business administration from The University of Toledo.

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