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Avantor® Opens New Life Sciences Research Center

New Innovation Center in Bridgewater, New Jersey serves as a distinct center of collaboration where Avantor can provide broad contract research capabilities covering gene to protein expression, as well as final formulation and drug delivery



Centrally located in Bridgewater, NJ, Avantor's new Innovation Center serves as a rapid response research hub to help biopharma and pharma customers solve their drug development challenges.

Center Valley, PA (USA) – July 18, 2017 – [Avantor®](#), a global supplier of ultra-high-purity materials for customers across the [life sciences](#) and [advanced technologies](#) sectors, has opened a new research center in Bridgewater, New Jersey (USA) to help biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical customers with a full range of upstream and downstream processes, from gene to protein expression through final formulation and drug delivery.

With nearly 27,000 square feet of laboratory space, Avantor's Bridgewater Innovation Center features state-of-the-art life sciences and advanced materials research tools, including cleanroom facilities, multiple mass spectrometers, specially constructed bioreactors, particle size analyzers and more.

“Our facility is distinct in that we are combining more than 100 years of expertise producing high-quality, high-purity cGMP materials with a cross-discipline of research and capabilities, all under one roof to address today’s customized drug development processes,” said Ashish Kulkarni, Avantor’s executive vice president and chief technology officer.

“The Bridgewater Innovation Center houses multiple research platforms to address issues such as facilitating recombinant protein engineering, protein expression, purification and trace materials characterization,” said Brian Beyer, global director of R&D and bioprocessing applications. “We also have research platforms to investigate new excipient formulations to enhance API stability.”

The facility will also be used to conduct research and development on electronics materials, with chemistries that require purity at the parts-per-trillion level.

“Our experience in controlling trace metals in chemistries for semiconductor applications will also contribute to our research into the impact of trace metals in biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical applications,” said Beyer.

“Similar to a contract research organization, we have broad capabilities to work with customers and serve as an agile extension of their own R&D departments,” said Kulkarni. “Our goal is to help them drive collaborative development and product commercialization. We’re excited to use this facility to continue accelerating innovation for our global life sciences and advanced technologies customers.”

Avantor’s Bridgewater Innovation Center is housed in the [New Jersey Center of Excellence](#), a 110-acre life sciences campus centrally located in the northeast U.S. bioscience technology corridor. Approximately 3,000 med-tech companies are situated within a 100-mile radius. The campus is also close to major transportation routes and institutions such as Princeton University, Rutgers University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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About Avantor

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Avantor’s product portfolio includes more than 30,000 products that meet increasingly stringent standards across technology driven and highly regulated markets. Avantor manufactures and markets its products around the world under several respected brand names. Avantor’s brands of performance chemistries include the J.T.Baker®, Macron Fine Chemicals™, Rankem™, BeneSphera™, Puritan Products™, and POCH™ brands. Avantor’s brands of advanced silicones include the NuSil™ and CareSil brands. For more information visit www.AvantorInc.com.

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