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UNH-IOL Move to Downtown Durham Will Improve Access for Students and Businesses

DURHAM, N.H. — The University of New Hampshire [InterOperability Laboratory](#) (UNH-IOL), an independent provider of broad-based testing and standards conformance services for the networking industry, has announced they will be moving to their new downtown Durham location at Madbury Commons in early January 2016. The new location will be walking distance to campus resources, classrooms and local businesses.

Located just off campus, the UNH-IOL will continue to employ more than 100 undergraduate students each year. The move will mean easier access to the lab's facility, which provides students invaluable experience with companies of all sizes including Fortune 500 such as Apple, Cisco, Microsoft and many others. By cutting down the commute, students will have additional time to assist with testing services, development and research for members; allowing the lab to demonstrate one of its values in financial sustainability.

"One of the exciting factors, to me, about the move is how integrated the new location will be into the UNH campus," said Connor D'Amour, a junior majoring in computer science. "It will be easy to come and go from the lab and the exposure is going to be great, too. I talk to so many people who have no idea that the IOL exists, let alone what we do. We do some pretty cool stuff here, and being able to show that off at our new location is going to turn a lot more heads."

The UNH-IOL will be at 21 Madbury Road with the UNHInnovation offices. The lab occupies a majority of the first floor and includes over 27,000 usable sq. ft. The new space will include an event space to host Plugfests, conference rooms for visitors as well as training space to better fit the lab and students' needs. The laboratory hosts hundreds of industry professionals and students from around the world each year. Visitors will now be exposed to downtown business as well as the UNH campus all year round.

"We are looking forward to moving into a brand-new facility that enables integration between our partner companies, innovators and students. Bridging between academia and industry, this new location primes the UNH-IOL for success in meeting our mission while showcasing the vibrant town," said Erica Johnson, UNH-IOL director.

The move will begin in December and the UNH-IOL team will be up and running after the New Year. Update records with the address and go online for upcoming [news](#) and [events](#). Call now to schedule a tour of the new facility.

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Founded in 1988, the UNH-IOL provides independent, broad-based interoperability and standards conformance testing for data, telecommunications and storage networking products and technologies. Combining extensive staff experience and standards bodies participation, the UNH-IOL helps companies efficiently and cost effectively deliver products to the market. For more information, visit iol.unh.edu.

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